

MINUTES

For a regular meeting of the Pittsfield Town Council held on Tuesday, March 2, 2010 at 7:30 pm in the Council Chambers.

PRESENT: COUNCILORS: Bob Stackhouse, Deputy Mayor Gary Jordan, Jr., Donna Chale, Christopher Carr and Louise Baker. **ABSENT:** Mayor Tim Nichols and Caleb Curtis. Also present: Town Manager Kathryn Ruth and Town Clerk Nicole Nickolan. Audience members included: Hiram Weymouth, Joyce Weymouth, Donnie Hallenbeck, Donnie Chute, Tom Brown, Steve Emery, Roger Swedberg and others.

1. **Deputy Mayor Jordan** opened the meeting by leading the **Pledge of Allegiance**. The Council observed a moment of silence.
2. Adoption of Minutes of the regular meeting on February 16, 2010.

Moved by **Councilor Chale** and seconded by **Councilor Baker** that the minutes of the regular meeting on February 16, 2010 be adopted.

VOTE: UNANIMOUS AYE

3. **PRESENTATIONS, CONGRATULATIONS AND INTRODUCTIONS:**

Presentation by Hiram Weymouth, Recruiting Assistant for Census 2010:

Mr. Weymouth wanted to thank the Town of Pittsfield for the use of the facility. The Census is not only using the facility for testing, but also for training classes. The Census is important to the Towns and the State to keep information as updated as possible. It is important to fill out the information that is received by mail for the Census. If it isn't filled out, the next step is to send workers out to collect the information. The Census is trying to employ local residents for this task. We like to use local members of the community when possible so people may be more familiar with the faces that are coming to their homes. Brochures about the available positions have been provided to the Town. This will hopefully get the word out. The positions pay \$13.25 per hour, and \$.50 a mile. We need 8-10 more people from the Pittsfield area. The Town Manager noted we have had the brochures available to the public and will continue to do so.

Presentation by Police Chief Steven Emery:

Steve Emery gave a presentation on Police Department accomplishments. The Police Department purchased two complete taser kits. The cost of the tasers was \$2,806.47 and was paid for by monies received from a grant. A certified State Trooper will train six Officers on April 19, 2010. Three 2013 compliant radios and one portable were ordered from Yankee Communications. The cost of the radios is \$10,767.32. These were also paid for with monies received from a grant. The existing radios are nearly ten years old. The radios currently in use are non-compliant. Police Chief Emery noted that he and Sergeant Roussin completed the advanced ICS300 training in Oakland. The Officers are currently in the process of completing their ICS 700, 100 and 200 training. The Pittsfield Police Department received \$1,225.00 from HealthySV, with another \$1,225.00 expected in April. This money funds underage drinking details. It looks like funding for these

details will not be available in the future. Police Chief Emery noted Officer Jeremy Leal resigned as a Reserve Officer recently. He accepted a full time position with the Somerset Sheriffs Office. We have hired Roger Swedberg as the new Reserve Officer. Officer Swedberg introduced himself to the Council. He is a Carmel resident, married with one child. He currently works as a deliveryman for Country Kitchen. He has always had a passion for law enforcement. He has done over 100 hours of ride along with Officer Cochran. Police Chief Emery noted he has tried to implement the DARE program with local schools but has been told that the school doesn't have time in the school day to add this to the schedule. The DARE program is a 5th Grade program. Police Chief Emery has email the principal regarding this but has had no response. Police Chief Emery noted three new bullet proof vests were ordered for the Police Department. These were half paid for with State grant funding.

Presentation on Town Achievements:

Town Manager, Kathryn Ruth highlighted a few of the Town Departments monthly achievements. The full document was provided to Councilors at the meeting tonight. The Town Manager also highlighter some of the larger grant awards received by the Town. This document was also provided to the Councilors at tonight's meeting.

