

MINUTES

For a regular meeting of the Pittsfield Town Council held on Tuesday, March 5, 2013 at 6:30 pm in the Council Chambers.

PRESENT: COUNCILORS: Caleb Curtis, Michael Cianchette, Gary Jordan, Jr., Donna Chale, Christopher Carr and Heather Donahue. **ABSENT:** Tim Nichols. Also present: Town Manager Kathryn Ruth and Town Clerk Nicole Nickolan. Audience members included: Neal Strong.

1. **Gary Jordan, Jr.** 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 February 19, 2013.

Moved by **Councilor Cianchette** and seconded by **Councilor Carr** that the minutes of the meeting held on February 19, 2013 be adopted.

VOTE: UNANIMOUS AYE

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

Presentation regarding the Pioneer and Waverly Hydro Dams:

Neal Strong: I wanted to introduce myself. I am one of the Principals of New England Green Power, LLLP. The current leases are not adequate. We are looking to upgrade and maximize the dams. Mr. Neal noted the Waverly Dam is running at 50% of what it should be and the Pioneer Dam is running at 25%. We are planning on updating the turbines in both dams. We will be tackling the fish situation in the first 6 months. We have been discussing this project with numerous fish contacts and it is looking promising. We are looking at minor modifications at the Pioneer dam and the Waverly dam will be no problem. Currently, there is no way to shut the water off. There should be two gates, which would allow for repairs, but there is only one. We are going to take the dams to the next level. The dams have been more of a hobby, we will make it into a business. I will be learning as I go along. We have a two-year contract with Mr. Anthony. We will be working hand in hand with Mr. Anthony. He will be teaching New England Green Power, LLLP everything he knows. Stacy Fitts of Klienschmidt, who is very knowledgeable and an expert on dams, has offered his help too. Various options for sales of electricity were discussed. We are looking into developing two additional facilities in Corinna. Councilor Cianchette noted he has some concerns with the possibility of the company being overextended. Mr. Strong noted that the Corinna facilities would still be a ways down the road. Fish passageways, as well as eel passageways, were discussed. Mr. Strong noted that he would like the contracts to be kept as simple as possible. Mayor Jordan questioned what each dam produced last year. Mr. Strong noted that he believed Waverly dam did about 1.2 Million KW hours, but he would need to check his paperwork. Councilor Cianchette questioned the Town responsibility being the owner of the dam. The Town Manager noted we would put a clause in the contract to protect the Town dam. Several Councilors thanked Mr. Strong for coming in and noted that this was very interesting. Councilor Cianchette has volunteered to help the Town Manager with this project.

Community and Economic Development Activities and Events:

Report on New Business Activity & Opportunities in Pittsfield:

Several private sector business activities remain under review.

AE Robinson will be finalizing their site plan review later in March or in April for a new larger store at its present location on Somerset Avenue off I-95.

A project is in initial stages at the former Pittsfield Village Pizzeria location on Somerset Avenue.

North Lancey Street Business Building placed on the market by Lancey Associates and is offered by Better Homes and Gardens Real Estate Town & Country

Kennebec-Somerset and Sebec Valley 6th Annual Regional Job Fair scheduled for Wednesday, May 15, 2013 from 3:30 pm – 6:30 pm at the Warsaw Middle School Gym and Cafeteria. Businesses are hiring. The following employers and resource providers are registered: ADECCO, ARGO Marketing Group, Assistance Plus, Atwork Personnel, BONNEY Staffing Center, Care and Comfort; Cianbro, ESM, Inc., HealthReach Retired & Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP), KVCC, MAS Home Care, Nikken – A Home Based Career, Scentsy Family, SKILLS, Inc, U.S. Border Patrol & Office of Field Operations and Merrymeeting Behavioral Health.

SAS Property Available:

SAS Property placed on the market by MTC Holdings, LTD of San Antonio, Texas – update The Trust holding the former SAS building for several years decided that it will put the property out for sale. The RE agent handling the property has promised that the Town will receive a copy of the information package. Terry Sortwell of LandVest, a company from Camden that handles Luxury Real Estate was retained by the company. It would be great to have this property on the market so that it could be used, rather than be vacant. The information is on the Town's website as well as distributed to a number of regional and state entities. Our DECD Governor's Account Representative came from Augusta to review the building's potential for future state inquiries and we met with Mr. Mulligan. The State does not receive a lot of inquiries due to the economy, however, we are definitely on the State's radar when requests come in, especially manufacturing, as the building has the potential to put 300-400 people back to work.

