

MINUTES

For a regular meeting of the Pittsfield Town Council held on Tuesday, May 3, 2011 at 7:30 pm in the Council Chambers.

PRESENT: COUNCILORS: Mayor Tim Nichols, Deputy Mayor Gary Jordan, Jr., William Bradshaw, Christopher Carr and Louise Baker. **ABSENT:** Bob Stackhouse and Caleb Curtis. Also present: Town Manager Kathryn Ruth. Audience members included: Scott Preston, Vaughan Thibodeau, Chris Horn, Kathleen Phelan and Dean Billings.

1. **Mayor Nichols** opened the meeting by leading the **Pledge of Allegiance**. The Council observed a moment of silence.
2. Adoption of minutes of the regular meeting held on April 19, 2011

Moved by **Deputy Mayor Jordan** and seconded by **Councilor Carr** that the minutes of the regular meeting held on April 19, 2011 be adopted.

VOTE: UNANIMOUS AYE

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

Community and Economic Development Activities and Events:

Vittles, New Downtown Restaurant: Mayor Timothy Nichols welcomed Kathleen Phelan of Vittles to Town and presented Mrs. Phelan with a certificate of welcome. Mrs. Phelan explained how she and her husband always wanted to operate a restaurant. Her son Rick is a professional chef. They are training a second chef. Vittles will serve American cuisine. They have hired 7 employees. Many of the people they interviewed had not worked for up to 2 years so it was rewarding to be able to offer jobs to people. She has 3 kitchen staff and 4 wait staff. Once they open, she believes they *will* need more staff. Everyone has offered to work more in the beginning until additional staff is hired. All food will be freshly made. Vittles will be closed *Mondays*. They will serve breakfast and lunch 6 days a week and dinner on Fridays. The Councilors thanked Mrs. Phelan for coming to town and wished her good luck with Vittles.

1. Regional Job Fair scheduled for the Pittsfield Area on May 19, 2011 from 3:30 pm – 6:30 pm at the Warsaw Middle School, 167 School Street – Businesses and Organizations can now register for the event. See Town Website. We have 19 businesses with over 100 jobs being offered already signed up.

The following firms will be represented at the Job Fair:

US Border Patrol
US Customs and Border Protection

The following Resource Providers will be present:
Adult Education Representatives

Allies, Inc.
Career Center
Finance Authority of Maine
Kennebec Valley Community Action Program
KVCC
Husson University
Maine Job Corps
Women, Work, and Community
WorkReady

Free Training Sessions:
Introduction to WorkReady
Financial Literacy
Business Start Up Resources
Women Unlimited
Maximizing Social Media in Your Job Search

2. Employment Workshop scheduled for Wednesday, May 11, 2011 from 11:00 am – 1:00 pm at the Pittsfield Public Library with an Employment Specialist: To assist people to get ready for the Job Fair – Dress for success, bring your resume, and be ready to market your skills.

3. Employment Specialist Available in Pittsfield:
Looking for employment and not sure how to go about it? Interested in job training or improving your work skills? Want to learn to use the internet to apply for jobs?

As of January 2011, an Employment Support Specialist from the Kennebec Valley Community Action Program is available at the Pittsfield Public Library from 11:00 AM – 1:00 PM every 2nd and 4th Wednesday of the month.

The Employment Support Specialist will work with you by providing guidance and support and connecting you with the resources you need to be successful in your employment goals. You can get help with:

- searching on the internet for jobs
- creating a resume
- connecting to training or education opportunities
- how to apply for jobs on-line
- creating an email account

and many other activities that will assist you in meeting your career goals.
Have questions? Feel free to call 1-800-542-8227 ext. 2533 or 859-2533