Presentation by Recycling/Transfer Station/Safety Coordinator, Donnie Chute, on the Recycling Center Wind Turbine Project:

Donnie Chute gave a presentation summarizing the wind turbine project. A 10Kw Bergey Wind Turbine was received as a grant awarded by Efficiency Maine Grant by the Public Utilities Commission. The purpose of the wind turbine was to provide "Green" energy to the Recycling Center for educational purposes. The project broke ground in September 2009. Donnie noted some of the specific steps taken during the building of the wind turbine and showed pictures to the Council for these steps. It was noted that all required measurements and safety issues have been taken for the project including a 45 mil. polyethylene geo-membrane installed to prevent water penetration into the existing landfill cap from earth work and an emergency beacon light for the top of tower to help aircraft flying in the area. Donnie noted a 10'x10' building was set up and all systems were checked and approved by Evolo, Booth Electric, Kern Butler - State electrical inspector and the Facility Manager. The wind turbine is online producing electricity to the grid 24 hours a day and all results are being documented. Donnie stated a number of issues were overcome to make this project a "true success". Tours have begun with different groups to help educate the public and schools about alternative energy. The experiences of our project, pro and con, will be passed to other wind projects. Donnie wanted to give a special Thanks to all who helped make the Wind Turbine project a success! Councilor Baker noted she liked this presentation very much and would like Donnie to give this presentation to the members of the Senior Club as they cannot always get around Town that easily. The Town Manager thanked Donnie for putting together the presentation for tonight. It was noted that when this grant was initially presented it was to be used as an educational opportunity with an estimate of 50% energy savings per year.

Community and Economic Development Activities and Events

Report on Meetings & Events:

Kennebec Valley Council of Governments Board of Directors/Executive Committee/General Assembly on Wednesday, 02/17/2010 from 9:00 am – 11:00 am at the Kennebec Valley Council of Governments in Fairfield.

Trade Show Committee Meeting on 02/24/2010 for the 14th Annual Trade Show and Community Fair, second year of being scheduled in Pittsfield. The project is coming right along. Registrations are coming in from businesses and crafters. The dessert contest is coming along nicely. The group is doing well in collecting sponsors for the event. I have a number of groups that will make presentations. More contacts will be made in the upcoming month once we know who is attending.

Ken-Som Transition Team Meeting scheduled for Wednesday, 02/24/2010 from 9:00 am – 11:00 am at the Kennebec Valley Council of Governments in Fairfield.

Bud's Shop 'N Save Grand Re-Opening took place on 03/01/2010 at 9:00 am at the Store. It was very nice to see everyone there as it was packed with representatives from Bud's, Merrill Bank, the owner of the Plaza and his staff, the Town's citizens, business owners and Councilor Baker.

Upcoming Meetings & Events

Livestock Workshop through the University of Maine Cooperative Extension with training by UMaine Educators and Specialists on Equine, Goats, Cattle and Poultry has been changed to 04/03/2010 from 03/2010 for the same times of 9:00 am – 4:00 pm in the Council Chambers.

Central Maine Egg Festival Committee Meeting scheduled for Monday, 03/08/2010 at 5:30 pm.

WorkReady Three Week Program scheduled for Monday, 04/12/2010 through 04/20/2010. John Campbell at MSAD#53 is organizing this project, funded by the federal government to help displaced workers. WorkReady is WorkReady™ is an initiative of Maine's four Local Workforce Investment Boards and the Maine Department of Education and is supported by a statewide steering committee comprised of MDOE - Adult Education, MDOL, MDOC, Maine's 4 Local Workforce Investment Boards, and representatives from the private sector. The 60 hour soft skills based training is designed to provide successful participants with not only skills essential in today's workplace, but also a portable credential. The WorkReady™ Credential is endorsed by businesses throughout the state.

The WorkReady™ curriculum addresses seven basic standards including personal motivations and challenges to employment, effective communication and interpersonal skills, understanding taxes and benefits, job searching, and resume and portfolio preparation. While the name "WorkReady" may imply that the program is designed for individuals with little to no work experience, it is actually highly applicable to a wide variety of individuals with varying degrees of training, education, and occupational skills. Successful programs have been conducted through local Adult & Community Education for the general public (including ASPIRE participants, retirees, individuals with post-secondary degrees, etc.), to displaced workers through NEG's, to incumbent employees

(where the employer has paid them for their participation and also paid for the instructional costs), to high school students and youth.

