

MINUTES

For a regular meeting of the Pittsfield Town Council held on Tuesday, May 5, 2015 at 6:30 pm in the Council Chambers.

PRESENT: COUNCILORS: Robert Stackhouse, Tim Nichols, Scott Strom, Michael Cianchette, Trudy Ferland and Heather Donahue. **ABSENT:** None. Also present: Town Manager Kathryn Ruth and Town Clerk Nicole Nickolan. Audience members included: Don Hallenbeck and Steve Emery.

1. **Mayor Stackhouse** 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 21, 2015.

Moved by **Councilor Cianchette** and seconded by **Councilor Ferland** that the minutes of the regular meeting held on April 21, 2015 be tabled until the next Council Meeting.

VOTE: UNANIMOUS AYE

3. Council Member elected at the April 2015 Election to take the oath of office and be seated:

Councilor Scott W. Strom took the Oath of Office and was officially seated.

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

Community and Economic Development Activities and Events:

Saturday, May 2, 2015: 19th Annual SVCC Business and Community Expo

Saturday, May 2, 2015: Earth Day/Arbor Day Celebration: Cleaning up the Town Farm Trail System

Wednesday, May 13, 2015: 8th Annual Regional Job Fair

General:

Several private sector business activities remain under review and small projects continue to be underway. Several commercial properties have recently been sold, are under option, or will be leased. To address remaining available small to medium locations, additional promotional pieces beyond our regular promotion of available properties had been provided to economic and community development resources and sites. All properties have been acquired or are in process except the former Ben's Breakfast which has suffered some internal damage that is currently being addressed (before being marketed) and the former Chalice which has been taken off the market.

As of the date of writing this agenda item, the Town is working on three proposals/background materials for three business proposals/property inquiries.

Somerset Plaza:

The new Plaza owner has provided details on site vacancies to the Town and these have been advertised for the Plaza. Several referrals have been made to the Plaza. Some of the referrals have met with the Plaza owner to review possible leases. There are several potential business projects, therefore, reviewing the applicability of a Tax Increment Financing

District (TIF) has begun and will continue once information is received. Further information required to evaluate this opportunity has not been received from the developer. The popular **Ken-A-Set Thrift Shop operated by Skills, Inc.** will move to the Plaza to the former Family Dollar Store location once vacated. Many calls have already been received by the Town Office staff from citizens and neighboring residents asking when the store will open! People are very excited about Ken-A-Set moving to Town. **United Insurance Company** has announced that it will be moving to the Plaza to the former Natural Food Store location across from Subway. The **Discount Warehouse** space has been thoroughly reviewed for retail with **Advance Auto** expanding into the area.

Construction has been underway in the Plaza for **United Insurance Company**. The configuration of the space has been worked out so that the company has sufficient room and the plan meets state requirements. Construction is also now underway for the **Ken-A-Set Thrift Shop**.

Family Dollar:

The Family Dollar Store is basically complete except for landscaping. **Family Dollar** was moved to its new home and re-opened late last week when the merchandise was in place. There have been many excellent comments from citizens and customers in the store. It is very user friendly, lots of new merchandise and easy to move around and find items. Still hearing lots of good comments.

Hancock Lumber:

Hancock Lumber continues to work on their development project to assist with production and has submitted the map for the agreement. The company is forwarding the Town agreement through the authorization process. We were advised that their project is scheduled for Spring 2015 when weather permits.

American Legion:

The American Legion has received engineering assistance from Kleinschmidt Associates. An application for site plan review is being prepared for the building. Grant funding reviews have been underway with a couple of distinct possibilities located. The American Legion has launched a fundraising campaign to raise funds for the rehabilitation of their Middle Street property. At the 03/03/2015 Council Meeting, the Town Council approved a lease agreement for spots in the parking lot in order to meet site plan review requirements.

Former Corner Cupboard:

Officially the former grocery store (and auto shop) will become the new home for Insource Renewables. The business vehicles and inventory will be stored on the site. The office will continue to be located at North Lancey Street. Work has been underway in the building. Progress is being made in the building.

Pittsfield Redemption Center:

The facility had been closed for awhile when Ms. Goodridge's tenant ceased operations. The facility is now open with regular hours. It has been reported that the property has been sold. We have received good comments about the new management of the facility and the service. Bud's had been swamped with returnable bottles so it is good that there is now another location in the Town. The business seems very busy at times during the day so customers are coming back.