Terry Sortwell, RE listing agent has created a website category for the SAS property. It is very attractive, full of pictures and details and is now linked to the Town's website. I spoke with the Luxury Real Estate company several times about the fact that the Town wants to help them sell this property. I have also found the information on several more internet sites. The Luxury Real Estate company is agreeable to a tour of the property. I suggested that we have one big tour and invite all those who perhaps could help spread the word about the site, local possible investors, group and committee members and the State of Maine. I thought March so that people would have time to commit, weather is better, less chance of it getting cancelled and there would be enough lead time.

Certified Business Friendly Community Designation: Pittsfield received word on 08/27/2012 that the Town had been designated one of the Business Friendly Communities by the Governor. The Town of Pittsfield is now 1 of 19 towns that have been recognized by the State of Maine as business friendly at that time. The Certified Business Friendly Community Program recognizes and promotes those communities that show a true commitment to business development.

Argo Marketing Group is interested in expanding its operations: Argo has advised that it would like to apply for a second CDBG Ec Dev Grant. DECD has confirmed that the Town would be eligible to apply for a second grant. Currently, we have a conditional approval of having satisfied the grant we received last year. Once the audit, which is scheduled for the end of March 2013 is completed for December, 2012, then we send the audit on all the grants to the agencies, such as DECD and then we receive a final letter of approval. The funds for the 2013 CDBG Ec Dev grants will not be available until July, 2013. Therefore, we can apply for a second grant. When Argo Marketing group determines its request, I will start the process. This will work as it did last year, with a Letter of Intent, Public Hearing, Grant Application, Public Hearing and all of the Phase II paperwork.

United Technologies (UTC) has been nominated for the Governor's Award for Business Excellence: The Town, working with UTC and their engineering firm for background information, nominated UTC for the Governor's Award for Business Excellence. The company is truly committed to safety, health and wellness of its team members.

Report on Meetings & Events:

Listed below are Community and Economic Development meetings and events. All activities that do not have a location specified are at the Pittsfield Municipal Building.

02/20/2013 Sebasticook Valley Chamber of Commerce meeting with Department of Economic and Community Development Governor's Account Executives on Tuesday, 02/20/2013 at 10:00 am in Palmyra

Upcoming Meetings & Events:

03/06/2013 Recycling Committee Meeting on Wednesday, 03/06/2013 at 5:00 pm

03/07/2013 Sebasticook Valley Chamber of Commerce Strategic Planning Committee Meeting on Thursday, 03/07/2013 at 3:30 pm at the Chamber Office in Palmyra

03/07/2013 Sebasticook Valley Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors Meeting on Thursday, 03/07/2013 at 5:00 pm at the Chamber Office in Palmyra

03/07/2013 Mid-Maine Community Forum "Pittsfield's Food Systems" on Thursday, 03/07/2013 at 6:30 pm at the First Universalist Church

03/08/2013 Ken-Som Transition Team/Town Meeting on the 6th Annual Regional Job Fair on Friday, 03/08/2013 at 1:00 pm

03/11/2013 Sebasticook Regional Land Trust Meeting with the Town on a Bike Tour of Pittsfield featuring farms and natural sites on Monday, 03/11/2013 at 6:30 pm

03/14/2013 Somerset Economic Development Corporation Board of Directors Meeting on Thursday, 03/14/2013 at 10:00 am in Skowhegan

03/14/2013 Somerset Workforce Connect Meeting on Thursday, 03/14/2013 at

1:00 pm in Skowhegan

- 03/14/2013 Egg Festival Committee Meeting on Thursday, 03/14/2013 at 6:30 pm
- 03/18/2013 HealthySV and Seabasticook Valley Chamber of Commerce Planning Meeting on the Trails Map Update and Asset Mapping for the Valley on Monday, 03/18/2013 at 3:00 pm

Many meetings are in the process of being scheduled for April – June, 2013. In addition, a number of subcommittee and group meetings are in progress.