4. **PUBLIC HEARINGS/OLD BUSINESS:**

ORDINANCE 11-05: (Public Hearing) The Town Council of Pittsfield hereby ordains the borrowing of up to \$123,000 for the 2011 Paving Program and in order to raise said amount, general obligations bonds and/or notes shall be issued in a total aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$123,000 and the Treasurer and the Mayor shall determine the date, maturities, denominations, interest rate or rates, place of payment, paying agent and registrar, form and other details of the Bonds, including

the signing and delivery of said Bonds on behalf of the Town. The Bonds shall be executed in the name of the Town by its Treasurer, and countersigned by the Mayor, and be in such form and contain such terms and provisions, not inconsistent herewith, as the Treasurer and Mayor may approve, their approval to be conclusively evidenced by their execution thereof. The Treasurer and Mayor are hereby authorized to provide on behalf of the Town that any of the Bonds may be made redeemable or callable, with or without premium, prior to maturity. The Treasurer, Chair and other proper officials of the Town be, and hereby are authorized in its name and on its behalf to do or cause to be done all such other acts and things as may be necessary or desirable in order to effect the issuance, sale and delivery of the Bonds hereinabove authorized, including any certificates, and other documents as may be necessary or appropriate in connection with the sale of the Bonds.

No one wished to speak in favor or against Ordinance 11-05. Public Hearing closed.

Moved by **Deputy Mayor Jordan** and seconded by **Councilor Bradshaw** that Resolution 11-05 be adopted.

The Town Manager noted as discussed during the 2011 budget process in late 2010 and at the last Council Meeting, paving of multiple areas in town is needed. The only way to be able to pave enough roads at a time to make a difference was to increase the amount allocated for the paving capital appropriation and to have the work paid for through a loan issued in 2011. This will need to be an issuance through a local financial institution due to its size.

The first step in the process is to schedule the proposed ordinance to public hearing.

Timetable to Obtain Paving Loan

04/19/2011	Set to Public Hearing
05/03/2011	Public Hearing and RFP Approved to go out to bid
05/17/2011	Accept Bid for Bank Loan
06/03/2011	Ordinance Final
06/17/2011	Finalize loan paperwork
06/21/2011	Accept Bid for Paving

Paving Bids good for 90 days from 04/26/2011 or until 07/26/2011. We may be able to speed up the last steps to save two weeks.

The paving bids came with excellent pricing. The low bidder was Vaughn D. Thibeau II of Bangor at \$138,531.60. The high bidder was K J Dugas Construction from Surry at \$180,975.00. There were 8 bidders, which were more bidders than we have seen for many years.

VOTE: UNANIMOUS AYE

ORDINANCE 11-06: (Public Hearing) The Town of Pittsfield hereby Ordains an amendment to the Pittsfield Town Code, Chapter 16, Shoreland Zoning Ordinance, 4. Effective Date by adopting the Maps dated February 11, 2011.

No one wished to speak in favor or against Ordinance 11-06. Public Hearing closed.

Moved by **Deputy Mayor Jordan** and seconded by **Councilor Baker** that Resolution 11-06 be adopted.

The Town Manager noted as reported last year, it was discovered that the Town of Pittsfield Zoning Maps adopted for the Shoreland Zoning changes in 2009 were not correct. Therefore, the maps have been proofed by the Building Inspector in their entirety for shoreland zoning revisions. This Ordinance amendment will replace the April 2009 maps with the February 2011 maps.

The intent of this revision is to correct the maps, changing the shoreland zoning that was inadvertently changed during the Shoreland Zoning Ordinance overhaul conducted back in 2009 back to its original zoning. There are no actual zoning changes being recommended to anyone's property. This will simply correct the record. The Planning Board recommended this amendment at their regularly scheduled meeting on April 11, 2011.

A copy of the revisions needed to change the zoning back to its original zone were included in your package. The shoreland zoning maps are posted on the wall.

VOTE: UNANIMOUS AYE

5. **REPORTS: TOWN MANAGER, FINANCE, ORDINANCE & RECYCLING COMMITTEES:**

Town Manager's Report: Town Council Meeting of 05/03/2011:

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

2. Pothole Patrol: The Public Works Department is on a daily pothole patching detail due to the hard winter and spring weather. If anyone does come across a pothole on the town roads, please feel free to report it to the PW Department at 487-6942. People have been coming in about the State roads and the Town has been filing all the reports from citizens as well as those areas that we have seen. MDOT has been in Town several times now patching the potholes uncovering. Basically, a road can be patched and then generally 3 or more days after that, there is a new pothole down from where the road is patched.