Pittsfield Equipment Rental: This facility had been shut down by the owner and put on the market. The property sale is in the process of being finalized. The prospective purchaser, who owns a business in Waterville, plans to have a garden type store with mulch and rentals. The building will receive some updates.

Report on MDOT Somerset Avenue Mill & Fill Project:

The MDOT Mill and Fill project is now completed with the exception of several safety enhancements. The School Blinking Solar Lights need to be installed and locations are being staked out by Public Works to show MDOT on 11/14/2014. The Town and Pittsfield Water Works will be meeting with MDOT on 11/14/2014 regarding the manhole cover issue. The ADA detection basins have been installed along the section of Somerset Avenue added to the project. The Town has been advised of the locations for the special School Blinking Lights and is installing the poles after Dig Safe notification during the week of 11/24/2014. The poles are up, however, the electrical company has not yet been available to come review the project. This is the only part of the project that remains. As of 03/11/2015, the company had been to town to quote the cost to hook up the solar traffic light system. Several other companies were also contacted with two more providing bids. A local company has been hired to complete the work before the end of 04/2015. Insource Renewables has been working on the signal light. The units did not work when completed, however, it appears that some parts were missing in the kit Public Works picked up from the State MDOT. The kit was opened when the project was started and the company supplying the kit sent the missing pieces to Insource Renewables. As soon as the light system is working, we will provide notification to parties. The School was notified that the lights were working as of the last weekend in April and the school guards started using them this week.

Report on Somerset Avenue Sidewalk Project:

The Preliminary Punch List was issued to the contractor along with a list of paperwork, which is required. The Town worked on the detectable basins for handicap accessibility, which are needed on the additional section of Somerset Avenue that was added to the project. It is anticipated that a meeting will be set to address the need for the lienholder waivers and to address the punch list items. The Contractor called back on 11/12/2014 to our written request from early 10/2014. So far, the Town has not received the required documentation nor has the Contractor met with the Public Works Foreman on the punch list. Therefore, the final payment has not been issued. On 12/08/2014 the Contractor called back, a meeting took place and the Town received all of the necessary information in order to release the final payment (with 2% retainage held). Funding for the work completed for MDOT remains as an Accounts Receivable as of the date of this agenda item. As soon as the snow melts, the Town will inspect the sidewalk for any damages or issues in addition to the punch list compiled last year.

Report on Somerset Avenue Speed Limit Request:

Preliminary information was submitted to MDOT in late Fall, 2014. Additional information was requested. Several extensive details were completed by the Police Chief to provide the additional information on days when the weather was clear, the roads were not snow covered and at a time in which the Police Chief did not have any commitments and the police department was fully staffed here in Town (not at court, out sick, etc.) MDOT has the additional information and will provide their answer on whether the speed zone from I-95 to the Varney Dealership can be lowered to 25 or 30 mph. With the information collected in 2014, it could not be lowered to 25 mph pursuant to their requirements. We will see what the additional information provides for an allowable speed limit under MDOT regulations. The Town has not been advised of a decision as of yet.

Report on Meetings & Events:

FirstPark Executive Committee Meeting on Thursday, 04/23/2015 at 5:00 pm at the KRDA Office at FirstPark in Oakland

Sebasticook Valley Chamber of Commerce Business and Community Expo (Trade Show) Committee Meeting on Wednesday, 04/29/2015 at 5:00 pm at the Chamber Office in Palmyra - Cancelled

Theatre Committee Meeting on Wednesday, 04/29/2014 at 6:00 pm

Upcoming Meetings & Events:

Sebasticook Valley Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors Meeting on Thursday, 05/07/2015 at 5:00 pm at the SVCC Office in Palmyra

Kennebec Valley Council of Governments (KVCOG) Broadband Meeting on Monday, 05/11/2015 at 1:00 pm at the KVCOG Office in Fairfield

Kennebec Valley Council of Governments (KVCOG) Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) Meeting on Tuesday, 05/12/2015 at 11:00 am at the KVCOG Office in Fairfield

Somerset Economic Development Corporation (SEDC) Meeting on Thursday, 05/14/2015 at 10:00 am in Skowhegan

HealthySV Executive Committee Meeting on Tuesday, 05/19/2015 at 9:00 am at the HealthySV Office in Pittsfield

Theatre Committee Meeting on Wednesday, 05/27/2015 at 6:00 pm

FirstPark General Assembly Meeting on Thursday, 05/28/2015 at 5:00 pm at T-Mobile in Oakland

The remainder of the meetings are in the process of being scheduled.