Somerset Economic Development Corporation Breakfast Meeting on a subject TBA scheduled for Friday, 04/30/2010 a 7:30 am – 9:30 am at the Masonic Lodge. We have had such highly attended events here, SEDC would like to bring one meeting a year to Pittsfield. Their meetings are in Skowhegan.

14th Annual Trade Show scheduled for Saturday, May 01, 2010 from 9:00 am – 1:00 pm at Warsaw & Vickery Schools Complex: For community fair items, we are working with the following for presentations: Betsy Doane, Master Gardener, Tomato Fright Blight; Pittsfield Garden Club, Dividing Perennials; Mark Sheriff: Pruning Fruit Trees; Pittsfield Police Department, Pittsfield Fire Department; SVH Ambulance; and Curtis Air on Flying.

Pittsfield Public Library Grand Opening Celebration scheduled for Saturday, 05/15/2010 from 11:00 am – 2:00 pm.

Kennebec-Somerset Regional Job Fair in Pittsfield scheduled for Wednesday, 05/26/2010 from 3:30 pm – 7:00 pm.: We are so fortunate in receiving a sponsorship for advertising from the Employment Times and My Job Wave.com valued at \$3,630 for the Trade Show. The Employment Times has been great to work with and has greatly increased the ability to get the word out about this annual event. In addition, we have received a \$750 grant from KVCAP to pay for advertising, paper for flyers and sign materials. Registrations are coming in. There are jobs available.

4. **PUBLIC HEARINGS/OLD BUSINESS:**
5. **REPORTS: TOWN MANAGER, FINANCE, ORDINANCE & RECYCLING COMMITTEES:**

Town Manager's Report: Town Council Meeting of 03/02/2010:

1. The FYI Folder: FYI Folder which contains items that come in between the Town Council Meetings has the following this evening: List read.

2. Earth Day 2010 Backyard Compost Bin Sale: Read Notice of Sale.

3. Pittsfield Public Library Building Committee Announcement: Read Announcement.

4. Feline Spay/Neuter Clinic: A Spaying/Neutering Clinic will be held on Saturday, March 06, 2010 at the Pet Place Kennels, 460 Hartland Avenue, Route #152. This is a new business located in the former Seabasticook Farms Kennel. The cost is \$37.00 for males and \$62.00 for females. This includes rabies vaccination. March 3rd is the deadline for reserve a spot. If you have any questions or it is after March 3rd and you are interested in attending, please call 680-6875 to ask for Scottie.

5. The Welcome Table: The Welcome Table is open from 10:30 am to 1:30 pm every Friday at the First Universalist Church in the Community Hall at 6 Easy Street. This is a local program staffed and funded by volunteers whose mission is to provide a warm place to gather, socialize and share a hot meal. Games, puzzles and cards are always available. All are invited to attend. For further information, please call Trudy Ferland at 487-6523.

6. Census Jobs: The U.S. Census Bureau is now recruiting census takers. Testing is being held in the Pittsfield Municipal Council Chambers on Tuesdays and Thursday through March 2010 at specific times. Anyone who wishes to apply and take the test needs to call to register and schedule their appointment. Please call 1-866-861-2010 to apply. Positions pay \$13.25/hour with mileage reimbursement at \$.55 per mile. Our Assigned Census Program Administrator has been scheduled to speak at the next Town Council Meeting.

7. Efficiency Maine Appliance Rebate Program: Read Notice.

8. Front of the Monday, March 01, 2010 Rolling Thunder Cover: Our very own Ann McGowan was the featured story on the front of the Rolling Thunder: Pittsfield Resident Given Joyce Packard Award at Sebasticook Chamber. I am so glad that I nominated Ann, we were trying to figure out what we could do that would ever thank her and to acknowledge all of her contributions and this was just perfect. Rosalie Williams wrote such a nice letter supporting the nomination and we would like to thank Rosalie for her time and energies on this project.

