



The Rockport Resource

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Town Manager's Report

By: Jonathan Duke, Town Manager

Retirement Announcement: Town Clerk Linda Greenlaw has announced she will be retiring on January 5th. Linda has served as Rockport's town clerk for 26 years and served as a deputy clerk for 18 months prior to her promotion to clerk.

For those new to the area, Linda is a native to Rockport and grew up not far from the Town Office. Linda's passion for Rockport, its residents, and its history will be impossible to replace, but that is the task before us. Between Linda's 26-year tenure and the 30-year tenure of the Town Clerk who preceded her, Brenda Richardson, that is an amazing 56 year run in Rockport with only two clerks at the helm. Therefore, it is very uncommon to be in need to hire a new clerk, but nevertheless an advertisement has been circulated and those interested in the position should reach out to me at employment@rockportmaine.gov.

A celebration of Linda's tenure is set for January 8th at the Rockport Opera House. We welcome so many of the residents, co-workers, and customers who want to congratulate Linda for an outstanding run. More details on the celebration will be forthcoming this fall and those who wish to support this celebration should reach out to Brenda Richardson.



Town Clerk: Election Results: A special town meeting election was held on Tuesday, August 30th where our voters elected a new Select Board member, Denise Munger, whose term ends in June 2024. This special election was created to fill a vacancy due to John Strand's resignation in June. There were three candidates, and we had a relatively strong turnout given the unusual time of year for an election.

Tax Collection: With the release of the tax bills, the Town Office has been quite busy. What many residents may not realize is that though we are a Town of 3,600 people, we have more than double the number of property tax accounts due to the timeshare units at the Samoset Resort. Every week of every unit stands as one account and must be treated identically to property tax billing for your average home. While the Samoset and the Town have worked well to ease this responsibility, the sheer volume of tax accounts the Clerk's Office must process is considerable through the first property tax due date of October 15th.

Building and Grounds: We have hired a new full-time Maintenance Custodian, Matthew Nelson, to oversee the maintenance, general cleaning and minor repairs for Town buildings, parks, and other municipal properties. We are excited to have Matthew join the team.

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Assessing: The Town Office has seen a fair number of residents reaching out regarding the new state law to stabilize property taxes for senior citizens. This program is eligible for residents 65 years of age and older and who have residents in Maine for 10 years. Applications are available online and at the Town Office and are due by December 1st.

Maine DOT ADA Crosswalk Review: Town staff and Maine DOT personnel reviewed crosswalks along Pascal Ave, Central Street, and Union Street to ensure the crosswalks comply with the Americans with Disability Act. Because those streets are state-aid roads, the state determines how crosswalks are treated on their roads and as a result a combination of state and town funds will be needed to ensure compliance with ADA requirements. Added signage, safe landing areas, and dimple boards will be just a few of the additions required at these crosswalks. The Town will do its best to work with businesses impacted and find solutions to preserve pedestrian access in a safe and code compliant manner.

Road Issues: If you notice any issues on Rockport roads from an inoperable streetlight to bad pothole, please call Brandy at the Public Works Garage at 236-6245. Brandy will put it the Town's work order system for repair, depending on the severity of the situation. However if it is an emergent road issue impacting public safety please call 911 so the proper response to the situation can be addressed.

Fall Clean Up: Please be mindful while doing fall cleanup, plowing, and/or disposing of yard debris, such as leaves and snow into the street, that it is illegal to deposit any hazard into the road. Not only can these hazards become something other motorists must avoid but they can cause other issues like clogging catch basins to cause street flooding.

Annual Town Reports: A bit of self-congratulations, as the Town's 2022 Annual Town Report was awarded 2nd place among all town reports for communities ranging in size of 2,500-7,000 residents. Special thanks to our own Diane Hamilton for doing an outstanding job in putting the report together.

2022 Annual Town Reports are available at the Town Office for pick up, or you can view on our website at <https://rockportmaine.gov/annualreports>

Emergency Management: Town officials have been meeting with FEMA to obtain reimbursement for the costs incurred due to the Halloween 2021 storm. This process has been very frustrating and slow for what should be a straightforward reimbursement. What makes this exceedingly worse is that the inability to obtain clear direction from FEMA prevents the Town from moving forward on permanent repairs to a number of damaged locations, including Robinson Drive. As we near the anniversary of the storm, it is inexcusable this matter is not resolved.

Civic Ready: Currently, we only have 160 residents signed up for this service to use text or email alerts to help our community know what is happening in our community. If you ever felt like you want to be "in the know" of Town affairs... this is how you do it.

What is great about this system is that you decide which types of information you receive whether it is a reminder when property taxes are due to letting you know Election Day is tomorrow or when Public Works projects are happening in your neighborhood; Civic Alert can keep you informed.

Those interested can also sign up for alerts on our website at <https://rockportmaine.gov/civicready>

Employee Milestones

We held our annual Employee Barbeque the end of August to show appreciation to our employees for all their hard-work and dedication. There were 5 employees who reached milestones in their tenure working on behalf of the people of Rockport that we presented a plaque and a gift to.



Shay Ames,
Assistant Town Clerk
10 Years of Service



Antonio Del Vecchio,
Patrol Officer
5 Years of Service



Molli Bennett,
Administrative Assistant.,
Assessing & Finance
5 Years of Service

Not Pictured:

Michael Young, Public Works Director - 10 Years of Service

Jacob Powers, Patrol Officer - 5 Years of Service

Save the Date

Town Clerk, Linda Greenlaw is retiring!

A retirement party for her will be

*January 8th, 2023
snow date - Jan 15th*

More details to follow



Town Clerk News

By Linda Greenlaw, Town Clerk

Election Day:

Election Day is Tuesday, November 8th, 2022. The polls will be open from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m., in the Richardson Room at the Town Office. Included in this newsletter is a copy of the sample ballot which will be posted at the Town Office when it comes back from the printers.

Getting prepared for upcoming election takes a tremendous amount of time and patience, as most everything needs to be reviewed for accuracy multiple times before it can be send to the printers. I would like to thank my two Assistant Town Clerks; Shay Ames and Wendy Charland, as well as my dedicated election clerks and moderator for their assistance on Election Day.

Absentee Ballots:

Absentee ballots will be available around October 7th. Absentee ballots can be requested by phone, by the individual, or an application is available at the Town Office, and are available for immediate family members of the applicant as long as the application is filled out in person and received by one of the Clerks.