5. PUBLIC HEARINGS/OLD BUSINESS: NONE

6. REPORTS: TOWN MANAGER, FINANCE, ORDINANCE & RECYCLING COMMITTEES:

Town Manager's Report: Town Council Meeting of 05/05/2015:

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. Book Launch Party for "Faraway Friends" by Russ Cox - Saturday, May 16, 11:00 am at the Pittsfield Public Library. Meet Local author and illustrator Russ Cox as he launches his new children's book, "Faraway Friends". What happens when your best friend moves to

Jupiter? You build a rocket ship, of course! Activities include a brief discussion about how the book was created, a reading, drawing demonstration, activities for the kids, and a book signing. Russ Cox was raised in the backwoods of Tennessee, where he spent his time drawing, whittling, and throwing dirt clods at his cousins. He runs his own studio, Smiling Otis Studio, where he specializes in illustration for the children's market and children's books. He has taught classes at Pennsylvania College of Art and Design and currently resides with his wife and four cats in Pittsfield, Maine.

3. High on Life, Not on Drugs Run/Walk: The Annual High on Life, Not on Drugs Race will take place on Saturday, May 9, 2015 at MCI at 10:00 am. Registration opens at 8:30 am. The first 100 participants to arrive the day of the event will receive a FREE t-shirt. Forms are available at the Town Office and may be mailed to HealthySV, 447 North Main Street, Pittsfield or bring completed registration forms to the event.

4. Library Program for Book Discussions: The book discussion group meets Thursdays at 4:00 pm. Everyone is welcome to join. The library can help you get the books. Thursday, May 14 is Whistling Past the Graveyard.

5. 43rd Central Maine Egg Festival: The 43rd Annual Central Maine Egg Festival will be held Monday, July 13, 2015 through Saturday, July 18, 2015. The Egg Festival Committee schedules their events the same week as the Kiwanis Carnival which is set by the Greater Pittsfield Area Kiwanis Club when the Carnival company is available. Egg Festival Committee meetings are being held on the 2nd Thursday of each month at 6:30 pm until June - July when the group meets more often. For more information, contact Stephen McCarron, President at president@centralmaineeggfestival.org

Finance Committee: None. **Ordinance Committee:** None. **Recycling Committee:** None.

7. **NEW BUSINESS:**

ORDER 15-05: Ordered that the Mayor appoint from among the Councilors a Finance Committee member and a Police Labor Negotiation Committee member to fill vacancies.

Moved by **Councilor Cianchette** and seconded by **Deputy Mayor Nichols** that Order 15-05 is adopted.

Finance Committee: Scott Strom

Police Labor Negotiation Committee: Scott Strom

VOTE: UNANIMOUS AYE

RESOLUTION 15-47: Resolved that the Town Council Confirm the Appointment of Robert Stackhouse to the Pittsfield Economic Expansion Corporation Board of Directors.

Moved by **Councilor Donahue** and seconded by **Deputy Mayor Nichols** that Resolution 15-47 is adopted.

The Town Manager noted the Pittsfield Economic Expansion Corporation (PEEC) is allowed to have 3-7 individuals on the Board of Directors. Since the Town Council deleted the Assistant Town Manager's position in 2001, the board was at its lowest number or 3 members until 07/07/2009 when Gary R. Jordan, Jr. was appointed.

PEEC is currently at 4 members as follows: Timothy Nichols, Gary R. Jordan, Jr., Michael Gray, and Kathryn Ruth.

With the large private sector properties up in the air as to sale and/or development – UTC and SAS and the Technology Office Center owned by PEEC up for sale, having another board member would be very advantageous.

VOTE: UNANIMOUS AYE

RESOLUTION 15-48: Resolved that the Town Council accept the proposal of Vaughn D. Thibodeau II of Bangor, ME in an amount to not exceed \$118,107.99 at a unit price of \$80.73/ton with “C” mix for the paving of roads and in an amount to not exceed \$13,724.10 for the 2015 Paving Program-Street and Parking Lots and authorize the Town Manager to execute the Town’s standard general services contract for same.

Moved by **Councilor Cianchette** and seconded by **Deputy Mayor Nichols** that Resolution 15-48 is adopted.

The Town Manager noted the Town Council authorized the Town staff to issue a RFP for paving the town roads and a section of the municipal parking lot at their 04/07/2015 meeting. The bid opening was scheduled for 04/29/2015. A copy of the bid tally and the three lowest bids of the seven bids received were provided in the Council Package.

