

MINUTES

For a regular meeting of the Pittsfield Town Council held on Tuesday, June 5, 2007 at 7:30 pm in the Council Chambers.

PRESENT: COUNCILORS: Mayor Tim Nichols, Wayne Fotter, Gary Jordan, Jr., Michael Gray, Brian Philbrick, Sr., Christinalyn Hamel and Louise Baker. **ABSENT:** None. Also present were Town Manager Kathryn Ruth and Town Clerk Nicole Nickolan. Audience members included: Sharon Mack of the Bangor Daily News, Mike Lange of the Sebecook Valley Weekly, Don Hallenbeck, Mary Gaeta, Paul Bertrand and Norman LaBarge.

1. **Mayor Nichols** opened the meeting by leading the **Pledge of Allegiance**.
2. **Adoption of Minutes** of the Regular Meeting on May 15, 2007.

Moved by **Councilor Gray** and seconded by **Councilor Hamel** that the Minutes of the Regular Meeting on May 15, 2007 be adopted.

VOTE: UNANIMOUS AYE

3. Executive Session for the purpose of deliberating over poverty abatement case #2007-01 pursuant to Title 36 Maine Revised Statutes, Section 841, et seq.

Moved by **Councilor Gray** and seconded by **Councilor Hamel** to move into Executive Session for the purpose of deliberating over poverty abatement case #2007-01 pursuant to Title 36 Maine Revised Statutes, Section 841, et seq.

VOTE: UNANIMOUS AYE

Moved by **Councilor Hamel** and seconded by **Councilor Gray** to move out of Executive Session.

VOTE: UNANIMOUS AYE

Moved by **Councilor Gray** and seconded by **Councilor Philbrick** to approve poverty abatement case #2007-01.

**VOTE: UNANIMOUS NAY
MOTION IS DENIED**

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

Presentation on the Swimming Pool Project

The Town Manager gave a brief overview of the Swimming Pool Project.

This year, the Town Council chose the Swimming Pool Project as our major community project for concentration understanding that this may take this year and part of next year due to the complexity and magnitude of the project. In 1983, the first Town Committee started meeting to study the swimming pool condition and efforts began to replace this 1954 structure. This ancient structure has served the Town faithfully for a long time but it is far past its useful life and needs to be replaced.

The Swimming Pool Committee began meeting two months ago and has been meeting regularly every 2-3 weeks. We have had a number of excellent meetings. The members of the Swimming Pool Committee are: Paul Bertrand, Christine Cookson, Dawn Dugas, Ann Duncombe, and Mary Gaeta. This evening, Mary Gaeta and Paul Bertrand are in the audience along with Recreation Director Norm LaBarge and volunteer Donnie Hallenbeck.

There is a lot of synergy and enthusiasm. We have some new developments or circumstances that will be advantageous in moving this project forward:

1. We received a pledge from Kleinschmidt this year to assist the Town with planning and design for a new community pool;
2. We now have \$218,508 available toward a new pool (\$208,508 in the reserve account and \$10,000 in the budget dedicated toward the pool. This is a large sum of money, certainly not enough to contract for a municipal pool but enough to bring people to the table in a cooperative partnership to build the pool with local in-kind donations; and
3. We may be eligible for a \$25,000 grant from the L&W which is now about ½ compiled. We need to finish the Stein Park Project in order to apply this year to the L&W Conservation Fund. The Grant application is due in July and requires all of the resolutions and ordinances that we utilized in the past with the other L&W projects.

The Committee has priced a 50' X 75' pool which is smaller than the current pool, however, not that much smaller. The current pool has a lot of unusable area due to its sloping design.

The Committee has identified a budget of \$400,000 for the pool, filter system, decking around the pool, upgrading the bathhouse/restrooms (if we got a building donated, this would be great, however, at this point, renovations are in order); security fencing; outside lighting; an outside canopy with picnic tables; landscaping and paving. Before paving, we need excavation and gravel work due to all of the heaving. All facilities are being updated to State and ADA requirements. The standards are different now than in 1953.

There will be an Option or Phase II for Party/Activity Room including a snack bar and Recreational Office Space. If we can raise enough money for it, do the option now, if not do it in the future. We would plan for it now so that space was allocated appropriately. The budget that you have received does not include the Phase II items.

There will also be an Option or Phase II for a Splash Pool Area or Wading Pool.

The pool and the facilities are described in detail in the Final Conceptual Ideas revised May 29, 2007. The Recreation Plan is a timetable required by the Land & Water Conservation Fund Grant that we are currently reviewing. The budget is preliminary and we are still working on it with quotes coming in. The project budget is set at \$400,000. It is set at this amount so that this is an achievable project and it really can be done this time after all of these years. If we raise more, we can do more.

