

MINUTES

For a regular meeting of the Pittsfield Town Council held on Tuesday, June 1, 2010 at 7:30 pm in the Council Chambers.

PRESENT: COUNCILORS: Mayor Tim Nichols, Bob Stackhouse, Caleb Curtis, Deputy Mayor Gary Jordan, Jr., Donna Chale, Christopher Carr, Louise Baker. **ABSENT:** None. Also present: Town Manager Kathryn Ruth and Town Clerk Nicole Nickolan. Audience members included: Chris Cousins, Mike Danforth and others.

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 May 18, 2010.

Moved by **Councilor Stackhouse** and seconded by **Councilor Chale** that the minutes of the regular meeting held on May 18, 2010 be adopted.

VOTE: UNANIMOUS AYE

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

Community and Economic Development Activities and Events:

Report on Meetings & Events:

Kennebec-Somerset Regional Job Fair in Pittsfield scheduled for Wednesday, 05/26/2010 from 3:30 pm – 7:00 pm at the Warsaw Middle School Gym was a success. It was a hot day in the Gym. There was a great list of businesses, staffing agencies and resource providers signed up. We had 302 people come through visiting the tables, looking for positions and picking up valuable information. People picked up applications and took them home or filled them out that day, people left with interviews and some had jobs pending reference and employer checks. In all, a very successful event with the employers and staffing agencies saying they would be back next year and many people who were leaving thanked us for having the event.

Upcoming Events:

2010 Egg Festival: The next meeting of the Egg Festival Committee will be Monday, June 14, 2010 at 5:30 pm in the Council Conference Room. Parade Registration forms, Craft Tent Registration Forms and Quiche/Cheesecake and Pie Contest Forms are available at the Town Office to pick up or on the Egg Festival website. Please go to www.pittsfield.org scroll down on the left side to Egg Festival, then once in that tab, click on the Egg Festival website. Deb Billings, President of the Egg Festival Committee is the contact person at 207-680-0646 for general information. The Egg Festival is July 20 – July 24, 2010.

The Town Office is organizing the Annual Quiche, Cheesecake & Pie Contest for this

year's Egg Festival. The event is Friday, July 23, 2010 at the Elks Lodge at 140 Middle Street.

Entries are due by 10:30 am

Judging 11:00 am – 12:00 noon

Immediately following the judging, the public is invited to sample this year's fair for \$3.00/slice for quiche, cheesecake, pie & beverage or buy individual samples/plates to be available at the Elks Lodge until 1:00 pm. The entries will then be available at the Town Office for purchase Friday afternoon 1:00 pm – 5:00 pm.

We would like to thank our sponsors – C. Jones Floral, Sawyer's Dairy Bar, Anglers Restaurant, Pizza Hut, Oz Salon, Jazz Salon, Salon Red, Summer Glaze, Pittsfield Redemption Center, Subway, Big Bills and Pittsfield Community Theatre. Emmalee is doing such a great job organizing this event.

Certificates: We had over 20 certificates of thanks, which were read off at our last meeting, so there are none tonight.

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

Town Manager's Report: Town Council Meeting of 05/18/2010:

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. Summer Recreation Program: Notice Read

3. State Primary, State Referendum and MSAD #53 School Budget Referendum: The polls will be open at the Pittsfield Municipal Building Council Chambers from 9:00 am to 8:00 pm on Tuesday, June 08, 2010.

4. Safety Meeting: The next Department Head Meeting will take place on Thursday, June 10, 2010 from at 10:00 am. Read Topics on agenda.

5. Water/Sewer Services: With over 60 miles of water and sewer pipes and approximately 700 gate boxes, 1400 service boxes, 500 manholes and 10 sewer cleanouts, the Water and Sewer Department can be kept quite busy. If anyone notices a manhole or box sunken or heaved in the roadway, please call Assistant Water/Sewer Superintendent Scott Noble at the Water/Sewer Garage at 487-5203 listing the road and approximate location. With literally hundreds of these items in the roadway and the difficult winters we are having now, a few of them are going to shift out of place.

6. 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.

Finance Committee: None

Ordinance Committee: None

Recycling Committee: None

6. **NEW BUSINESS:**

RESOLUTION 10-61: Resolved that the Town Council accept the proposal from Central Maine Power Company on the Maine Power Reliability Program regarding Map 15, Lot 16 (CMP Power Line crossing the Town's Recreational Corridor) and authorize the Town Manager to execute the Memorandum of Agreement with Central Maine Power Company as approved by the Town Attorney.

Moved by **Councilor Chale** and seconded by **Councilor Curtis** that Resolution 10-61 be adopted.

The Town Manager noted the Town Councilors received a copy of the proposal from CMP that the Town Office received on 05/24/2010, which included the amount of the offer included in the actual agreement.

