

TOWN OF ROCKPORT 2009 ANNUAL TOWN REPORT DEDICATION

ROBERT DEAN

Bob was born on Richard's Hill in Rockport on January 10, 1926, to Clarence and Evelyn Dean. Bob has one sister, Virginia, and two brothers, Richard and Raymond (now deceased). He started school in a one-room schoolhouse in West Rockport and later attended school at the Hoboken School in Rockport. He was a star basketball and baseball player in high school. Bob skillfully played many a hotly-contested basketball game on the old court (once existing below the lower level meeting room in the Opera House) that required a practiced arc to avoid hitting the low wooden ceiling. He graduated from the old Rockport High School on Diamond Hill in 1944. After high school he served in World War II and was honorably discharged in 1946, at which time he returned to Maine and worked at Goudy-Stevens Boat Yard in Boothbay for approximately ten years. On August 19, 1951 he married Madelyn Webber and they had two sons, Scott and Lindsey. Around 1960 he went into business for himself in residential construction, and over the next forty-plus years built and remodeled around twenty local homes and renovated countless others. Bob and his wife Madelyn live on Dean's Way in Rockport in a beautiful custom home that Bob designed and built. They have two grandchildren, Kate and Greg, and one great-grandson, Owen. Bob is a big family man and has enjoyed spending time with them, especially fishing, sailing, and flying. He earned his private pilot's license in the early 1980s and enjoyed flying the plane that he and his son Scott owned for several years. In his retirement, Bob has enjoyed playing golf, cruising Penobscot Bay and beyond in his sailboat, and spending time with family and friends. Bob's love of salmon fishing at Rideout's Fishing Camp on East Grand Lake is well known to many. After the conclusion—and in celebration—of the town office construction project, he shared a memorable trip aboard his new boat with the current town manager and project architect; many good fish tales were told.



Over the years Bob has contributed to the beautification and improvement of the community in many ways. He served several years on the Harbor Committee and Building Committee. In his capacity as clerk of the works, he was instrumental in seeing that the ten-year goal of building a new town office came to fruition and was opened to the public—on time and within budget—in June of 1998. His keen eye for detail and style, as well as many of his good design ideas, can be seen inside the town office today. Bob also designed and built several wings onto the original Rockport Public Library before overseeing the major renovation and addition in the 1990s. His design sense certainly speaks for itself when you see the enlarged building located on a small lot so nicely nestled on the hill. Above all, Bob is a true “Rockporter” at heart with a lifelong commitment to making the town the special place to live in that it is today.

Bob, on behalf of the Rockport Select Board, citizens, employees, and all who know you, we dedicate this 2009 Annual Town Report in humble appreciation for all you do, in front of and behind the scenes. We are honored to have you as a member of this community.

We would like to thank former Town Manager Donald Willard and Scott and Patricia Dean for their contribution to this dedication.