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

ORDINANCE 13-02: (Public Hearing) The Town of Pittsfield hereby Ordains to accept all tax year payments of Craig D. Conary (Pers. Rep.) & Estate of Michael Carter, including interest and lien costs, for the property at 374 North Main Street (Map 029, Lot 021), the Town having acquired said property as a result of automatic foreclosure of a 2010 property tax lien, recorded in the Somerset Registry of Deeds on June 17, 2011 at Book 4405, Page 204, which matured on December 18, 2012. The Town Council further authorizes the Town Manager to execute a municipal quitclaim deed releasing the Town's interest in said property to Craig D. Conary (Pers. Rep.) & Estate of Michael Carter.

The Public Hearing was opened. There was no one who wished to speak for or against Ordinance 13-02. The Public Hearing was closed.

Moved by **Councilor Carr** and seconded by **Councilor Cianchette** that Ordinance 13-02 be adopted.

The Town Manager noted the personal representative of the prior assessed property owner's estate paid up the taxes in full as soon as contacted for payment after the foreclosure. This is the second step in the process to quit claim the property back to the prior owner for residential property.

VOTE: UNANIMOUS AYE

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

Town Manager's Report: Town Council Meeting of 03/05/2013:

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. Bin Sale: PITTSFIELD EARTH DAY AND RE-USE CELEBRATION: BACKYARD COMPOST BIN SALE:

To celebrate re-use in the community and Earth Day, the Town of Pittsfield is part of a statewide backyard composting bin sale. A home compost bin and how-to-guide with a combined retail value over \$100 can be purchased for only \$45.00 (tax included). The bin is black, has a 10 year warranty, and is made of 100% recycled plastic. It's approximately 35" high and 33" wide, or

large enough for a family of five. The Town has 20 composters available for sale, each at \$45.00.

The Town also has: 34 Wingdiggers: The wing digger compost turner is available for a discounted price of \$17.00 each; 8 Reotemp Backyard Compost Thermometer: Has a 20" stem for \$18.50 each; 8 Rain Barrels: This is the SYSTERN Rain Barrel with a 55 gallon capacity for the discounted price of \$56.50

It is estimated that 25% of the average household's waste consists of kitchen scraps and yard trimmings which can be easily composted. Pittsfield residents can save \$54.12 for every ton of waste they compost rather than placing the material in with their garbage that is shipped out of town for disposal.

Pittsfield's recycling rate for 2011 was 62%. The 2012 rates have not yet been announced by the State. Let's keep working at our recycling rate and boost it even more while helping our gardens grow!

3. Maine Municipal Association Workshop: The Town will be the host of a regional workshop on Thursday, 04/11/2013 in the Town Council Chambers. Set-up is at 3:00 pm with Registration at 4:00 pm and the workshop on roles and responsibilities for elected officials and town managers/administrative assistants will be held from 4:30 pm to 8:30 pm with a break for dinner at 6:00 pm. This is a rare opportunity to have a workshop right in Town for the region with less travel distance for everyone. We recommended that Vittles cater the workshop. I forwarded this information to the Towns in the Sebasticook Valley Chamber and the Skowhegan area.

4. Walking Maps & Promotion: HealthySV, the regional HealthyMaine partnership and the Sebasticook Valley Chamber of Commerce will be joining with the Town to work on walking maps for the area. This project will be utilized for physical exercise, tourism and to promote walks such as the 4/20 walk is scheduled for Saturday, April 20, 2013 with a 1 K and a 5 K walk.

5. Activities Maine Guidebook: Town of Pittsfield, Egg Festival and Fly-In will be in the Summer edition.

6. Pittsfield Library News: The Pittsfield Public Library book group's current discussion series is "Mystery: Detective Fiction in the 20th Century" with discussions led by Greg Winston from Unity College. The book "Strong Poison" by Dorothy Sayers will be discussed on March 14 at 5:00. Future books are "The Maltese Falcon" by Dashiell Hammett and "The Godwulf Manuscript" by Robert B. Parker. Books are available for loan at the library. The discussion series is made possible by a Let's Talk about It grant from Maine Humanities Council. For more information, please call 487-5880.

The Pittsfield Public Library offers the loan of family pass to the Maine Discovery Museum in Bangor, courtesy of the Friends of the library. The pass entitles up to four people to free admission to the museum, including daily special programs: Messy Art, Creativity Corner, Science Detectives, and Clay Play. Check with the museum for program times. Come to the library or call the library at 487-5880 to reserve the pass.