Residents are also able to vote absentee in person at the Town Office without the need for an application. Absentee ballots MUST be recieved back by 8 p.m. on Tuesday, November 8th. Absentee ballots must be handled with the upmost security, so please do NOT put absentee ballots in the mailbox (that is a Federal Crime), or in the mail drop. Absentee ballots that were issued to the individual themselves, may drop their ballot in the ballot box on the outside side of the building if it is after business hours, but returning them in person is the preferred method so we can ensure the validity of the returned absentee ballot. Absentee ballots MUST be sealed, and the envelope MUST be signed. If you have any questions about voting absentee, please reach out to Shay, Wendy or myself at 236-9648 extension 1 and we will be happy to answer your questions.

Taxes:

Taxes are due Monday, October 17th. You can mail your payment, come in the office, or put your payment in the mail drop on the side of the building. Taxes that are mailed are marked as timely if the postmark on the envelope is on or before the due date. Tax day is always very busy so we appreciate your patience as we have our every day transactions, as well as accepting numerous tax payments. There is a box on the counter you can put your tax payment in if you do not need a receipt. It is helpful for us if you put your account number on the check, and return just one of the rip off tags on the bottom of the tax bills so we can ensure payment gets applied correctly. Interest will begin on October 18th. Please let us know if you would like to become a member of the Tax Club, where your taxes are split up into monthly payments instead of 2 lump sums.

Dog Licenses:

Dog Licenses are available as of October 18th. Dog licenses expire on December 31, 2022, so please be sure to license your dog before then. All dogs ages 6 months and over are required to be licensed. As I keep charging along in the meantime, this will be my last report for the newsletter as my last day before my retirement is January 5th, 2023. I have spent many years of dedication to the Town of Rockport and it's residents, but you haven't seen the last of me, I hope to stay very involved in the Town.



SAMPLE BALLOT
TOWN OF ROCKPORT, MAINE
MUNICIPAL ELECTION
NOVEMBER 8, 2022

Linda M. Greenlaw

Linda M. Greenlaw, Town Clerk

Article(s) to be voted for in the Special Town Election to be held Tuesday, November 8, 2022 in the Brenda Richardson Room at the Rockport Town Office.

Instructions to Voters

- Those in favor of the following Article(s) complete the oval to the left of your choice, like this:
Completing the YES oval means you are in favor, completing the NO oval means you are opposed.
If you make a mistake, you may request a new ballot. DO NOT ERASE

Yes Article 2. Shall the following amendments to the Town of Rockport Coastal Waters & Harbor Ordinance, Section 502.3 be enacted?
No

Large Vessel Location Limitation: Vessels of forty feet (40' LOA) or greater will not be assigned a mooring location in the Inner Harbor. Vessels of fifty feet (50' LOA) or greater will not be assigned a mooring location in the Middle Harbor.

Harbor Committee Votes: 5 For, 0 Against, 0 Abstain RECOMMEND
Select Board Votes: 5 For, 0 Against, 0 Abstain RECOMMEND

Yes Article 3. Shall the following amendments to the Town of Rockport Land Use Ordinance, Section 803.1.5 be enacted?
No

To assist in considering these factors related to off-street parking, the CEO or Planning Board may order a study of such factors, paid for by the applicant, pursuant to Section 1302.

Amendment to 5. Parking Location. No off site or shared parking, or waiver of parking requirements, shall be approved unless it is supported by an independent traffic study prepared by a qualified professional, hired by the reviewing authority, and paid for by the applicant, which establishes that the parking facility is adequate for the proposed use and any shared use(s) will not cause undue burdens on traffic or parking in the vicinity, and will not cause safety concerns. Notwithstanding 1 M.R.S. section 302, this amendment shall apply to all land uses and all off site parking facilities that have not received final approval as of 45 days prior to the enactment of this amendment.

Planning Board Votes: 7 For, 0 Against, 0 Abstain RECOMMEND
Select Board Votes: 5 For, 0 Against, 0 Abstain RECOMMEND

Yes Article 4. Shall the following amendments to the Town of Rockport Land Use Ordinance, Section 917.G.9 be enacted?
No

9. No more than 40 (forty) rooms, in the aggregate, shall be permitted at Inns/Hotels in the 913 zoning district. No single inn or hotel, nor any combination of such uses located on the same lot, shall have more than 20 guest rooms. (Notwithstanding 1 M.R.S. Section 302, subsection G. Notes 9 shall apply to all hotels and inns that have not received Planning Board approval and all required building permits as of March 1, 2020.)

Planning Board Votes: 7 For, 0 Against, 0 Abstain RECOMMEND
Select Board Votes: 5 For, 0 Against, 0 Abstain RECOMMEND

Yes Article 5. Shall the following amendments to the Town of Rockport Subdivision Ordinance, Article 11.6.A.1 and 11.6.B.1 be enacted?
No

A. Public System

1. Any proposed subdivision within the area designated in the comprehensive plan for future sewage disposal service shall be connected to the public system proposed shall conform with applicable provisions of the Rockport Sewer Ordinance.

B. Private Systems

1. When a proposed subdivision is not within the area designated for public sewage disposal service in the comprehensive plan, connection to the public system shall not be permitted. Where public sewage disposal service is not available, Sewage disposal shall be a private subsurface wastewater disposal system or a private treatment facility with surface discharge shall be used for sewage disposal.

Planning Board Votes: 7 For, 0 Against, 0 Abstain RECOMMEND
Select Board Votes: 5 For, 0 Against, 0 Abstain RECOMMEND

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- Yes **Article 6.** Shall the following amendments to the Town of Rockport Land Use Ordinance Section 1302, and Subdivision Ordinance Article 6.2, 7.1, and 8.1, be enacted?
- No

Land Use Ordinance, 1302 Administration:

Within fourteen (14) days of receiving an application, the Planning and Development Director shall review the application for completeness. If found incomplete, the applicant shall be notified of the specific material needed to make the application complete. The Planning and Development Director may conduct a site visit of the proposed activity before deeming the application is complete. The applicant shall be responsible for providing the additional material to make the application complete. In no case shall a complete application take longer than 60 days to be placed on the Planning Board agenda.

Subdivision Ordinance Article 6.2

D. Within ~~thirty~~ thirty fourteen (14) days of the receipt of the final plan application, the ~~Board~~ Board Planning and Development Director shall review the application for completeness. If the application is not complete, the ~~Board~~ Board Planning and Development Director shall notify the applicant of the specific additional material needed to complete the application.