Finance Committee: None.

Ordinance Committee: None.

Recycling Committee: None.

6. **NEW BUSINESS:**

ORDINANCE 10-04: (Set to Public Hearing 03/16/2010) The Town of Pittsfield hereby Ordains to Accept all tax year payments of Dale S. & Kristen D. Penney, including interest and lien costs, for the property at 174 Hartland Avenue (Map 028, Lot 096), the Town having acquired said property as a result of automatic foreclosure of a 2007 property tax lien, recorded in the Somerset Registry of Deeds on June 03, 2008 at Book 4004, Page 121, which matured on December 1, 2009. The Town Council further authorizes the Town Manager to execute a municipal quitclaim deed releasing the Town's interest in said property to Dale S. & Kristen D. Penney.

Moved by **Councilor Stackhouse** and seconded by **Councilor Carr** that Ordinance 10-04 be set to Public Hearing.

The Town Manager noted all foreclosed property must go to public hearing for consideration of a quitclaim deed under the Town Charter.

VOTE: UNANIMOUS AYE

ORDINANCE 10-05: (Set to Public Hearing 03/16/2010) The Town of Pittsfield hereby Ordains the tax anticipation note borrowing for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2010 on the following terms:

Pursuant to Section 5771 of Title 30-A of the Maine Revised Statutes, as amended, the Town Treasurer is hereby authorized and empowered to borrow money from time to time during the fiscal year ending December 31, 2010 in the principal amount or amounts not exceeding \$ 500,000 at any one time outstanding, in anticipation of the collections or receipts from taxes, by the issuance of tax anticipation notes of the Town, each of which notes shall be designated "Town of Pittsfield 2010 Tax Anticipation Notes." All of such tax anticipation notes, and any extensions, renewals or replacements thereof, shall be signed by the Town Treasurer and countersigned by the Mayor, shall be payable on or before October 29, 2010, out of money raised by taxation during the fiscal year ending December 31, 2010 shall bear interest payable at maturity at a rate determined in the manner as approved by the Treasurer and the Mayor, and shall contain such other terms and provisions, not inconsistent herewith, and be in such form, as shall be approved by the officers signing the same, whose approval shall be conclusively evidenced by their execution thereof, and

The Treasurer and the Mayor are hereby authorized to award the notes to such person or entity as they deem appropriate, and

The notes authorized by the foregoing are hereby designated as qualified tax exempt obligations for purposes of Section 265 (b) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, and the Treasurer of the Town be authorized to covenant with the purchasers of the notes on behalf of the Town and for the benefit of the holders of the notes, that the Town will take whatever steps, and refrain from taking any action, as may be necessary or appropriate to ensure that interest on the notes will remain free from federal income taxes, including without limitation, the filing of information returns and reports with the Internal Revenue Service and the payment of any rebate due to the United States of America.

Moved by **Councilor Chale** and seconded by **Councilor Baker** that Ordinance 10-05 be set to Public Hearing.

The Town Manager noted this is the first step in the authorization process in order to issue a Tax Anticipation Note until the Town's major revenue source in the form of property taxes are received later this year. As the property tax bill is due in October of each year for the calendar year, the Town is spending funds for 8-9 months with smaller revenue sources coming in until October.

For Councilors who have been involved with this process in the past, we used to have an Ordinance, issue the RFP, award a bid to a bank and then issue an Order with all of the TAN paperwork to obtain the funds. Our Town Attorney has simplified this process.

VOTE: UNANIMOUS AYE

RESOLUTION 10-19: Resolved that the Town Council Waive the bid policy to follow the State Bid Package for Police Cruisers and to accept the proposed bid of Quirk Ford in an

amount not to exceed \$21,265.00 (original price is \$23,265.00 - \$2,000.00 trade in for 2006 Police Cruiser) for a 2010 Ford P71 Crown Victoria 4-door Police Cruiser.

Moved by **Councilor Chale** and seconded by **Councilor Baker** that Resolution 10-19 be adopted.

