

MANAGER'S REPORT
April 25, 2019

YMCA Awards – Congratulations to Chief Sean Geagan for receiving the Service to Youth Award from the Downeast Family YMCA at their annual awards dinner on April 24th. Congratulations also go to Community & Economic Development Director Rich Rotella who won a YMCA Volunteer of the Year Award, and RSU 25 students Madison Clifford and Carter Tomlisoff who won student volunteer awards. It was a wonderful evening. The Y did a tremendous job of honoring them all. We are fortunate to have such caring and committed people in our community, and our partnership with the Y is providing benefits for the community as well. I have included a copy of the introduction for Chief Geagan done by Nick Tymoczko. It was an inspiring speech.

Docks & Floats – The Town Dock and Marina floats will be going into the water on Wednesday, May 1st! The Marina is scheduled to open on May 15th.

Assessing Assistant – Today was the last day of work for our part time assessing assistant Priscilla Stover. She helped Jef Fitzgerald with the two year revaluation process. She did a great job and will miss her smiling presence in the office.

Balancing Act 2 – An anthology of poems by fifty Maine women was published in 2018. Featured in that work is our very own Poet Laureate, Patricia Smith Ranzoni. In a review of the book by Agnes Bushell in the Café Review– Pat is singled out for special note in that the reviewer stated that

“Since Kate Kennedy’s introduction invites us to dive in “any which way,” I went directly to Patricia Smith Ranzoni’s selections, where I was pretty sure I would find a touchstone. And did. While the poems in this book are characterized overall by technical competence (in some cases brilliance), care, and thoughtfulness, Ranzoni’s “7 loons in an evening trim” is transcendent. It’s not just a 25–line tour–de–force of music and syntax comprising a conceit; the depths that loons dive become a figure of this exclamation: “daughters how well / you’ve learned how / to pass your mothers / how not to drown.” It’s one of Ranzoni’s many poems that sound deep in the underused nonrational faculties. This poem took the top of my head off. The whole book is worth this one poem.”

David Keene – Former Mayor David Keene had a serious fall at his home this past week. He is currently in the hospital and is expected to make a full recovery but will require some significant healing first. David gave of himself to this community his whole life and I encourage everyone to take a minute and send him a note of good wishes.