E. A public hearing shall be held within thirty (30) days of the ~~Board's~~ Board's Planning and Development Director's determination that ~~it has received~~ has been received a complete plan application. The ~~Board~~ Board Planning and Development Director shall cause notice of the date, time, and place of such hearing to be given to the applicant and to be published in a newspaper of general circulation in Rockport, at least two (2) times, the date of the first publication ~~be~~ to be at least seven (7) days prior to the hearing. For any proposed subdivision lying wholly or partly within the watershed of a public water supply, ~~Consumers~~ Aqua Maine Inc. Maine Water Company or its successors shall be notified of the date, time, and place of the hearing.

Subdivision Ordinance Article 7.1

C. Prior to ~~or at~~ the meeting at which an application for preliminary plan approval of a Major Subdivision is initially presented, the Planning Office shall:

1. Issue a dated receipt to the applicant.
2. Notify ~~in writing~~ all owners of abutting property ~~in writing~~ that an application for subdivision approval has been submitted, specifying the location of the proposed subdivision and including a general description of the project.
3. Notify the Town Clerk and the reviewing authority of the neighboring municipalities if any portion of the subdivision abuts or crosses the municipal boundary.

D. Within ~~thirty~~ thirty fourteen (14) days of the receipt of the preliminary plan application, the ~~Board~~ Board Planning and Development Director shall review the application for completeness. If the application is not complete, the ~~Board~~ Board Planning and Development Director shall notify the applicant of the specific additional material needed to complete the application.

E. A public hearing shall be held within thirty (30) days of the ~~Board's~~ Board's Planning and Development Director's determination that ~~it has received~~ has been received a completed preliminary plan application. The ~~Board~~ Board Planning and Development Director shall cause notice of the date, time, and place of such hearing to be given to the applicant and to be published in a newspaper of general circulation in Rockport, at least two (2) times, the date of the first publication ~~to be~~ to be at least seven (7) days prior to the hearing. For any proposed subdivision lying wholly or partly within the watershed of a public water supply, ~~Aqua Maine Inc.~~ Aqua Maine Inc. Maine Water Company or its successors shall be notified of the date, time, and place of the hearing.

Subdivision Ordinance Article 8.1

E. Within ~~thirty~~ thirty fourteen (14) days of the receipt of the final plan application, the ~~Board~~ Board Planning and Development Director shall review the application for completeness. If the application is not complete, the ~~Board~~ Board Planning and Development Director shall notify the applicant of the specific additional material needed to complete the application.

F. A public hearing may be held within thirty (30) days of the ~~Board's~~ Board's Planning and Development Director's determination that ~~it has received~~ has been received a completed final plan application. The ~~Board~~ Board Planning and Development Director shall cause notice of the date, time, and place of such hearing to be given to the applicant and to be published in a newspaper of general circulation in Rockport, at least two (2) times, the date of the first publication ~~to be~~ to be at least seven (7) days prior to the hearing. For any proposed subdivision lying wholly or partly within the watershed of a public water supply, ~~Aqua Maine Inc.~~ Aqua Maine Inc. Maine Water Company or its successors shall be notified of the date, time, and place of the hearing.

Planning Board Votes: 7 For, 0 Against, 0 Abstain RECOMMEND
Select Board Votes: 5 For, 0 Against, 0 Abstain RECOMMEND

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- Yes **Article 7. Shall the voters of the Town of Rockport, Maine adopt the Second Amendment to the Rockport Downtown Municipal Development and Tax Increment Financing Development Program that extends the term to 30 years and adds project costs to be permissible uses of tax increment financing revenue?**
- No

Findings Related to the Second Amendment to the Rockport Downtown Municipal Development Tax Increment Financing District and Development Program

WHEREAS, the Town of Rockport (the "Town") is authorized pursuant to Chapter 206 of Title 30-A of the Maine Revised Statutes, as amended, to create tax increment financing districts and development programs for such districts, and to amend such districts and development programs; and

WHEREAS, the second amendment (the "Second Amendment") to the Rockport Downtown Municipal Development Tax Increment Financing District (the "District") and its development program (the "Development Program") by extending the term to thirty (30) years as well as adding broadband infrastructure and environmental improvement projects to the project costs that will help provide new employment opportunities within the Town, provide opportunities for economic development in the Town and surrounding region, improve and broaden the tax base in the Town and improve the economy of the Town and the State of Maine; and

WHEREAS, the Town will hold a public hearing on the question of adopting the Second Amendment to the District and Development Program in accordance with the requirements of 30-A M.R.S.A. Section 5226, upon at least ten (10) days prior notice published in a newspaper of general circulation within the Town; and

WHEREAS, the Town Meeting, via referendum vote, shall vote whether to approve the Second Amendment to the District and Development Program; and

WHEREAS, it is expected that approval will be sought and obtained from the State of Maine Department of Economic and Community Development, approving the Second Amendment to the District and Development Program.

NOW, THEREFORE:

Section 1. The Town hereby adopted the Second Amendment to the District Development Program; such approval to be pursuant to the following findings, terms, and provisions

Section 2. The Town hereby finds and determines that:

a. Pursuant to Title 30-A M.R.S.A. Section 5226(5) pertaining to TIF district and development program amendments, this Second Amendment does not result in the District being out of compliance with any of the conditions of 30-A M.R.S.A. Section 5223(3) which pertain to the percentage of area within the District that is suitable for commercial use, the TIF acreage caps for single TIF districts and for all TIF districts in the Town, and the total TIF district valuation cap.

b. The Second Amendment will make a contribution to the economic growth and well-being of the Town of Rockport and the surrounding region, and will contribute to the betterment of the health, welfare and safety of the inhabitants of the Town of Rockport, including a broadened and improved tax base and economic stimulus, and therefore constitutes a good and valid public purpose.

Section 2. Pursuant to Chapter 206 of Title 30-A of the Maine Revised Statutes, as amended, the Town hereby adopts the Second Amendment to the Rockport Downtown Municipal Development Tax Increment Financing District and Development Program, presented at the public hearing and available at the Town Office in the form attached hereto.

Section 3. The Town Manager, or their duly appointed representative, be and hereby is authorized, empowered, and directed to submit the Second Amendment to the District and Development Program to the State of Maine Department of Economic and Community Development for review and approval pursuant to the requirements of 30-A M.R.S.A. Section 5226.

Section 4. The Town Manager, or their duly appointed representative, be and hereby is authorized and empowered to make such revisions to the Second Amendment to the District and Development Program as the Town Manager, or their duly appointed representative, deems reasonably necessary or convenient in order to facilitate the process for review and approval of the Second Amendment to the District and Development Program by the State of Maine Department of Economic and Community Development, or for any other reason, so long as such revisions are not inconsistent with this article or the basic structure and intent of the Second Amendment to the District and Development Program.