The Town Manager noted the Police Chief was here this evening and discussed the police cruiser purchase. For many years, the Town has been fortunate to be able to purchase a police cruiser two years in a row, waiting a year and then two years in a row, purchasing a new cruiser. For many years, the Town has been opting to purchase a vehicle from the State bid, as the pricing has been lower over the last 8 years. Councilor Stackhouse asked if we had to trade in the old cruiser, perhaps we could get more money with a private sale? The Town Manager noted based on past bids, usually private sales bring in a lower dollar amount. The trade-in credit of \$2,000.00 seemed like a good deal to the Councilors.

VOTE: UNANIMOUS AYE

RESOLUTION 10-20: Resolved that the Town Council Approve the Request for Quotations for the Industrial Park Expansion Project EDA #01-79-73007 for the Town of Pittsfield, Maine dated February 2010 and Authorize the Town Manager and Public Works Foreman to seek bids for same, to include revisions from the EDA.

Moved by **Councilor Chale** seconded by **Councilor Carr** that Resolution 10- be adopted.

The Town Manager noted the Industrial Park Expansion Project, as discussed at numerous Council Meetings, would be bid out in March 2010 after approval by the Economic Development Administration. The bid specifications have been sent to the EDA for approval. The project is on a tight timeframe, therefore, the sections of the specifications detailing the general requirements are attached for your review. A full set of plans as well as the Technical Specifications book are available at the Town Office in case any of the Councilors would like to review them. In addition, these materials will be brought to the Town Council Meeting. As the book is so big, we have copied only the general specifications for the Council Package. Councilor Stackhouse questioned if this expansion project includes erecting buildings or if it is only for roads. The Town Manager noted the expansion is for the building of roads, water and sewer lines and other infrastructure.

VOTE: UNANIMOUS AYE

RESOLUTION 10-21: Resolved that the Town Council Authorize the Town Manager to Execute a grant award from the Federal Aviation Administration and the Maine Department of Transportation to prepare a Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan (SWPPP), Fence Inventory and Plan and reimbursement for the PAPI under Airport Improvement Program (AIP) Project No. 3-23-0036-____-2010.

Moved by **Councilor Stackhouse** and seconded by **Councilor Baker** that Resolution 10-21 be adopted.

The Town Manager noted this is a proactive advance approval given the very short turnaround time last year when the Town applied through the early grant program, which we have applied to again this year.

On 02/18/2009, the Town submitted a grant application for the early grant award program now offered by the Federal Aviation Administration. Last year, the Town's approval under this new program came in quickly and the Town had to ratify the Town Manager's execution of the grant award in order to accept it within the timeframe required.

In order to address the quick turnaround time, the approval of the grant award is on the agenda in case the Town receives the grant funding requested. If the Pittsfield Municipal Airport is approved for the grant, that would be great and the paperwork can be forwarded back to secure the funding. If the Airport is not approved, then it is an agenda item that will not proceed forward at this time.

The Project includes the following three components:

1. SWPPP to provide information about possible sources of pollution and to identify mitigation measures to protect the water resources and storm drainage system.
2. Fence Inventory to review security issues and wildlife issues at the Airport, to provide a Plan of Action within reasonable limitations.
3. Reimburse the Town for the FAA billing for the PAPI re-location work completed several years ago.

This is a \$30,738 project with 95% or \$29,201 coming from the Federal Aviation Administration, 2.5% or \$768 from MDOT and 2.5% or \$768 from the Town from its Airport Reserve Account. The Town had saved funds for many years in the Airport Reserve Account in order to pay for the enhancements at the Airport over the last several years. It is projected that the cost sharing will be the same as in prior years, however, funding sources always have the potential of changing in the future.

VOTE: UNANIMOUS AYE

RESOLUTION 10-22: Resolved that the Town Council Authorize the Town Manager and Cemetery Sexton to issue the Requests for Proposals for the purchase of a garden tractor/mower.

Moved by **Councilor Chale** and seconded by **Councilor Stackhouse** that Resolution 10-22 be adopted.