7. Greater Pittsfield Area Kiwanis Easter Egg Hunt: The Annual Easter Egg Hunt will be held on Saturday, March 30, 2013 at 9:00 am at The Pinnacle Ski Slope off Waverly Street. Come meet the Easter Bunny. The event is free for all participants. There will be 1500 eggs. Age Groups are Under 1 year old – 5 years old and 6 – 10 years old. Children must be

accompanied by an adult and please bring your own basket to collect eggs. Children will collect and take home all the Easter eggs they can find. This is great family fun!

8. Meeting with SAD#53 Board of Directors/Administration: The School had scheduled a meeting with the Town Council at the Tuesday, 03/19/2013 meeting to discuss the upcoming school budget being put together for FY2012-2013 which is the period of July 1, 2013 – June 30, 2014. The school is under increasing pressure, as are all schools and towns in the State of Maine, to put together a reasonable budget with lower revenues and increased costs. The School would like to talk to the Town Council while putting the budget together instead of after the budget is put together and the budget vote is scheduled.

Finance Committee: None.

Ordinance Committee: None.

Recycling Committee: None.

6. **NEW BUSINESS:**

ORDINANCE 13-03: (To be set to Public Hearing 03/19/2013) The Town of Pittsfield hereby Ordains to accept all tax year payments of Joshua W. & Amanda L. Sinclair, including interest and lien costs, for the property at 51 Meadow Court (Map 007, Lot 028-003), the Town having acquired said property as a result of automatic foreclosure of a 2010 property tax lien, recorded in the Somerset Registry of Deeds on June 17, 2011 at Book 4405, Page 288, which matured on December 18, 2012. The Town Council further authorizes the Town Manager to execute a municipal quitclaim deed releasing the Town's interest in said property to Joshua W. & Amanda L. Sinclair.

Moved by **Councilor Chale** and seconded by **Councilor Cianchette** that Ordinance 13-03 be set to Public Hearing.

The Town Manager noted the prior assessed property owner paid up the taxes in full immediately after the tax sale process began. This is the first step in the process to quit claim the property back to the prior owner for residential property.

VOTE: UNANIMOUS AYE

RESOLUTION 13-30: Resolved that the Town Council authorize the Town Manager to execute the Annual Hardware Maintenance Program for the Mueller Systems, formerly Hersey Automatic Meter Readers (AMR), for the EZ Reader System Street Machine Receiver for reading meters for water and sewer billings.

Moved by **Councilor Carr** and seconded by **Councilor Chale** that Resolution 13-30 be adopted.

The Town Manager noted the Town's hardware maintenance package that was part of the purchase of the hardware for the Mobile AMR System has expired and it would be prudent to purchase a maintenance agreement for the hardware. Given that the hardware is needed to generate the income for the Water and Sewer Enterprise Funds, it is important to have the needed protection for replacement parts and the ability of the company to use the internet and computer to run diagnostics on our equipment.

The Town Council received a copy of the Mueller Systems' standard agreement.

The maintenance contract cost is currently \$1,000 per year for our unit.

Councilor Cianchette expressed concerns regarding the purchase, as he would like the unit bid out. After some discussion the Councilors expressed interest in trying this out for a year to see how it works.

VOTE: UNANIMOUS AYE

RESOLUTION 13-31: Resolved that the Town Council accept a grant from the Edward Byrne Memorial Jag Program 2012 in the amount of \$1098.00 for the purchase of a rifle and authorize the expenditure of those funds for same.

Moved by **Councilor Cianchette** and seconded by **Councilor Carr** that Resolution 13-31 be adopted.

The Town Manager noted The Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program Local Required Pass-Through for Fiscal Year 2012 provides funds to local governments. The grant program has changed and is no longer a competitive process. All the funds were divided among the Counties using a formula that factors in a base figure, population and number of First Responder Agencies. Somerset County received an estimated \$43,000 of which \$14,000 was earmarked for law enforcement agencies in the county to be divided among the four police departments and the County, which utilize the Somerset County System.

The Pittsfield Police Department applied for funding for a Windham Weaponry Tac M4 assault rifle with Tac scope with a total cost of \$1098.00. Skowhegan PD agreed to be the applicant agency as in prior years and processed the paperwork for the 5 agencies, which was greatly appreciated.

Councilor Cianchette inquired if this was the right gun to purchase. Councilor Carr updated the Councilors on the needs of the Police Department to have this gun in this day and age.