3. Sludge Removal Project: The sludge hauling will start as soon as the facility is dried out. As we are drawing very close to hauling out the sludge - it means that the Town will be closing on the final loan in the near future and that means that a sewer rate increase will go into effect on July 1, 2011. Over the last 30 years, the Town made the choice to not put away funds for this project that is needed so that the Lagoon System can continue to function appropriately and not be clogged up. Therefore, the Town did not have a pay as you go philosophy so the only way to pay for the project is with our future bills. The

bills will have a notice on them so that people will have several months to prepare for the rate increase. Citizens are able to make payments during the quarter and not wait for the bill if this is an easier way for people to pay. Effective July 1, 2011, the sewer rate will be \$7.25/1,000 gallons. Many people are aware of this due to the extensive newspaper coverage of the sludge removal project planning.

4. Sewer Rehabilitation Project: The Bids for the RFP for the Sewer Rehabilitation Projects will be accepted until May 6, 2011 at 2:00 pm. For more information, contact Olver Associates in Winterport, Maine. The exact areas that will be going out to bid are those areas, which showed large infiltration problems. The areas are as follows:

Livingston – Approximately 1250 LF which is about the entire length of the road from Detroit Street to North Main Street.

Cianchette Street – Approximately 900 LF from the intersection of Cianchette Street and Franklin Street to Chester Street.

Chester Street – Approximately 350 LF from the intersection of Chester Street and Cianchette Street to the corner of Chester Street that heads to Peltoma Avenue.

Nichols Street – Approximately 1600 LF from the cross-country manhole in Manson Park to Main Street.

The Town was fortunate to receive a grant for \$1.5 million dollars of sewer rehabilitation work, which was put together in a package for the Town when we received the \$1.9 million dollar loan for the required sludge removal work at the Treatment Plant.

5. Town of Pittsfield 2011 Board/Committee Openings: Positions expire every year on the Town's many boards and committees. The Town has over 20 boards and committees. Positions remaining available are the following: 1 Opening on the Board of Appeals; 2 openings of the Board of Assessment Review; 1 Opening on the Board of Ethics; 1 Opening on the Economic Development Team; 1 Opening on the Housing Rehabilitation Revolving Loan Committee; and 1 Opening for an Alternate member of the Planning Board.

6. National Take Back Initiative: The Town worked with Healthy SV and the Drug Enforcement Agency on a National Prescription Drug Take Back Day on Saturday, April 30, 2011 from 10:00 am – 2:00 pm. Healthy SV purchased the metal locked container for the prescription drugs to be dropped into from their funding for the Town. The event went really well. A large amount of unneeded prescriptions were dropped off. 92.9 WEZQ broadcast live for two hours, which brought in people. Sgt. Roussin and Patrol Officer Cote were present at the event for the entire time. The Drop off Container is available in the lobby of the Town Office for citizens to drop off unwanted prescriptions during regular business hours of 8 am – 5 pm excluding holidays.

7. Pittsfield Earth Day 2011 Backyard Compost Bin Sale: Read Announcement. We are still accepting orders.

8. Trash To Treasure Re-Use Center: The new Trash to Treasure Re-Use Center is open on Saturdays from 10:00 am – 4:00 pm. A Grand Opening Ceremony will be held on Saturday, May 06, 2011 at 10:00 am. The Re-Use Center is in the former Veterans of Foreign Wars Building opposite the Transfer Station and Recycling Center. The facility will be open on Saturdays from 10:00 am – 4:00 pm effective April 16, 2011. The following materials will be accepted: Read Notice.

9. Jill McGowan Designer Clothing Sale to benefit Library: READ Notice.

10. Annual Pittsfield Garden Club Plant Sale: READ Notice.

11. Hooked on Fishing Outside Recreational Opportunity for Youth: READ Notice.

12. Zoning Ordinance Amendment Requested: A group of citizens has requested that the Zoning Ordinance be amended to include the ability to raise female chickens in the residential areas of Town. The request was on the Planning Board’s agenda for their 04/11/2011 meeting. The Planning Board tabled that request and asked for several additional pieces of information. The Planning Board will review the request again at their May 09, 2011 meeting. After the request is reviewed by the Planning Board, it will go to the Ordinance Committee & Town Council for review and/or consideration.