The Town Manager noted the Capital Improvement Plan approved by the Town Council for use for 2010 contains the purchase of a new garden tractor/mower for the Cemetery. Every two years, we try to replace 1 of the 2 riding mowers which are used 5-6 days, day in day out, in the Cemeteries from when the grass starts growing until the grass stops growing.

VOTE: UNANIMOUS AYE

RESOLUTION 10-23: Resolved that the Town Council sign the Application for Catered Function by Qualified Catering Organization for an auction to be held 6/18/2010 at Maine Central Institute by qualified caterer Jeff's Catering & Banquet Center.

Moved by **Councilor Stackhouse** and seconded by **Councilor Chale** that Resolution 10-23 be adopted.

The Town Manager noted the State law requires the Town to sign off on State applications for catered functions by qualified catering organizations. Jeff's Catering is a qualified cater.

VOTE: UNANIMOUS AYE

RESOLUTION 10-24: Resolved that the Town Council sign the Application for Catered Function by Qualified Catering Organization for a reunion reception to be held 8/6/2010 and 8/7/2010 at Maine Central Institute by qualified caterer Jeff's Catering & Banquet Center.

Moved by **Councilor Stackhouse** and seconded by **Councilor Chale** that Resolution 10-24 be adopted.

VOTE: UNANIMOUS AYE

7. **DISCUSSION ITEMS:**

Updates:

Water Projects:

Federal Stimulus Funding for Back-up Water Pump:

The Town has funding left in the loan due to the very competitive pricing we received and the engineers are reviewing some items that Scott has brought to their attention. If they feel those items can be done with the loan funding, we will bring them in for approval. This is the first time that funding has been available for the Water Treatment Plant so if there are other important projects there, they should be completed. It is not likely that the Town will receive a 0% loan with over \$30,000 in forgiveness again.

Water Meter Replacement and Automated Meter Reading (AMR System):

Scott has been installing the larger meters on two routes to replace the older non-AMR system meters.

Sewer Projects:

Sludge Removal Project and Financing/ Sewer System Projects and Financing: The Town has applied for several mechanisms for funding and is working our way through this process. A large opportunity has developed from one of those applications and remains under review. The Town's treatment system over the last 30 years has built a huge deferred maintenance cost, which we are now grappling with that needs to be resolved. Meantime, the Town's sewer system is ancient with little infrastructure improvement over

the last several decades. There is significant infiltration that has been affecting the treatment system.

We have been asked to get information together for the federal government so that a determination can be made on the size of the grant that would be obtainable. As reported at the last meeting, if this option was chosen, a rate increase is not required by the federal government until we sign the final paperwork which may be a number of months to 1 year. In our case, it will be awhile. We would obtain the interim financing that is paid off by the federal government. When we obtain the funds from the federal government, we then would have debt service payments. By the time that the debt service payments come up, the Town has to have enough funds to pay them. This is one option that I will continue to work on.

To show the history of the rates for the Sewer Enterprise Fund since 1976 when the Treatment Plant was constructed, I have researched and prepared a handout reflecting the Town's sewer rate history. The history reflects that since 1976 the Town has had only one sewer rate increase in 1989, a minor one of .10 per 1,000 gallons until 2006, a period of 30 years. As the Town chose not to put funding away for capital repairs over the 30-year period, it has unfortunately led to the situation that we have today with the issue of the Lagoon System and the Sewer Mains. The handout was reviewed.

Water/Sewer Project Possibilities:

Income Survey for State and Federal Funding Opportunities:

We have initiated calling to those who did not respond to the income survey and have had very good results so we will continue working on this project to completion.

Grants Update:

New Grants:

Airport Grants: Apron Reconstruction Grant: The close-out documents have been filed with the FAA and MDOT for final payment as well as all of the plans and required documents. We still need the MDOT and FAA for a close-out meeting in the future.

Brownfields Grant: Clean-up Grant for Eelwier (now know as 8 Mount Road):

Today we were requested to compile photos of the project by the EPA and commended on having a successful project. Evidentially our site is part of a power point for the upcoming Brownsfield Convention. I just received the close-out package from EPA so this needs to be completed and to EPA before the end of the month or we will have to file another round of reports.