Section 5. The foregoing Second Amendment to the District and Development Program shall automatically become final and shall take full force and effect upon receipt by the Town of its approval by the State of Maine Department of Economic and Community Development, without requirement or further action by the Town, the Town Manager, or the Select Board.

Select Board Votes: 5 For, 0 Against, 0 Abstain RECOMMEND

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- Yes **Article 8.** Shall the voters of the Town of Rockport, Maine approve the Route 90 Municipal Development and Tax Increment Financing District which will include various parcels along Route 90 and a total of more than 230 acres, and adopt the Route 90 Development Program relating thereto?
- No

Findings Related to the Route 90 Municipal Development Tax Increment Financing District and Development Program

WHEREAS, the Town of Rockport (the "Town") is authorized pursuant to Chapter 206 of Title 30-A of the Maine Revised Statutes, as amended, to create tax increment financing districts and development programs for such districts; and

WHEREAS, the Route 90 Municipal Development Tax Increment Financing District (the "District") and its development program (the "Development Program") will consist of approximately 230.33 acres located all along Route 90 will help provide new employment opportunities within the Town, provide opportunities for economic development in the Town and surrounding region, improve and broaden the tax base in the Town and improve the economy of the Town and the State of Maine; and

WHEREAS, the Town will hold a public hearing on the question of approving the District and adopting the Development Program in accordance with the requirements of 30-A M.R.S.A. Section 5226, upon at least ten (10) days prior notice published in a newspaper of general circulation within the Town; and

WHEREAS, the Town Meeting, via referendum vote, shall vote whether to designate the District and adopt the Development Program; and

WHEREAS, it is expected that approval will be sought and obtained from the State of Maine Department of Economic and Community Development, approving the District and Development Program.

NOW, THEREFORE:

Section 1. The Town hereby designates the District and adopts the Development Program; such approval to be pursuant to the following findings, terms, and provisions:

Section 2. The Town hereby finds and determines the following, demonstrating the District's compliance with the State statute:

- a. At least twenty-five percent (25%), by area, of real property within the District is suitable for commercial uses; and
- b. The total area of the District does not exceed two percent (2%) of the total acreage of the Town, and the total area of all existing development districts within the Town (including this District) does not exceed (5%) of the total acreage of the Town; and
- c. The original assessed value of all existing tax increment financing districts (including this District) does not exceed five percent (5%) of the total value of equalized taxable property within the Town as of April 1, 2022; and
- d. The District and Development Program will generate substantial economic benefits for the Town and its residents, including employment opportunities, broadened and improved tax base and economic stimulus, and therefore constitutes a good and valid public purpose. The Town has considered all evidence, if any, presented to it at the required public hearing with regard to any adverse economic effect on, or detriment to, any existing business, if any, is outweighed by the contribution expected to be made through the District and Development Program.

Section 3. Pursuant to Chapter 206 of Title 30-A of the Maine Revised Statutes, as amended, the Town hereby adopts the Development Program, presented at the public hearing and available at the Town Office in the form attached hereto and such Development Program is hereby incorporated by reference into these findings.

Section 4. The Town Manager, or their duly appointed representative, be and hereby is authorized, empowered, and directed to submit the District and Development Program to the State of Maine Department of Economic and Community Development for review and approval pursuant to the requirements of 30-A M.R.S.A. Section 5226.

Section 5. The Town Manager, or their duly appointed representative, be and hereby is authorized and empowered to make such revisions to the District and Development Program as the Town Manager, or their duly appointed representative, deems reasonably necessary or convenient in order to facilitate the process for review and approval of the District and Development Program by the State of Maine Department of Economic and Community Development, or for any other reason, so long as such revisions are not inconsistent with this article or the basic structure and intent of the District and Development Program.

Section 6. The foregoing District and Development Program shall automatically become final and shall take full force and effect upon receipt by the Town of its approval by the State of Maine Department of Economic and Community Development, without requirement or further action by the Town, the Town Manager, or the Select Board.

Select Board Votes: 5 For, 0 Against, 0 Abstain RECOMMEND

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- Yes **Article 9.** Shall the following amendments to the Town of Rockport Charter, Article 3 Section 2, be enacted to read as follows?
- No

Section 2 Appointment Process

The procedure leading to the appointment of a Town Manager shall be as follows:

- A. The Select Board shall circulate an advertisement for no less than fourteen (14) days to seek applicants for the position of Town Manager.
- B. The Select Board may establish a Search Committee consisting of five (5) residents to review the applications and provide a group of finalists for the Select Board to interview. All meetings of the Search Committee shall be held within Executive Sessions and all information and discussions are confidential to the extent allowed by law.
- C. The Select Board shall, as a group, interview in person in executive session, each of the finalists for the position of Town Manager.
- D. Appointment of a Town Manager requires a majority plus one vote of the Select Board, all members being present
- E. If the office of Town Manager becomes vacant for any reason within one year of the appointment of the Town Manager, the Select Board may choose a new Town Manager from the list of finalists in the previous search.

The procedure leading to the appointment of a Town Manager shall be as follows:

- A. ~~The Select Board shall consult with the Maine Municipal Association regarding recruiting procedures and may make use of any services the Maine Municipal Association might have available. This information shall be made available to the Search Committee.~~
- B. ~~A Search Committee of not less than five (5) and not more than seven (7) Town residents shall be appointed by the Select Board within 30 days of the office of Town Manager becoming vacant or within 30 days notice to the Select Board that the office of Town Manager will become vacant. One member of the Select Board shall serve as an ex officio member of the search committee.~~
 1. ~~All meetings of the Search Committee shall be conducted as Executive Sessions and all information and discussions are confidential to the extent allowed by law.~~
 2. ~~The Search Committee shall choose from its members a chairman who is responsible for running the meetings and conveying to the Select Board the progress of the search.~~
 3. ~~The Search Committee shall also choose from its members a vice chairman who shall act in the event the chairman is absent or unable to carry out his or her duties.~~
 4. ~~The Select Board shall present to the Search Committee a job description for the position of Town Manager.~~
 5. ~~The Search Committee shall review all applications received for Town Manager, assuring that the minimum standards set out in state law are met and that the applications meet the requirements of the job description. A copy of each application for Town Manager shall be given to each member of the Select Board.~~
 6. ~~The Search Committee shall present to the Select Board a semi-final list of candidates for the position of Town Manager. By a majority vote the Select Board may add to the list of semi-finalists, the name of one or more applicants taken from the list of all applicants.~~
 7. ~~The Search Committee and the Select Board together shall prepare a questionnaire which all semi-finalists must complete in writing and return to the Town Office. Responses to the questionnaire shall be distributed to both the Search Committee and the Select Board.~~
 8. ~~After reviewing the questionnaires, the Search Committee shall present to the Select Board a list of finalists, not to exceed five.~~
 9. ~~By a simple majority vote, the Select Board may add to the list of finalists additional finalists from the original list of semi-finalists, not to exceed two.~~
 10. ~~The Select Board shall, as a group, interview in person in executive session, each of the finalist for the position of Town Manager.~~
 11. ~~Appointment of a Town Manager requires a majority plus one vote of the Select Board, all members being present.~~
 12. ~~In the event the Select Board is unable to meet the requirements for appointing a Town Manager, the position shall be advertised again and the search re-started.~~
 13. ~~If the office of Town Manager becomes vacant for any reason within 90 days of the appointment of the Town Manager, the Select Board may choose a new Town Manager from the list of finalists in the previous search.~~