VOTE: UNANIMOUS AYE

RESOLUTION 13-32: Resolved that the Town Council approve the Request for Qualifications for Airport Planning and Engineering Services and authorize the Town Manager to seek proposals for same.

Moved by **Councilor Chale** and seconded by **Councilor Cianchette** that Resolution 13-32 be adopted.

The Town Manager noted the State of Maine Department of Transportation advised the Town last summer that the Town would need to seek proposals for an airport consultant. This process is now required by MDOT every five (5) years and the Town of Pittsfield's turn has come up. Today, MDOT forwarded the required format for the Request for Qualifications (RFQ) and the steps for the process.

MDOT requires that a Request for Qualifications take place. Bid Prices are not part of the process.

The State has provided the timetable, which includes posting the RFQ on 03/08/2013 and having the proposals due 03/29/2013. The Town will need 3-5 individuals to serve on the review team

and individually rank the proposals. The team then meets to discuss the proposals. If the team elects to complete interviews, the interviews will be ranked. There are rating (scoring) sheets for each step of the way. Once completed, copies of the RFQ and all signed and dated rating sheets from all participants are sent to MDOT for their files and then a General Contract with the chosen firm is completed. Although MDOT indicates that the team actually chooses the consultant, an update on the process would be provided to the Town Council for background on the group's recommendation. It would also seem to be prudent for the Town Council to endorse or accept the team's recommendation and authorize the Town Manager to sign the contract with the firm.

It is proposed that members of the Airport Committee and the Town Manager be the review team. Mayor Gary R. Jordan, Jr. is the Councilor representative on the Airport Committee and Caleb Curtis is the Fixed Base Operator on the Airport Committee.

VOTE: UNANIMOUS AYE

7. **DISCUSSION ITEMS:**

Updates:

Water Projects Update: We have had a few water breaks. I asked the Assistant Water/Sewer Superintendent to map out the breaks on Grove Hill that he is aware of since he started with the Town in the Year 2000. There have been 15 breaks. This is an expensive project last estimated by Olver Associates as \$836,000 for line replacement. That does not include any upgrade for water pressure. When Olver Associates has time, we will provide this information to them and ask for an updated cost estimate.

Sewer Projects Update: The Town has had its first sewer system discharge on the ground since 2005. A cross-country line going behind the Hunnewell Apartment building discharged sewerage and the area was cleaned up and appears to be from blockage of items thrown in the flush that do not belong there. It turns out that part of a line from a CMP transformer has punctured the line. The line was carefully videoed and photographs sent to CMP to ask for assistance in fixing this problem. The Assistant Water/Sewer Superintendent continues to work on this interesting problem.

Pittsfield Town Council Resolution on proposed Revenue Cuts through the State Biennial Budget Proposal: The Town's resolution was provided to our local representative and senator, as well as to the Clerk of the House and Senator and the Maine Municipal Association. MMA has created a new website addressing the State budget affects on local towns that is accessed at <http://mainetaxshift.memun.org/>. The resolutions and/or letters from 12 towns, including Pittsfield, are highlighted under the Resolutions section.

Curbside Pickup of Recyclables Bid Results: The Town received two bids of interested companies with the lowest bid being Bolsters for \$12,000 for the 9 months of 2013 after the Town of Palmyra gives up the contract on 04/01/2013 and \$15,600 for 2014 and \$15,600 for 2015. The Transfer/Recycling Coordinator will have a recommendation regarding this item on the next Council Agenda for 03/19/2013.

Code Enforcement Update: After persistence, over 80% of the properties that have been an issue were cleaned up, however, many over time, head back to a disheveled state. Therefore, we need a constant focus. One of the items that the Planning Board determined during this