13. Central Maine Power Company Installing New Meters: CMP has sent a letter to advise that the company will be beginning work in our area shortly for the installation of new meters. CMP has contracted with VSI Meter Services to install the “Smart Meters”. CMP along with Bernstein Shur Government Solutions has offered to be placed on a public meeting agenda to discuss the Smart Meter Project. If the Town Council would like this meeting arranged, please let me know.

14. LD 79 – Proposal to cut Municipal Excise Tax: The newest proposal to cut municipal revenues is LD 79, to cut 5% of the Town’s excise tax. This bill would reduce municipal revenues by \$10 million dollars statewide, being added to the \$42 million loss in Revenue Sharing for next year proposed by the Governor and Legislature. This is the latest in a line of bills looking to cut municipal revenues passes. If it passes, the Town would lose approximately \$25,905. Please note that this would be in addition to the State Revenue Sharing that the Town will lose in the next fiscal year. In 2010, the Town lost \$40,419 in SRS from 2009. In 2009 the Town lost \$167,230 in SRS from the prior year.

Finance Committee: No Report.

Ordinance Committee: No Report.

Recycling Committee: No Report.

6. **NEW BUSINESS:**

RESOLUTION 11-50: Resolved that the Town Council authorize the Town Manager to execute paperwork for the purchase of the 2007 Ford F-650 from Brindle Mountain Fire Apparatus, LLC in an amount to not exceed \$116,500 delivered to serve as the new Fire Department Utility Truck Unit 6; further to authorize the expenditure and transfer of up to \$116,500 from G/L #1-633-00 PITT38

Fire Department Utility and G/L #1-610-00 PITT03 Fire Department Reserve by first utilizing all funds in G/L #1-633-00 PITT38 and the remainder needed from G/L #1-610-00 PITT03; and further to close G/L #1-633-00 PITT38 as its purpose is declared completed.

Moved by **Councilor Bradshaw** and seconded by **Councilor Carr** that Resolution 11-50 be adopted.

The Town Manager noted the Town Council received a package of materials from the Fire Department with background materials on the proposed purchase. Deputy Fire Chief Dean Billings is here this evening to discuss the proposal and answer any questions that Councilors would have on the purchase.

G#1-633-00	Fire Department Utility Vehicle	\$ 36,832.38
G #1-610-00	Fire Department Equipment Fund	<u>\$ 95,980.43</u>
		\$132,812.81
2011 Capital Budget Allocation		<u>\$ 15,000.00</u>
	Total:	\$147,812.81

The Deputy Chief advised that the price included delivery.

Deputy Mayor Gary R. Jordan, Jr. asked if the current Fire Utility vehicle would be serviceable due to maintenance issues. Deputy Chief Dean Billings explained that the current Utility vehicle was overloaded which was going to lead to maintenance issues unless the situation was addressed. Town Manager Kathryn Ruth noted that the first meeting with the Fire Department was confusing. The Fire Department has verified that there are no maintenance issues with the current Utility Truck, simply that it was overloaded now which needs to be addressed prior to causing maintenance issues.

VOTE: UNANIMOUS AYE

RESOLUTION 11-51: Resolved that the Town Council approve the bid specifications for the Waverly Street Water Main Replacement Project, DWSRF #2010-20 and authorize the Town Manager and Assistant Water/Sewer Superintendent to seek bids for the same once approved by the State of Maine Drinking Water Program and the State of Maine Department of Environmental Protection (DEP), incorporating all agency amendments.

Moved by **Deputy Mayor Jordan** and seconded by **Councilor Baker** that Resolution 11-51 be adopted.

The Town Manager noted Olver Associates has been working on this project since approved to begin engineering on 04/20/2010. The Town was fortunate to be chosen by the Drinking Water Program for one of the projects on the Primary Project list. Our application was filed on 10/13/2009 with the Drinking Water Program for funding.

Currently, the water system is shut off at the Waverly Avenue bridge as the line has broken numerous times. Due to the location of the line, the MDOT has instructed the Town not to remove any of the bridge footing to make a solid repair. At the current time, a continuous loop, which provides for pressure and water quality, is not in place. The area has frozen several times. More flushing of the line must take place.

This project replaces the currently shutoff waterline along Waverly Avenue and re-establishes the loop between Madawaska Road and Hartland Avenue. The proposed project would relocate the existing line from its present cross-country location and will re-route the line to beneath the Sebasticook River.