Select Board Votes: 5 For, 0 Against, 0 Abstain RECOMMEND

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- Yes **Article 10.** Shall the following amendments to the Town of Rockport Charter, Article 7 Section 4, be enacted to read as follows?
- No

Section 4 Determination of Election Results

A. Number of Votes. Every voter shall be entitled to vote for as many candidates as there are vacancies to be filled.

A. Plurality. Election shall be determined by plurality vote. In case of a tie for all elected positions except for Select Board and School Board, a run-off election of those who tied shall be at the November election. Select Board reference: Article II, Sec 10 E; School Board reference: Article I, Sec 5.

B. Write-In Candidacy. Write-In candidates for municipal and school offices must file their intention to serve for the office they are elected to in writing to the Town Clerk prior to the opening of polls on the day of the election. Failure to provide a timely written intention results in ballots cast in that candidate's name to be null and void.

Select Board Votes: 5 For, 0 Against, 0 Abstain RECOMMEND

SAMPLE

YOU NOW HAVE COMPLETED VOTING

STATE OF MAINE
MAINE SCHOOL ADMINISTRATIVE DISTRICT NO. 28
DISTRICT BUDGET REFERENDUM
OFFICIAL BALLOT FOR THE TOWN OF ROCKPORT
NOVEMBER 8, 2022


MSAD #28 School Board Chair

Instructions to Voters

Fill in the oval next to your Yes or No choice, like this: ●
To have your vote count, do not erase or cross out your choice.
If you make a mistake, ask for a new ballot.

- Yes **Question 1:** Do you favor approving the corrected Maine School Administrative District No. 28 budget for the 2022-2023 school year that was adopted at the Corrective District Budget Meeting held October 7, 2022?
- No

Information for voters: The correction to the 2022-2023 District Budget as approved at the October 7, 2022 Corrective District Budget Meeting is provided separately. Approval of this Question 1 will have no net effect local property taxes.

SAMPLE

Rockport Police

By Randy Gagne, Police Chief

With Fall upon us our schools are once again open. Many students walk and bike to school in our area. Please be on the lookout for walkers and bike riders, mornings and afternoons. Each year the department receives numerous reports of people driving past stopped school buses with flashing red lights on. Unfortunately, there are many close calls with students nearly being struck by motorist passing stopped school busses each year in our State. Let's do our part to make sure this doesn't happen.

Speed Limit in School Zones

Fifteen miles per hour when traveling in a school zone:

1. During recess.
2. When children are going to or leaving school during school opening or closing hours which are 1/2 hour before and 1/2 hour after the beginning of the school day and 1/2 hour after the end of the school day.
3. When school speed limit signs are flashing during school opening or closing hours; or
4. At other times designated by a municipal traffic ordinance that regulates town ways that are classified as local by the Department of Transportation in accordance with the federal functional classification system"

Fines for Speeding in School Zones

1-9 mph over \$203.00
10-14 mph over \$233.00
15-19 mph over \$315.00
20-24 mph over \$435
25-29 mph over \$531.00
30 mph over "Criminal Speed"



With the decrease in daylight animal activity picks up in the early morning and late evening hours. Automobile and animal accidents also increase. Each year the department covers numerous car/deer accidents between September-December with most occurring October-November. We ask that you use caution when operating during these hours. This is especially important to our motorcycle riders that are trying to enjoy the last of the riding season. Motorcycle deer accidents are never a good thing.

If you're trying to get your vehicle ready for winter driving studded tires can be installed on your vehicle after October 1st. This is also a good time to prepare your vehicle for the Winter driving season. Before you know it, we will wake up to that first morning of driving in snow.

Camden & Rockport Police Departments will be taking part in the fall unwanted medication collection on Saturday, October 29th at the Camden Police Department from 10 a.m to 2 p.m.

Our Rockport Officers were busy over the summer working numerous traffic related details to make our roads safer. Officers have also been busy with continuing education in many areas of Law Enforcement. Our department is fortunate that we have the support of our Manager, Select Board, and numerous committees to offer a high level of education to our officer. The department has just completed a major overhaul of departmental policies as well. The policies of the Rockport Police Department now meet the Maine Law Enforcement Accreditation Program (MLEP) Standards. These new policies are now in effect and officers have received training and signed off. The Camden Police Department has also completed this same policy update as both departments share exact policies. Sharing of the same policies is important as both departments work together. There is no question when officers respond to incidents in either jurisdiction.

Public Works

By: Michael Young, Public Works Director

Paving is mostly complete for the season, aside from a few repairs to Mt. Pleasant Street. Park Street will require some more work in the Spring, as well as repairs to Robinson Drive. The roads that were paved this season were Hope Street, Ledgewood Drive, Alexander Drive, Homestead Lane, the loop portion of Rockville, and most of Park Street.

We are in the midst of preparing all vehicles for Winter and have received 1,800 yards of winter sand. Residents who need sand are able to go to Public Works to get a maximum of two 5-gallon buckets, beginning in November.

As a reminder, please do not dispose of yard debris, including leaves, into the street, not only is it illegal but it can be very time consuming for Public Works employees to be clearing catch basins and drainage systems to ensure rainfall doesn't overwhelm the streets and cause flooding.

Public Works employees are headed into their busy season of plowing roads to keep them safe for residents as well as first responders. While snow doesn't typically begin to pile up until December or January, the ice storms can keep them busy and we appreciate your patience if you are behind a Public Works vehicle who is working hard to keep the roads safe.