Economic Development Administration Grant: Pittsfield Industrial Park

Expansion: On the agenda this evening. Lots more reports for the Town to file. If the bids are satisfactory and we can actually go forward with the project, KVCOG will start filing reports.

Jobs for Maine's Graduates (JMG) School Grant through Town/Region: School Grant through Town/Region: Some applications for funding were applied for through the JOY program which provides a grant of up to \$1,000 dollars for a program that benefits the youth of the Town. Many on-going projects greatly benefit the youth, so they have a lot to choose from.

PUC Energy Efficiency: Block Grant to Towns: The PUC has issued its list of projects which includes the Town of Pittsfield's Energy Efficiencies for the Municipal Building including an energy efficient boiler for part of the Town Office; solar thermal panels for the roof; show volunteers how to weatherize the Town Office better & review the Town Ordinances to encourage alternative energy sources. The PUC received a lot of the Custom Applications. Our project was approved for the requested amount of \$84,025.

Riverfront Community Development Grant: Need to develop bid specs for the paving of the parking lot and skate rink area.

Other Grant Opportunities:

Airport Grants: Stormwater, Security and FAA Review: On the agenda this evening. The grant request has been submitted.

Jump Start our Youth (JMG): Some applications for funding were applied for through the JOY program which provides a grant of up to \$1,000 dollars for a program that benefits the youth of the Town. Many on-going projects greatly benefit the youth, so they have a lot to choose from.

L&W Conservation – Hathorn Park: U.S. Senators Collins and Snowe announced the Town's award of \$25,000 from the Land & Water Conservation Fund for the renovation of Hathorn's Park so the agreement and paperwork will arrive from the Department of Conservation in 1-2 months.

Railroad Depot Grant: The Depot has some significant issues, some of which we have had to work on quickly on the weekend and those have been resolved. For the first time, we have located a grant for \$5,000 with a match for \$5,000 and it is under exploration.

8. **REPORTS:** Audience, Council

Audience:

Donnie Hallenbeck: Wanted to note that from what he understands about the train depot, the only thing that was ever done below the building was to put a beam underneath. This is why we are now seeing foundation issues. We now have to play catch up, which is expensive. Also wanted to acknowledge the death of Earl Dean. He was a true friend to the community and he will be missed.

Council:

Councilor Baker: Wanted to give her condolences to the Nichols family and the Dean family. Noted the expansion at Bud's is really great. Its nice to see them get larger and stay right here in Town. Also, wanted to thank The Welcome Table for what they do for the community. Wanted to thank Gary Jordan for all the work you put into the Pinnacle.

Councilor Carr: Wanted to send his condolences to Tim Nichols and his family. Wanted to thank Steve Emery and Donnie Chute for their presentations. It is important to see the Town employees in the meetings every one in a while to keep the Council updated. I would like to see some of the other Department heads here to update us in the future.

Councilor Chale: Wanted to give her condolences to Tim Nichols and his family and to Earl Dean's family. Wanted to thank the Town Employees for their presentations tonight.

Deputy Mayor Jordan: Wanted to give his condolences to Earl Dean and Tim Nichols families. My thoughts are with them. Just wanted to comment on the Pinnacle. We haven't had a lot of snow. We had one set of lessons, and then the rain came. We did take memberships in, which help us keep the power on and the building open. We are trying to incorporate activities all year long at the Pinnacle. We are going to start to look at the possibility of snow fans for future years.

Councilor Curtis: Absent.

Councilor Stackhouse: My condolences to Tim Nichols and his family on the loss of his mother. Wanted to note it was nice to see Donnie Hallenbeck in the audience again.

Mayor Nichols: Absent.

9. **ADJOURNMENT:**

Motion by **Councilor Stackhouse** and seconded by **Councilor Carr** that the meeting be adjourned at 9:09 p.m. All in agreement.

Nicole Nickolan, Town Clerk