The Town Attorney had noted that a revision is required, therefore, I listed approval of this proposal and the authorization to sign the agreement to be subject to the approval of the Town Attorney on the Resolution.

VOTE: UNANIMOUS AYE

RESOLUTION 10-62: Resolved that the Town Council authorize the Police Chief to sign the Memorandum of Understanding between HealthySV and the Pittsfield Police Department (Town of Pittsfield) to assist in substance abuse prevention efforts, granting \$2,225.00 to the Town of Pittsfield.

Moved by **Councilor Stackhouse** and seconded by **Councilor Chale** that Resolution 10-62 be adopted.

The Town Manager noted the Town Councilors received a copy of the Memorandum of Understanding, which lists the objectives and strategies for this mini-grant and describing the duties of both parties. Basically for the Town, this generous mini-grant allows the Police Department to schedule details to concentrate on substance abuse prevention efforts.

Councilor Chale questioned what positive ticketing is. The Town Manager stated she did not have information on that particular process, but could research that item and get back to Councilor Chale.

Councilor Curtis asked where the funding comes from for this program. Councilor Chale stated this is originally tobacco money. The Town Manager stated there are some other grants in which the money comes down from the State and Federal government and then is

awarded to HealthySV. The Town Manager stated this money pays for overtime details or a Reserve Officer to go out on patrol that we would not normally be able to afford.

VOTE: UNANIMOUS AYE

RESOLUTION 10-63: Resolved that the Town Council accept the proposal of _____ of _____ for sludge removal at \$ _____ per ton for 3,500 dry tons in the amount of \$ _____ and authorize the Town Manager to execute a contract for said services.

Moved by **Deputy Mayor Jordan** and seconded by **Councilor Chale** that Resolution 10-63 be tabled.

The Town Manager noted the parties involved are still working out the details on the exact requirements on the project paperwork. As long as this is awarded at the next meeting we will be all set.

VOTE: UNANIMOUS AYE

RESOLUTION 10-64: Resolved that the Town Council Sign the Warrant and Notice of Election to Call the MSAD #53 School Budget Referendum to be voted on June 8, 2010.

Moved by **Councilor Stackhouse** and seconded by **Councilor Baker** that Resolution 10-64 be adopted.

The Town Manager noted this is a yearly process.

VOTE: UNANIMOUS AYE

7. **DISCUSSION ITEMS:**

Updates:

Determine interest in SAD #53 central office building, if available: The Town Manager asked if the Councilors have thought about this item since the last meeting and made a decision. After some discussion the Town Council felt, due to the funds that would be necessary to upgrade the current building, the best option was to advise the school to sell the property.

Sibley Pond bridge project and boat launch: As discussed at prior meetings, the Town does not own any property down at Sibley Pond that is suitable for a boat launch. We have been in discussions with MDOT and everyone who has called on this project to ask MDOT if during the design/build, whatever is the temporary road access that is built can be left as the boat launch area. We do not need a large area but we do need something. So rather than having the expense of taking out the temporary road that is used, they can leave in part of it.

The building inspector has reviewed the Sibley Pond Resort property which was used as a small beach area. DEP has been down and at least right now, it does not seem that we

would need any permits from DEP to have a small temporary boat launch area on the side of that property accessed from the Sibley Pond Road, if the owner was willing. The property is for sale as one large property and not separate parcels. The owner has not said no to a temporary access. There would be some significant costs here and we do not have any funds available.

After some discussion the Council decided the next step would be to put the Town's concerns in writing and send a letter to MDOT regarding the situation.

Highway projects: The Town Manager noted that the Highway Department is working on their list of to do items and will be striping all the crosswalks shortly.

Water and Sewer projects: The Department is keeping very busy and has been working on fixing all the old curbstops where the Town has been unable to turn water on and off in certain areas for decades.

The Town Manager wanted to advise the Town Council that CMP Representatives will be coming in to the next Council meeting to update Councilors on the Maine Power Reliability Program. They can start the briefing at 7:30, and it usually runs about an hour. Due to the length of the presentation Councilors decided it was best to schedule the briefing to start at 6:30.

8. **REPORTS:** Audience, Council

Council:

Councilor Baker: Just wants to remind everyone to vote! Wanted to thank Scott Noble for getting the American flags up for Memorial Day.

Councilor Carr: Everyone did a really good job getting Memorial Park ready for Memorial Day. Mike Havey was very considerate and respectful. He was mowing some other areas and shut it down and paid his respects at the same time. That was very nice of him and please pass that along when you see him.

Councilor Chale: No Report.

Deputy Mayor Jordan: No Report.

Councilor Curtis: No Report.

Councilor Stackhouse: No Report.

Mayor Nichols: No Report.

9. **ADJOURNMENT:**

Motion by **Councilor Stackhouse** and seconded by **Councilor Carr** that the meeting be adjourned at 8:05 p.m. All in agreement.

Nicole Nickolan, Town Clerk