ROCKPORT FIRE DEPARTMENT

POB 142, 85 Main St. Rockport, ME 04856 (207) 236-4437

With Fall fast approaching it's that time of year to start prepping our homes for the Winter months. Please take the time to clean and inspect your chimneys before starting those wood stoves and fireplaces. Double check all your wood stoves and ensure all the gaskets are set properly, and in good working condition.

It's also the best time of year to check all your smoke detectors ensuring they are within the 7-10-year life expectancy the manufacturers recommend. If they are older than 10 years, its highly recommend installing new ones. Also, time to grab a can of keyboard air and clean out all your smoke detectors including basement and attic smoke detectors.

After you have cleaned each detector, please replace the battery with a new and current one. Re-install the detector back and make sure you press the test button ensuring it is properly functioning.

Recreation Committee

This baseball season was a huge success, with Marge Jones Facility seeing more participants and spectators then ever before.

The fields were fully serviced by Sports Field Inc, Irrigation system had some new upgrades ensuring proper timing with watering of the fields, all the fences where fixed and straightened, and three new equipment sheds were built.

This fall we are focusing on getting a camera system installed in the concession building, LL Baseball and Babe Ruth fields pitcher mounds properly re-built and getting entrance gate moved 75' back to add additional parking area near main road.

The Recreation Committee is starting a Capital Campaign to start raising funds to fix and resurface both basketball and tennis courts which are in desperate need of fixing. With this fundraising we are going to be installing at a minimum of 2 pickleball courts. If funds exceed our goals, then we are planning to build 4 separate strictly pickleball courts.

All donations would be greatly appreciated. Checks can be sent to:

Town of Rockport,
c/o Marge Jones Court Rehab
101 Main Street
Rockport, Maine 04856

Library Happenings

By: Benjamin Blackmon, Library Director

Join us for a costume parade through Rockport Village. We will be meeting at Memorial Park at 4:00 p.m. on Tuesday, October 25th. From there, we will walk down to the harbor where there will be crafts, games, hot cider, and snacks. Children's Librarian Stephanie will be reading spooky stories for anyone interested. This event is free and open to all. Costumes are very encouraged.



OCTOBER TEEN EVENTS



**MAGIC THE GATHERING
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 8TH 1-2:30PM**

BRING A SNACK AND BRING YOUR DECK AND GET READY FOR AN AFTERNOON OF ADVENTURE! COASTAL CARDS WILL BE JOINING US AND WILL PROVIDE CARDS FOR THOSE WITHOUT. THIS PROGRAM IS OPEN TO ALL. IDEAL FOR AGES 11-15.



**TEEN CAFÉ
WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 19TH 2:30-4PM**

COME AFTER SCHOOL ON EARLY RELEASE DAY FOR SNACKS, TEA, COFFEE, OR HOT CHOCOLATE, A MOVIE, TO CHAT WITH FRIENDS AND CRAFT IF YOU FEEL LIKE IT. ALL MATERIALS AND FOOD PROVIDED. THE GROUP CHOOSES THE MOVIE! IDEAL FOR AGES 11-15.

**TEEN TALK: VIOLENT LANGUAGE AND ROMANTICIZED ABUSE IN YA LITERATURE
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 26TH AT 6PM**

OCTOBER IS DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH AND NEW HOPE MIDCOAST WILL BE PRESENTING A TEEN TALK IN WHICH, WE EXPLORE WHERE VIOLENT LANGUAGE COMES FROM AND THE VARIOUS WAYS ROMANTICIZED ABUSE IN YOUNG ADULT LITERATURE BOTH REINFORCES AND PLAYS INTO THE HARMFUL MISREPRESENTATIONS OF SAFE AND RESPECTFUL TEEN DATING RELATIONSHIPS THAT HAVE BEEN ESTABLISHED IN OTHER AREAS OF OUR SOCIETY TODAY. THIS IS A FREE EVENT AND IDEAL FOR STUDENTS IN GRADES 7-12 AND THEIR FAMILIES.









VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES!

GIVE BACK TO YOUR COMMUNITY AND EARN COMMUNITY SERVICES HOURS AT THE LIBRARY! WE ARE ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS FROM TEENS 12+ TO VOLUNTEER AT THE LIBRARY. PARENT/GUARDIAN PERMISSION IS REQUIRED. EMAIL OUR YS LIBRARIAN, STEPHANIE AT SMILLER@ROCKPORTMAINE.GOV



Rockport Public Library Children's Events October 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2 Library Closed	3	4 10:00 Pre-K Story Time 4:00 Lego Club	5 4:00pm Pumpkin Painting Party!	6 10:00 Toddler Story Time	7	8
9 Library Closed	10	11 10:00 Pre-K Story Time 4:00 Lego Club	12 4:00 Art Studio	13 10:00 Toddler Story Time	14	15
16 Library Closed	17	18 10:00 Pre-K Story Time 4:00 Lego Club	19 5:00pm Frogtown Mountain Puppeteers: The Headless Horseman of Sleepy Hollow	20 10:00 Toddler Story Time	21	22
23 Library Closed	24	25 10:00 Pre-K Story Time 4:00 Lego Club 4:00pm Costume Walk	26 4:00 Art Studio	27 10:00 Toddler Story Time	28	29
30 Library Closed	31 HAPPY HALLOWEEN! 					

Mon, Tue, Thur, Fri, Sat: 9:00-5:30 | Wed 11:00-8:00

1 Limerock Street | 236-3642 | rpl@rockport.lib.me.us | www.rockport.lib.me.us

Planning Office Update

By Orion Thomas, Planning and Development Director

Our Code Enforcement Officer, Scott Bickford, is now full time! If you have a project in need of a permit, reach out to Shenley, the Planning and Development Administration Assistant, will get you squared away with the best time to meet with him.

Govpilot has been launched. This is our new application submittal platform to reduce the paper usage and time constraints the current process bears on the office. Now you can submit your permits, Planning Board, and Zoning Board of Appeal applications online through the office webpage at: https://rockportmaine.gov/planning_communitydevelopment.

CivicReady is another tool the Town has launched. This office is using this method of communication for notices of all things related to Planning Board and Zoning Board to keep the community informed about upcoming projects. If you have not signed up yet, please do so at www.rockportmaine.gov/civicready.

Comprehensive Plan Update

If you haven't already, please take our survey for the Comprehensive Plan update. This document is the Town's guiding document for the next decade.



Survey can be found here: <https://planmyrockport.mysocialpinpoint.com/>

The timetable for this Comprehensive Plan is to have a complete version to the voters by November 2023. After the Town approves it, there are a couple more steps with the State before we implement suggested strategies in the updated plan. If you have questions, please reach out to the Planning and Development Director.