The Town has completed the paperwork required for the Town's \$508,500 loan from the DWSRF program. The Town has received \$25,425 in loan forgiveness for this borrowing so the amount to be repaid is \$483,075. The term of the loan is 20 years and the interest rate is 1.0%.

VOTE: UNANIMOUS AYE

RESOLUTION 11-52: Resolved that the Town Council approve the Request for Proposals for Borrowing for the financing of the 2011 Paving Program in an amount to not exceed \$123,000 and authorize the Town Manager and Deputy Treasurer to seek bids.

Moved by **Councilor Bradshaw** and seconded by **Deputy Mayor Jordan** that Resolution 11-52 be adopted.

The Town Manager noted as discussed earlier this evening, paving of multiple areas in town is needed. The only way to be able to pave enough roads at a time to make a difference was to increase the amount allocated for the paving capital appropriation and to have the work paid for through a loan issued in 2011. This will need to be an issuance through a local financial institution due to its size.

The Town Councilors received a copy of the RFP for the borrowing to go out to bid. The RFP will be distributed to the local financial institutions we have on file and a legal ad placed in the newspaper as soon as possible.

VOTE: UNANIMOUS AYE

RESOLUTION 11-53: Resolved that the Town Council accept the proposal of Wellman Paving Inc. of Hampden, Maine for the Stinson Street Repair and Paving Project in an amount to not exceed \$ 8,752.94 and authorize the Town Manager to execute a contract for same, with Area 1 (repair of the damage from the water main break) paid for by the Water Enterprise Fund and Area 2 (the extensive deterioration due to high traffic) paid for by the Highway Department through its regular budget.

Moved by **Councilor Bradshaw** and seconded by **Deputy Mayor Jordan** that Resolution 11-53 be adopted.

The low bidder is Wellman Paving Inc. of Hampden, Maine at \$8,752.94.

The PW Foreman has checked out the company and is comfortable with proceeding forward with an award. The Highway's portion of the project can be taken from their regular budget.

Scott Preston from Wellman Paving and Vaughan Thibodeau spoke to the Town Council about how Wellman will be doing the lay down work for Vaughan Thibodeau II on the Highway Paving. After discussing the work on Stinson Avenue with the Town Councilors and Town Manager, it was the consensus that the excavation and binder would need to be put down prior to June 30 and as soon as possible due to the condition of the roadway. The surface coat can be completed at the same time that the Town's paving is completed so that there will not be a joint.

VOTE: UNANIMOUS AYE

RESOLUTION 11-54: Resolved that the Town Council accept the proposal of Bard Paving Construction Corp. of Fairfield, Maine for the 2011 Asphalt Concrete Paving – Pinnacle Recreation Plan – Parking Lot for the Community Development Block Grant Riverfront Bond Project in an amount to not exceed \$ 15,547.94, and authorize the Town Manager to execute a contract for same upon approval of the Maine Department of Economic and Community Development.

Moved by **Councilor Bradshaw** and seconded by **Deputy Mayor Jordan** that Resolution 11-54 be adopted.

The Town Manager noted Bids were due on Friday, 04/29/2011 and a copy of the bid results is available before you this evening.

The low bidder is K.J. Dugas Construction of Surry, Maine at \$15,300.00, who withdrew his bid today indicating he made a mathematical error.

The next low bidder is Bard Paving Construction, Inc. of Fairfield at \$15,547.94. Bard has indicated the company will accept the job. This means that the entire project can go forward. The Town has received approval from the Department of Economic and Community Development to proceed forward. The Public Works Foreman has checked out the company and is comfortable in proceeding forward with an award.

VOTE: UNANIMOUS AYE

RESOLUTION 11-55: Resolved that the Town Council accept the proposal of Bard Paving Construction Corp. of Fairfield, Maine for the 2011 Asphalt Paving – Hathorn Park Revitalization: Legge's Field & Sports Area, Phase I – Project #23-00823 for the Land & Water Conservation Fund Grant in an amount to not exceed \$ 7,614.00, and authorize the Town Manager to execute a contract for same, upon approval of the Department of Conservation.

Moved by **Councilor Bradshaw** and seconded by **Deputy Mayor Jordan** that Resolution 11-55 be adopted.