If the Town chooses the Alternative Type C mix which we have utilized in the past and the parking lot work, the low bidder is Vaughn Thibodeau II. The price of \$101,961.99 for paving town roads is within the Town’s budget of \$105,000. The price of the parking lot work of \$13,724.10 is available in the Town’s Parking Lot Reserve which currently has \$71,331.91 available. Thibodeau’s per ton price is \$80.73. The cost of cold patch and hot top that the Town purchases to place ourselves is much more per ton, therefore, we should complete more work given that we are able to receive this bid price. Thibodeau was the contractor awarded the bid last year for paving and the work completed was excellent. I compiled all of the resolutions for projects that have been authorized over the years and with the Public Works Foreman determined the availability of funds in the reserve. If we leave approximately \$12,000 in the Reserve, the Town will have funds for gravel road resurfacing in areas that need it on the Hussey Road and the beginning of the Taylor Road. The Reserve Account currently has \$28,108.02.

VOTE: UNANIMOUS AYE

Moved by **Deputy Mayor Nichols** and seconded by **Councilor Cianchette** that Resolution 15-48 be amended as follows:

RESOLUTION 15-48: Resolved that the Town Council accept the proposal of Vaughn D. Thibodeau II of Bangor, ME in an amount to not exceed \$118,107.99 at a unit price of \$80.73/ton with “C” mix for the paving of roads and in an amount to not exceed \$13,724.10 for the 2015 Paving Program-Street and Parking Lots and authorize the Town Manager to execute the Town’s standard general services contract for same; such project to include an additional 200 tons of C mix at \$80.73/ton included in the price above.

Due to the bids being very competitive, the Town should take advantage of the pricing to authorize additional work by allocating funds that are available in the Road Construction Reserve which is approximately \$16,200.00.

Low Bid for "C" mix	\$101,961.99	+ additional	\$16,146.00	=	\$118,107.99
		Bid for Parking Lot			13,724.10
		Total Cost:			\$131.832.09

VOTE TO AMEND: UNANIMOUS AYE
VOTE AS AMENDED: UNANIMOUS AYE

RESOLUTION 15-49: Resolved that the Town Council authorize the Town Manager and Deputy Treasurer to transfer and expend \$16,146.00 from PITT#20 Road Construction Reserve (G#1-607-00) for paving of town roads.

Moved by **Councilor Cianchette** and seconded by **Councilor Donahue** that Resolution 15-49 is adopted.

The Town Manager noted due to the bids being very competitive, the Town should take advantage of the pricing to authorize additional work by allocating funds that are available in the Road Construction Reserve.

VOTE: UNANIMOUS AYE

Moved by **Councilor Cianchette** and seconded by **Deputy Mayor Nichols** that Resolution 15-49 is amended as follows:

RESOLUTION 15-49: Resolved that the Town Council authorize the Town Manager and Deputy Treasurer to transfer and expend \$16,146.00 from PITT#20 Road Construction Reserve (G#1-607-00) for paving of town roads and \$13,724.10 from PITT#40 Municipal Parking Lot (G#1-631-00).

VOTE TO AMEND: UNANIMOUS AYE
VOTE AS AMENDED: UNANIMOUS AYE

RESOLUTION 15-50: Resolved that the Town Council waive the Bid Policy, Chapter 2, Administrative Code, Section 106, to follow the State Bid Package for Police Cruisers and to accept the proposed bid of Quirk Ford of Augusta in an amount not to exceed \$26,000 for a Black 2015 Ford 4-door Sedan Police Interceptor and to further authorize the expenditure of up to \$4,000 for Equipment and Labor to outfit the police cruiser, in total to not exceed \$30,000.

Moved by **Councilor Ferland** and seconded by **Councilor Donahue** that Resolution 15-50 is adopted.

The Town Manager noted that the Town has \$30,000 in the Capital Reserve Budget for 2015 so it is not anticipated that the Town will need to touch the Police Car/Equipment Reserve Account which currently has \$7,087.24 available.

The Police Chief discussed the purchase with the Town Councilors. The Council noted that the price was excellent. The price was dropped \$5,714.00. The vehicle will be black. The trade-in

value of the 2009 police cruiser is \$941.00. It is not much, however, better than if the Town bid it out. With the discount and trade-in value, the Police Cruiser will be \$26,000 and with the estimate for the equipment and labor to transfer and outfit it, the price will be under \$30,000.

VOTE: UNANIMOUS AYE

RESOLUTION 15-51: Resolved that the Town Council Approve the issuance of a parade permit to the American Legion Post 32 for a Memorial Day Parade on May 25, 2015 and waive the permit fees.