Ordinance Amendments

The Planning Board has recommended the following ordinance amendments at their August 25, 2022 meeting. If you are interested in reviewing their meeting, you can find their recorded meeting here: <https://vimeo.com/740725289>. These amendment proposals are to provide further clarity with Land Use Ordinance sections 803, 917, and Harbor Ordinance section 502.3. Additional language is being proposed for Land Use Ordinance section 1300 and Subdivision Ordinance articles 6,7, & 8 for the Planning Office to determine if the applications being submitted are complete before the applications make their way to the Planning Board for consideration. Currently, the Planning Board makes the determination of completeness before review.

If an application is incomplete, approximately thirty minutes to an hour (depending on the complexity of the application) are spent determining if the application is complete. If determined incomplete, then the applicant and team of attorneys, engineers, and other professional representatives, including Planning Board members time spent preparing for the meeting, as well as Town Attorney time, has been wasted. This amendment streamlines the process so the Planning Board will receive complete applications for review.

TIF Amendment and Addition

The Town is currently underway with amending the Downtown TIF district, and adding a new TIF district along Rt 90. For those that do not know what a TIF district is, fear not. A TIF stands for Tax Increment Financing.

No, this will not raise your taxes if you live inside or outside of these districts. Rather, if you are within either of the districts then your taxes that you already pay will be formally dedicated to certain projects.

Why are we doing this? As you are aware, the sewer situation with the Town of Camden is not making positive progress. This puts a hinderance on the Town's economy due to sewage capacity at its limit. In addition, the interlocal agreement is not in Rockport's financial interest to continue or renew. Leaving Rockport in a situation of needing to treat our sewage. The Downtown TIF district and Rt 90 TIF district will be dedicated partly towards the creation of our own treatment facility, which is denoted as a Water Resource Recovery Facility (WRRF). This facility will give the Town independence of another municipality and the ability to help local businesses grown and attract new businesses to help offset taxes.

The Rt 90 TIF, as mentioned above, is to help pay for the WRRF as well as for a sewer line extension on Rt 90 to Hwy 17. The only reasonable way the Town can address high tax rates is by bringing in businesses to offset the taxes. Rt 90 is currently zoned for favorable business developments, leaving the last factor in making the parcels attractive to be sewer line connectivity. In addition, the already high sewer fee can only be reduced by adding more users.

Both of these districts will address other items as well, such as Sidewalk connectivity, lighting, and broadband, to name a few. The Taxes from these districts are to be used in conjunction with Grants to make the most out of the funds to benefit the Town as a whole.

Where this can be found: On the Town Website at: www.rockportmaine.gov/planning_communitydevelopment

If you have a question or would like to meet to discuss these TIF districts so you can understand them better, please reach out the Planning and Development Director and we can schedule a time to meet.



Civic Ready Sign Up



Rockport Alerts

Sign up to receive emergency alerts and severe weather warnings that could directly impact you and your family

Town of Rockport is able to send you emergency alerts via text message, email, pager, or voice mail (in extreme cases), based on your preferences. It is important that we collect this contact information because many households no longer utilize traditional land-based telephone lines.

The system is intended to be used for emergency alerts, as well as non-emergency incidents that may have significant impacts to residents. Emergency Alerts could be related to specific hazards that require some kind of action be taken such as evacuation, shelter in place, boil water orders, etc. Non-emergency alerts could include significant transportation problems with prolonged impacts or significant ongoing police or fire activity. This list is not meant to be all inclusive, and demonstrates that this system will not be used for routine information. In addition to receiving information on your wireless device, you may also receive notification on your land telephone line (if you have one) depending on the type of incident or event.

The Rockport Resource

Assessing Office

By: Kerry Leichtman, Assessor

There are two topics I need to address in this edition of the Rockport Resource: the new tax relief program for seniors and rudeness.

The new stabilization program for seniors is the hot topic for Maine residents 65+ and assessors. For those of you who are not yet aware. Last year the Legislature passed An Act to Stabilize Property Taxes for Individuals 65 Years of Age or Older Who Own a Homestead for at least 10 Years. The Act is as convoluted as the title is unwieldy.

Tax relief for seniors is a necessary and worthy goal. It's too bad it comes in a form that is difficult for its beneficiaries to understand and equally difficult to administer. But here is the basic information you need to know:

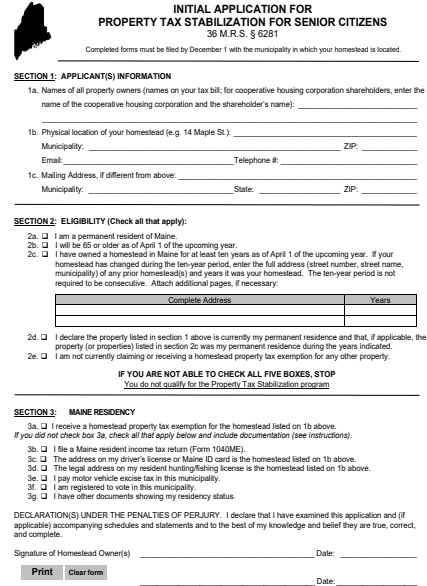
The program is available to Maine residents who are at least 65 years old and have owned a Maine homestead for at least 10 years. According to 36 MRS §681, a homestead is any residential property occupied by a resident as their permanent residence.

Permanent residence means that place where an individual has a true, fixed and permanent home and principal establishment to which the individual, whenever absent, has the intention of returning. An individual may have only one permanent residence at a time and, once a permanent residence is established, that residence is presumed to continue until circumstances indicate otherwise.

Permanent resident means an individual who has established a permanent residence. To clear up the first point of confusion, you don't need to have a homestead exemption for the property to be considered your homestead. The second point of confusion is you don't need to have lived in a homestead property for 10 consecutive years, and your homestead does not need to be in one town. You could have lived in Hope for four years, Camden for two, Lincolnville for three and Rockport for one. If you tried to retire to Florida didn't like it and returned to Maine and reestablished a homestead here, you are still eligible. If you had a homestead exemption in Florida, however, that does not count toward the 10-year requirement. You had to have owned a Maine homestead for 10 years.

If you lived all 10 years in Rockport the 10-year eligibility will be easy to prove. If you have lived in multiple towns, you will have to provide proof of your residency in those towns. We do not have the staff to do the research ourselves.