The Town Manager noted Bids for this project were due on Friday, 04/29/2011 and a copy of the bid results is available before you this evening.

The low bidder is Bard Paving of Fairfield in the amount of \$7,614.00. The Town has received approval from the Department of Conservation in proceeding forward with the project. The Public Works Foreman has checked out the company and is comfortable in proceeding forward with an award.

VOTE: UNANIMOUS AYE

RESOLUTION 11-56: Resolved that the Town Council Approve the issuance of a parade permit to Burns W. Knowlton - Post 32 for a Memorial Day Parade on May 30, 2011 and waive the permit fees.

Moved by **Deputy Mayor Jordan** and seconded by **Councilor Carr** that Resolution 11-56 be adopted.

The Town Manager noted this is an important yearly event. All is in order. The fees are always waived as it is a public service.

VOTE: UNANIMOUS AYE

RESOLUTION 11-57: Resolved that the Town Council authorize a transfer of expenditures from the Floral Trust Accounts to C. Jones Floral in the amount of \$2,000.00.

Moved by **Deputy Mayor Jordan** and seconded by **Councilor Baker** that Resolution 11-57 be adopted.

VOTE: UNANIMOUS AYE

RESOLUTION 11-58: Resolved that the Town Council Approve the issuance of a parade permit to the Make-A-Wish Foundation for a fundraising walk on May 19, 2011 from 5 – 7:30 pm and waive the permit fees.

Moved by **Deputy Mayor Jordan** and seconded by **Councilor Carr** that Resolution 11-58 be adopted.

The Town Manager noted this is an important yearly event. All is in order. The fees are always waived as it is a public service.

VOTE: UNANIMOUS AYE

RESOLUTION 11-59: Resolved that the Town Council set the Town Council Meeting Schedule for Summer 2011.

Moved by **Councilor Bradshaw** and seconded by **Councilor Carr** that Resolution 11-59 be adopted.

The Town Manager noted the Proposed Summer Meeting Schedule would be for One (1) meeting during each of the months of July and August 2010.

Proposed July Meeting: Tuesday, July 12, 2011

Cancels the 1st meeting in July which falls on July 5, 2011 which is traditionally a vacation week for many people.

Cancels the 2nd meeting in July which falls during Egg Festival week on July 19, 2011 when activities are taking place.

Proposed August Meeting: August 16, 2011

Cancels the 1st meeting in August which falls on August 2, 2011)

There is the possibility given the magnitude of the cost and number of projects scheduled for this Summer that Special Meeting/s may be required. Many millions of dollars will be spent this year in Pittsfield on long overdue capital infrastructure, therefore, the potential of time-sensitive items that need to be resolved is higher than usual.

VOTE: UNANIMOUS AYE

7. **DISCUSSION ITEMS:**

Updates:

1. Transfer Station Post-Closure Groundwater Monitoring:

The Town's groundwater monitoring from the closed landfill was quarterly for many years. For the last several years, we test annually. Of the 25 concentrations or items the groundwater is tested for, 24 were within the State of Maine Maximum Exposure Guidelines. Manganese was just over the Maximum Exposure, so in the next testing cycle, that will be watched closely to determine what is up. The higher than average reading is in 1 of the 3 wells.

2. LD 1121 – Senior Tax Deferral Program:

Review the components of the new Tax deferral program for seniors, which goes into affect in 2011. This is the first year that the law could be used. MMA recommends against adoption of the Senior Tax Deferral Program as the law is vague and problematic. On the other hand, seniors need financial help throughout Town. This could be provided to the Ordinance Committee to review if it should be adopted and how we would pay for it. It is an unfunded program. The Town Councilors indicated that this would result in a lot of unpaid taxes to cover as well as a burden for those who inherit or buy the property, as they have to pay the interest. Councilor Baker stated the program would not help her as a senior.

3. Highway Projects:

Out straight with regular duties – pothole filling; sweeping; mowing; maintenance issues; cross walk stripping; Assignments; Summer Highway Work list; and shortly as soon as we can dig: Culvert replacements on Industrial Park Street in anticipation of grant work Pinnacle parking lot rough graded and any additional gravel hauled in with anticipation of paving. Basketball court excavated, gravel placed, hoops placed properly and all other

work in anticipation of paving. The grant projects all need to be completed by 06/30/2011.