Moved by **Deputy Mayor Nichols** and seconded by **Councilor Cianchette** that Resolution 15-51 is adopted.

The Town Manager noted this is a regular yearly approval.

VOTE: UNANIMOUS AYE

RESOLUTION 15-52: Resolved that the Town Council Approve a lunch wagon license application for The Maine Tater of 55 Perkins Road, Burnham, ME.

Moved by **Councilor Ferland** and seconded by **Councilor Cianchette** that Resolution 15-52 is adopted.

The Town Manager noted this is a new application for the Friends property. The applicant has all of the necessary state approvals.

Councilor Cianchette asked the Police Chief if there have been any issues at this location. Chief Emery stated there had been a noise complaint from the residence across from the field when the Curtis' were running a lunch wagon but they moved the location a bit and everything was resolved.

VOTE: UNANIMOUS AYE

RESOLUTION 15-53: Resolved that the Town Council Appoint Nicole Nickolan as Warden and Cammie Jemery, Tonja Lary and Emmalee Reed as Deputy Wardens for the June 9, 2015 Special Municipal Election and the MSAD # 53 Budget Referendum.

Moved by **Councilor Cianchette** and seconded by **Councilor Ferland** that Resolution 15-53 is adopted.

The Town Manager noted this is a housekeeping motion required for an Election.

VOTE: UNANIMOUS AYE

RESOLUTION 15-54: Resolved that the Town Council Approve the opening of absentee ballots on June 9, 2015 at 2:00 pm for the June 9, 2015 Special Municipal Election and the MSAD #53 Budget Referendum.

Moved by **Councilor Donahue** and seconded by **Councilor Cianchette** that Resolution 15-54 is adopted.

The Town Manager noted this is a housekeeping motion required for an Election.

VOTE: UNANIMOUS AYE

RESOLUTION 15-55: Resolved that the Town Council Set the Town Council Meeting Schedule for Summer 2015.

Moved by **Councilor Cianchette** and seconded by **Deputy Mayor Nichols** that Resolution 15-55 is adopted.

Summer Dates: July 21, 2015 and August 18, 2015

The Town Manager noted during the Summer, the Town Council has scheduled one meeting per month with the understanding that if a time-sensitive item arose such as economic development items that a special meeting can be held.

Due to how busy it has been, we will need a meeting on June 16, 2015, which we also had last year and is a part of our regular schedule.

July 21, 2015 (avoids Egg Festival Week and is approximately one month after the June meeting) and August 18, 2015 (one month after the July meeting).

The Town Councilors discussed how July 21 works well, however, that August 18 does not for 1-2 Councilors. It was decided to leave it as it is for now on the August date as we do need a date set and will see how it goes. Plans may change by that time. It will be difficult to schedule any meetings during the summer due to vacations and events.

VOTE: UNANIMOUS AYE

8. **DISCUSSION ITEMS:**

Updates:

Water & Sewer Projects Update: The Assistant Water/Sewer Superintendent reports that over the past few weeks the W/S departments have been quite busy: They have attended trainings for excavation safety, municipal paving, erosion control, supervisory leadership, and a utility rodeo for pumps, dig safe, and locating. The departments also started spring clean up of facilities and excavation sites. Hydro excavated gate boxes that were damaged by winter plowing. Started planning hydrant replacements. Inspected Grove Hill tank. Assisted Highway with a couple little projects using man lift. The Assistant Water/Sewer Superintendent has also spent a lot of time researching aeration and floating berm for the lagoons as well as finding the best approach to removing sludge cost effectively. Spent time finishing updating our safety manual. Started planning our summer projects including riprap on both lagoon berms, fencing at the wwtp, trimming and clearing the sewer cross country runs at the airport and Curtis St. to Davis St., hydrant replacements, ditching on McCarty Road, repairing manholes and covers, and fixing numerous curb stops. Spent time with Peter planning the best times to dig spring burials and reset the larger headstones that have fallen over.

The Assistant Water/Sewer Superintendent would like to lease an excavator for two months during the summer for many town projects. He was advised that the work would need to be

planned out with all departments offered an opportunity to get their projects done so that the equipment was fully utilized. It is usually \$1200 per week which is \$9,600. Because we would take it straight for two months the cost was cut to \$700 per week or \$5,600. We have a lengthy list of work compiled and this will need to be very organized in order to fully utilize the equipment. The backhoes just cannot do some of this work very efficiently.