Comprehensive Plan review was that we need to adopt junk provisions that are more stringent than the State of Maine requirements which we are now following. The Town Councilors received a copy of the legal opinion regarding the Code Enforcement Action that is necessary at the location on Leonard Street that is a disgrace. To date, the Code Enforcement Officer has been unable to locate a CEO that is willing to come to Pittsfield and take this case to court through the 80K process. That does not mean that it will not happen, simply that it has not happened to date. With most cases there is a resolution. With this case, we do not see one. We can try a different approach of a community group approaching the property owner to offer to clean up the property with the Town providing a dumpster free of charge. This has already been offered by the Town and refused. The CEO has been notified by the former owner of the property, the father, that he is being sued by the son, who is the current owner, for complying with the Town's prior order to remove junked material from the property. The paperwork filed against the father by the son is for \$6,000 in damages for complying with the Town's code enforcement attempts. The budget proposed by the Town Attorney was \$5,500, however, noting that due to variables outside our control, it could be more. The Councilors discussed this issue at length and no one is interested in going to court on this problem. The Town Councilors and Town Manager discussed the various alternatives that have been tried, which has led to this discussion. All traditional and some non-traditional ideas have not resulted in clean up. Councilor Carr suggested that we contact people who have assisted the property owner in the past. The Town Manager thanked Councilor Carr for this suggestion. We will have the Code Officer work on this concept. All agreed that this was a very unusual and challenging situation.

Digital Theatre Conversion Update: The Digital package authorized at the last Council Meeting has been ordered by Sonic Equipment. The install date is scheduled for the first week of April and right now states April 1 – April 4. The Theatre Manager has a list of steps to take which have been provided by the company and is to provide an Action Plan with the dates and the steps listed so we can make sure that everything is covered. The Theatre Committee's plan is to provide for some live events such as bands for the day/s that the Theatre is shut down for the conversion, however, there is going to have to be sufficient time to do this. The actual day/s of the installation needs to be set so that we can plan some other activities if time permits.

Spirit of America: 2013 Pittsfield Spirit of America Foundation Tribute: The Spirit of America Foundation is requesting that the Town Council pick the local person, project or group to receive the 2013 Pittsfield Spirit of America Foundation Tribute for outstanding community service using our own criteria and to honor the recipient at a local ceremony in April (National Volunteer Month). There will be an event in May, 2013 honoring all 2013 Spirit of America award winners throughout Somerset County.

Spirit of America Foundation is a 501(c)(3) public charity established in Augusta, ME to encourage volunteerism & it allows the Spirit of America Foundation Tribute to be presented in the name of any Maine municipality. There is no fee involved, and local officials chose their community's 2012 Spirit of America winner in over 60 towns!

The Town will earn a Maine Spirit of America's 2012 Gold or Silver Distinction for conscientious efforts helping volunteerism & having their own local award ceremony before the county-wide event. So if we hold an award in April, there will be a higher distinction for the volunteer/s honored and the Town. Last year, we honored the Pittsfield Community Food Bank/Christmas Project.

The Councilors received a list of individuals who are amazing volunteers. If there are other suggestions, we can add them. Would you like to discuss the list and come to a conclusion or vote

on the list prior to the next meeting? Either method would be fine. The Councilors decided they would add a name to the list. The Town Manager will write up details about each citizen's contributions.

ACO Contract: The Town authorized a renewal contract for the current ACO in December. There are new rule changes for individuals in contracts with Town and whether they are independent contractors or not. I forwarded the contract to the Town Attorney to review and it was recommended that we make a change – by adding language to one sentence. The Town Attorney agrees that the contract generally meets the requirements of the new statute so that the individual is considered an independent contractor, however, recommended that the following language be added to conform to those new standards we were notified of this year. Revise “The ACO shall provide 24 hours/7 days a week service.” To “While the ACO is free to perform services for other entities, the Town will be able to reach the ACO 24 hours per day, 7 days per week.” I would propose to make that minor change, as it is already the case, the ACO is ACO of 1 or more towns now and is free to perform services for other entities. The Councilors were fine with this minor change that actually makes the current situation clearer.

Grants Update:

New Grants:

Airport Grants: Environmental Assessment (Engineering to prepare for Apron Expansion)

Airport Grants: Engineering to Design the Apron Expansion

Belvedere Fund for Historic Preservation

Davis Family Foundation

HealthySV Grant: Healthy Communities – Exercise is Fun Program for Children

HealthySV: Healthy Communities – Proactive Student Presentations

HealthySV Grant for Tobacco Free Signage

Jobs for Maine's Graduates (JMG) School Grant through Town/Region (pass-through)

Jump Start Our Youth (JOY through JMG) Recreation Department

Kiwanis Mini-Grants for Programming & Sponsorship for children

L&W Conservation Fund: Hathorn Park Legge's Field & Sports Complex, Phase II

Library Mini-Grants (Cornerstone of Science and Gates for computers)