Councilor Bradshaw indicated that the Public Works crew does not need to haul in any more gravel at the Pinnacle. The machinery that Bard will have will fine grade it as is. The parking lot is in really good condition. This will cut down on the Public Works Department's list of work to do.

4. MDOT Route #2 Highway Rehabilitation Project:

Route # 2 will be rehabilitated this summer. The project begins about ¼ mile east of the Canaan/Pittsfield Town line on Route #2 and extends easterly 3.45 miles to the Phillips Corner Road. The entire travel way will be milled up and repaved, as well as any areas where the shoulders are bad. There will be touch up ditching and minor tree removal as this work was done before. The schedule runs from 05/02/2011 to 07/09/2011. On the estimated project schedule, the actual paving is from Monday, 06/13/2011 to Wednesday, 06/22/2011.

5. Pittsfield Theatre Fundraising:

The Theatre Fundraising Group has been working hard to raise funds for the Theatre Fundraising Campaign of \$700,000. Through the Town's appropriation to stabilize the building roof of over \$99,000 and the multiple events hosted by the group, many donations and several mini-grants the group has raised \$39,232.71. The Buy Local event is included which now has raised \$4,050.00. In total, with the Town's contribution toward the building, we have \$138,232.71 committed to the Theatre Renovation and Revitalization campaign, which includes over \$39,000 in cash. It would be nice to have the group come in to one of our next meetings to discuss some of their current projects including the Greater Pittsfield Area Kiwanis Club Challenge to the Club. Deana Hall is the group's leader and Justin Judd is their PR spokesperson.

6. Economic Development Projects - Trucks on Town Roads:

The Town Manager indicated that Cianbro has asked how the company could use a section of the Pooler Road year round as part of their business development off Route #2 and Pooler Road. Cianbro has purchased several lots and is planning a project. Cianbro has offered to re-build the affected section of the Pooler Road. The Town Manager contacted the Town Attorney regarding this proposal. It would be good to have a set procedure for economic development projects with truck traffic to address them so that the roads are protected yet the company can expand or develop a project that is good for the town in terms of development. The Town Attorney has noted that under the Town's Traffic Ordinance, the Town does not have to post every road. If a road were re-built, then the road would be in good condition and need less protection than the typical town road. The Town Attorney advised that the Town Council could authorize Cianbro to rebuild Pooler Road by a temporary license to act as the Town's agent. The Town has road standards. The Town, due to the enhanced condition of the roadway, would no longer need to post it. The Town Councilors discussed the merit of this recommendation and found that it would certainly be in the best interest of the Town to have a section of this road rebuilt and then as it was in excellent condition, it would no longer need to be posted for seasonal weight limits. It was the consensus of the Councilors present that this was an excellent concept and could be utilized in other parts of town as part of the

community's economic development program. This project will come before the Town Council at a later date for action.

8. **REPORTS:** Audience, Council

Audience: None

Council:

Councilor Baker: Concerned on how the Town is so tight with money. The Councilors should be paid better. The Town does not pay enough of a stipend for people to run for Councilor. Palmyra pays \$1,500.00 per year while Pittsfield pays \$300.00 per year.

Councilor Carr: In his opinion the pay for Councilors is not why people run for Council and not his reason for serving. Wanted to thank the contractors for attending the meeting. The prices were competitive.

Councilor Bradshaw: Very pleased that the Council considered Wellman's proposal to pave the surface coat on Stinson when the paving for Town roads is completed. If you work with the contractors, they will give you more in the job and the quality will be great.

Deputy Mayor Jordan: None.

Councilor Curtis: Absent.

Councilor Stackhouse: Absent.

Mayor Nichols: The Council can look at Councilor pay during the next Budget. The Re-use Building Grand Opening is on Saturday, May 7. Wanted to thank Kathryn and the Town employees. They have a lot on their plate now, however all of these additional projects will help the Town.

9. **ADJOURNMENT:**

Motion by Councilor Bradshaw and seconded by Councilor Carr that the meeting be adjourned at 8:16 p.m. All in agreement.

Nicole Nickolan, Town Clerk