Applications are available on the town website, Maine Revenue Services website or here at the town office. Applications are due by December 1st of each year. You have to reapply each year to continue receiving the benefit. The benefit is that each year in the program your taxes will be stabilized at the amount it was when you applied. In other words, if you apply by December 1, 2022, your taxes next year (2023) will be the same as it was this year (2022). If you reapply by next December 1, 2023, your taxes will be the same as it was the previous year, which is the same tax as this year.



INITIAL APPLICATION FOR PROPERTY TAX STABILIZATION FOR SENIOR CITIZENS
36 M.R.S. § 6281
Completed forms must be filed by December 1 with the municipality in which your homestead is located.

SECTION 1: APPLICANT(S) INFORMATION

1a. Names of all property owners (names on your tax bill; for cooperative housing corporation shareholders, enter the name of the cooperative housing corporation and the shareholder's name): _____

1b. Physical location of your homestead (e.g. 14 Maple St.): _____
Municipality: _____ Telephone #: _____ ZIP: _____
Email: _____

1c. Mailing Address, if different from above: _____
Municipality: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____

SECTION 2: ELIGIBILITY (Check all that apply):

2a. I am a permanent resident of Maine.
2b. I will be 65 or older as of April 1 of the upcoming year.
2c. I have owned a homestead in Maine for at least ten years as of April 1 of the upcoming year. If your homestead has changed during the ten-year period, enter the full address (street number, street name, municipality) of any prior homestead(s) and years it was your homestead. The ten-year period is not required to be consecutive. Attach additional pages, if necessary.

Complete Address	Years

2d. I declare the property listed in section 1 above is currently my permanent residence and that, if applicable, the property (or properties) listed in section 2c was my permanent residence during the years indicated.
2e. I am not currently claiming or receiving a homestead property tax exemption for any other property.

IF YOU ARE NOT ABLE TO CHECK ALL FIVE BOXES, STOP
You do not qualify for the Property Tax Stabilization program.

SECTION 3: MAINE RESIDENCY

3a. I receive a homestead property tax exemption for the homestead listed on 1b above.
If you did not check box 3a, check all that apply below and include documentation (see instructions).
3b. I file a Maine resident income tax return (Form 1040ME).
3c. The address on my driver's license or Maine ID card is the homestead listed on 1b above.
3d. The legal address on my resident hunting/fishing license is the homestead listed on 1b above.
3e. I pay motor vehicle excise tax in this municipality.
3f. I am registered to vote in this municipality.
3g. I have other documents showing my residency status.

DECLARATION(S) UNDER THE PENALTIES OF PERJURY: I declare that I have examined this application and (if applicable) accompanying schedules and statements and to the best of my knowledge and belief they are true, correct, and complete.

Signature of Homestead Owner(s) _____ Date: _____
 _____ Date: _____

The state says it will reimburse towns 100% for the difference between the stabilized amount and amount taxes but the Constitution only requires a 50% reimbursement. If they don't reimburse towns at 100%, it will cause mil rates to rise which will affect everyone who is not eligible or enrolled in the program.

Onto topic number 2.

There has been an uptick in people being rude to staff that we will not tolerate. I have never been able to understand how someone can think yelling at or being rude to an individual will result in a good benefit for them. I can assure you that it does not. I have instructed my staff to politely end the conversation when someone is being abusive to them.

We assess property according to market value using techniques and processes that are prescribed by the state Constitution, statute and professional standards. Assessed values follow the real estate market, we do not lead or try to guess where it's going. Simply put, if the value of Capes went up it is because people are paying more when buying Capes. We have no control over what people are willing to pay for a property or what price people are asking when selling.

Maine Water Assistance Program

The Maine Water Assistance Program is a federally funded program to help support eligible households in having access to drinking water and wastewater utility services.



Households will be required to have a water liability in order to be eligible for the drinking water/wastewater program. Applicants will be required to provide a copy of their current residential water/wastewater bill with their name on it.

Eligibility is determined is an income-based program. Households eligible for HEAP, SNAP, TANF and SSI will be required to submit an application for the drinking water/wastewater program in order to be eligible for the benefit.

The funds can assist households to reduce water and/or wastewater arrearages, prevent disconnections, and help pay back charges and fees. Any payment will be sent directly to the provider.

Applications are available online at mainehousing.org/mainewater program, phone (888) 623-6762 or by email water@mainehousing.org

Happy Fall from the Harbor!

By: *Abbie Leonard, Harbormaster*

We hope this finds everyone well and winding down from a busy summer. The Harbor had another bustling summer. The docks were well utilized with a balance of summer transient users and locals, which is what we like to see.

The Summer concert series was a big hit and well attended. Dave Mallett started us off with a great concert, followed by the Right Track which attracted quite a crowd of dancers. We had the Bay Chamber Jazz concert in August followed by our Righteous Women Who Rock line-up on August 21st.

Please have all dinghies pulled out of the harbor by no later than October 15th. We always get some doozie storms towards the end of October so if we need to pull the floats at a moments notice we may have to do so. We typically haul floats towards the end of October if we can. If you do plan on having your dinghy in later in the season make sure to keep them bailed out and tied up properly. If you need to keep a dinghy in the water later than the October 15th date, please make arrangements with Abbie directly.

Thanks to all for another productive and safe Summer on the water. We continue to strive to make the harbor not only a place for mariners to get on the water but a space for the community to gather and recreate as well.



The Rockport Resource

Rockport Parks and Beautification Committee

When you pass by or sit in one of Rockport's attractive parks (Mary Lea, Goodridge, Cramer, Memorial, Walker, Harbor, Kononen, Glen Cove, or other public areas with gardens and landscaping) you may not be aware that you are enjoying the result of the effort of a group of caring volunteers known as the Rockport Parks and Beautification Committee. Working closely with town employees in Public Works, the Harbormaster's Office, as well as with the Select Board and the Rockport Garden Club, the committee seeks to beautify Rockport's public spaces and secure Town and private funding to carry out its approved program.

All interested in maintaining and improving the Town's many public spaces are invited to fill out a committee application, and join the Parks and Beautification Committee. A committee application can be picked up at the Town Office.

Where in Rockport do you take your young children to play?

The volunteer members of the Parks and Beautification Committee believe that Walker Park, with its unique location on our beautiful harbor, is a wonderful spot for young children (as well as all other ages). It provides swings and slides, a small beach, tables for picnics, and will soon offer a new merry go round and waterfront benches.

Our Town seeks to improve our parks, we would like to hear if there is more that we can do to make this spot a frequent destination for your whole family? We, on The Parks and Beautification Committee invite parents and others to give us feedback and share their ideas. You can drop these ideas off at the Town Office.

For a complete listing of events, please visit the Town's Calendar at www.rockportmaine.gov

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