National Heritage Railroad Grant

Rural Engineering & community Assistance Grant Opportunities

Grants waiting to be closed:

Economic Development Administration Grant: Pittsfield Industrial Park Expansion

Law Enforcement Bryne Federal Grant: Radio Equipment

Project Canopy: Town Farm Forest Management Plan

PUC Energy Efficiency: Block Grant to Towns

Renewable Resources Grant from PUC: Wind Turbine

Closed Grants:

Airport Grants: Apron Reconstruction Grant

Airport Grants: Design Engineering for Apron Reconstruction

Airport Grants: Runway Obstruction Clearing

Airport Grants: Stormwater, Security and FAA Review

Airport Grants: Vegetation Plan/Permitting Grant

Brownfields Grant: Cleanup Grant for Eelwier (now known as 8 Mount Road)

CDBG/Economic Development Grant: Argo Marketing Group, Inc.

CDBG Grant/Business Assistance: Moosehead Cedar Log Homes

CDBG Grant/Business Assistance: Walpole Woodworkers, Inc.
 CDBG Grant/Public Facilities/Historic Preservation/Library
 CDBG Grant/Special Projects Matching Funds/GCS
 Conservation Grant for Driftbusters Snowmobile Trail Fund (pass-through)
 Efficiency Maine Business Program
 FEMA Reimbursements
 Jump Start Our Youth (JOY through JMG) Save Our Historic Depot Campaign
 Jump Start Our Youth (JOY through JMG) Library
 Ken-Som Transition Team/KVCAP Grant for Regional Job Fair
 Law Enforcement Bryne State Grant: Tasers
 L&W Conservation Fund: Hathorn Park Legge's Field & Sports Complex, Phase II
 L&W Conservation Fund: Stein Park Renovation Project
 L&W Conservation Fund: Swimming Pool Essential Components
 Maine Emergency Management Agency Homeland Security Grant
 MMA Safety Grants – Multiple
 Project Canopy: Mill Pond Loop
 Project Canopy: Town Farm Forest Management Plan
 Project Canopy: Urban Forest
 Safe Routes to School, Phase I
 Safe Routes to School, Phase II
 Sewer Replacement including Sewer Evaluation Study with Camera Work, Dye Test/
 Smoke Test and Report
 State Library Grants dedicated to the Library Building Project
 State Planning Office Recycling Education Grant
 Summer Nutrition Grant (Yearly)
 United Way/Keeping Mid-Maine Warm Grant

Other Grant Opportunities:

CDBG/Economic Development – Business Assistance
 CDBG/Public Facilities – Historic Preservation
 CDBG/Water and Sewer Projects for Specific areas once SSES is completed
 Community Gardening Start-up Grant
 FEMA Fire Grant – Pumper
 Jump Start Our Youth (JOY through JMG) Theatre Renovations
 MDOT Quality Community Program: Transportation Enhancement Grant and/or Safe Routes
 to School Grant
 Wellhead Protection Grant

8. **REPORTS:** Audience, Council

Audience: No Comments

Council:

Councilor Donahue: I think the dam situation is exciting. I would like to learn more about the dams. I also encourage everyone to come to the panel presentation on the Pittsfield Food System at the First Universalist Church.

Councilor Carr: No Comment.

Councilor Chale: I enjoyed hearing from Neal Strong. Please attend the Pittsfield Food System presentation at the First Universalist Church, Thursday at 6:30 pm.

Deputy Mayor Nichols: Absent.

Councilor Curtis: We should talk to the Kiwanis. I think the Deputy Mayor would make a great bunny for the Easter Egg Hunt! It is neat to hear from Mr. Strong. He seems interested. It is going to take some time to write the contract. We really need more transparency in the contract.

Councilor Cianchette: I think this whole dam situation needs to be approached carefully and be very detailed. I would like to see something on paper, though Mr. Strong seems genuine. Pittsfield is a fantastic Town and we deal with many unique items.

Mayor Jordan: I am glad the contracts are expiring. We need to focus on the fact the Town owns the dam and try for the possibility of getting power from the dam.

9. **ADJOURNMENT**

Motion by **Councilor Carr** and seconded by **Councilor Curtis** that the meeting be adjourned at 8:31 p.m. All in agreement.

Nicole Nickolan, Town Clerk