CWSRF Peltoma Avenue Project Closing: The Town has received funds for several payments including the MDOT road permit to work on Hunnewell Avenue. After we receive the permit, the pre-construction meeting will take place and the project will begin.

Highway Projects Update – It is Sweeping...Sweeping...Sweeping. Lots of cleanup and addressing water issues. Public Works has also been checking all the roads and sidewalks for damage. More sweeping is scheduled for later this week. Public Works will start some landscaping projects before they get into the heavier workload.

MDOT Bid Award – Review excerpt from the MaineDOT Work Plan.

Attendees for May 19, 2015 Council Meeting – Reviewed confirmed attendees. Also have a copy of the school budget if anyone would like to see it before the next Council Package.

Code Enforcement/Junky Yards: We are awaiting information from the Building Inspector regarding the property on Leonard Street so that the entire situation can be re-reviewed by the Town Attorney with a recommendation for the Town Council. He was to prepare photographs with 2-3 on a page for the Town Council so you can see what we are dealing with at the property. I have obtained the photos and had the staff print them out so that the Town Council can see the disheveled property. There was a long conversation regarding this issue. The general feeling was that the Town has tried everything to fix the situation with little to no results and the next step is legal action. The Town Councilors discussed how there is no other solution except to start the process, which will be expensive for the Town if we can locate the funding for it, however, that the property owner has caused this situation. The Town has assisted in cleaning up the site, however, a few months later, it is a mess again. The Town Manager noted that the next step is for the Code Enforcement Officer to provide his recommendation to the Town Council for addressing this code violation.

Regional Broadband Planning: KVCOG is starting a regional process and if this is an area of interest to any of the Town Councilors, I can advise of the meeting schedule and activities, once established. The first meeting will be on Monday, May 11, 2015 at 1:00 pm at KVCOG.

Grants Update: All grants are ongoing.

9. **REPORTS:** Audience, Council

Audience:

Don Hallenbeck: Just want to let everyone know the Historical Society is open for the season. I believe the hours are Thursday and Saturday from 10 am – 1 pm.

Council:

Councilor Donahue: Welcome to the Town Council, Scott.

Councilor Ferland: Welcome Scott. We had a wrap up program of the local and legendary at the Universal Church. That program did very well. I was glad to see you mention Russ Cox. He is a delightful man. We are so lucky to have him in our community. We have a big program coming up on May 14, 2015 and May 21, 2015 regarding ticks and lyme disease. We will have experts there for discussion. Please get the word out.

Councilor Nichols: Scott, welcome to the Council. Councilor Cianchette, it is good to see you back. Thank you to Chief Emery for coming in. Sorry I was late tonight. My job has been crazy. The redemption center is doing well. Thank you to Scott Varney and his Scouts. They did a great job on trail cleanup. They are very hard workers.

Councilor Strom: Thank you everyone for all the kind words. I am very happy to be here.

Councilor Cianchette: Thank you Kathryn for all of your hard work. I know that the Town employees do a lot of work also. There is a lot taking place that people do not know about. I want to thank the Town Council for your patience in my absence. Thanks for taking up the slack while I was gone. Scott, welcome to the Council. I am very surprised that we have a seat available on the Council. Back three years ago there was a lot of competition when I was running for my seat. Thank you to Don and Chief Emery for being in the audience. I was thrilled to see the Theatre was awarded \$5,000 by Bangor Savings for Community Matters More Program. I saw there were places like Waterville and Bangor and figured a little town like Pittsfield would never have a shot. It just shows how much everyone cares about our Town.

Councilor Stackhouse: Thanks Scott and welcome. Thank you to the Town Manager for her dedication. I know there are many important projects taking place that require a lot of extra time. Also thank you to all the staff who support the Town. We appreciate it.

10. EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Executive Session for Title 1, Section 405, 6.C., Economic Development, Disposition of Property and Acquisition of Property

Motion by **Deputy Mayor Nichols** to enter into executive session to discuss Economic Development, Disposition of Property and Acquisition of Property under Title 1, Section 405, 6.C. at 7:44 p.m. The motion was seconded by **Councilor Cianchette**.

Motion by **Deputy Mayor Nichols** to return to regular session. The motion was seconded by **Councilor Cianchette**. The Town Council exited executive session at 8:31 p.m. No action was taken by the Town Council.

VOTE: UNANIMOUS AYE

11. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by **Deputy Mayor Nichols** and seconded by **Councilor Cianchette** that the meeting be adjourned at 8:32 p.m. All in agreement.

Nicole Nickolan, Town Clerk