Action items are on the agenda for the Conceptual Plan and the Recreation Plan. Action items are also on the agenda for the grant application. If we apply for the entire project and are successful, then we have to wait until basically next year to start the project. Some phases of the pool project can be done this year if fundraising goes along quickly.

Norm and I met with the Dept. of Conservation on Friday and it has been verified that we can apply for part of this project, keeping it to \$50,000 which would be much more manageable. So we would recommend the Option #2 on the agenda, it will be a harder grant to write, however, if successful, it will be an easier grant to administer. Option #2 is for renovations to the Bathhouse/Restrooms and ancillary parts of the project that are required in order to have the pool operational – security fencing, outside lighting, paving & landscaping, and the canopy & picnic tables are not absolutely needed, however, it would be nice for the children, their families and siblings.

If all of this is approved, the Swimming Pool Committee will start fundraising this week. Swimming Pool Committee members may have additional comments they would like to make.

Paul Bertrand wanted to note that after 25 years, it is about time to do something about the pool. The design is very basic – nothing fancy. The committee has been getting a lot of help from a lady who has been working with pools for 43 years. Mr. Bertrand states this is going to happen. It seems like the budget is a lot of money for a pool, but also included with that money would be all the work that needs to be done in the surrounding land area of the pool.

Donnie Hallenbeck wanted to speak on the pool as a former employee. This is a long overdue project. The pool is very out of date. Being it is an asphalt pool, each year it slips a little more.

5. **PUBLIC HEARINGS/OLD BUSINESS: NONE**

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

Town Manager's Report: Town Council Meeting of 06/04/2007:

1 The FYI Folder: The FYI Book contains the following items this week: Read List

2. E-911 Implementation: E-911 matches a physical address with a telephone number and this information is displayed on a computer screen to dispatchers. With each letter, the Town opted to purchase and enclose numbers to be placed on everyone's houses and businesses. All numbers are supposed to be up on 05/01/2007, on homes or mailboxes if your house is away from the road. We need your new numbers up so that Public Safety can find you as well as to help the post office, delivery companies and visitors. Remember, the Post Office will deliver your mail up to 1 year from the date of your notification, so you have time to use up your checks, letterhead, etc. With your next order, just order the items with your new address. Copies of the new two-sided map with an urban in-town map and a country roads map is available at the Town Office and Library. More and more people have their numbers up. If your numbers are not up, please put them up. If you have lost your numbers, we have extras available at the Town Office until they run out.

3. Reminder for police issues: If there is an emergency, call 911. If you are calling in a police complaint, please call the regular police number of 487-3101 and relay the issue. The Police voice mails should not be used for filing police complaints. With a rotating schedule and days off, it may be 2 or more days for a police officer to check their voice mail. Complaints need to be answered right off so they can not be left on the officers' voice mail.

4. Public Works Projects: Paving has been completed early this year. The only road that has not yet been paved is the end of Summer Street now known as Summer Court that was scheduled. The paving is very good. Vegetation is now being cut along the roads by signs; the Department is replacing missing signing and adding some signing at spots; the Department will be doing some tree trimming themselves in Town; and the Stein Park Renovation Project, which must be completed by the end of the month, is beginning this week.

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. Historical Society Project: The Pittsfield Historical Society is looking for volunteers and donations to assist them with rebuilding the cupola at the caboose and painting the caboose. The caboose needs to be re-painted after the vandalism. In order to paint the caboose, the wooden cupola needs to be rebuilt. Anyone who has carpentry skill would be welcome at the Pittsfield Historical Society to assist them with this very important project which will then allow the painting to take place. They have one volunteer. More are welcome. Anyone who would like to donate or would like more information, please contact Tom Brown at 487-4926 or Clem Spencer at 487-2408.

7. Quiet Zone on Main Street: The Federal Railroad Administration conducted an annual risk review for the Main Street Crossing and has concluded that the Quiet Zone will continue. The risk was determined to be 14,383.87 and the Nationwide Significant

Risk Threshold is 19,047. This means that the train will continue to not blow the whistle coming into and leaving town at that particular crossing unless there is a danger seen, such as someone on the rail, the railroad barricades not coming down or another risk.

8. Somerset County Budget Caucuses: The Somerset County Commissioners will be holding their yearly caucuses on Monday, 06/11/2007 at 4:00 p.m. in the Commissioners' Chambers to caucus and select members to fill vacant positions on the Somerset County Budget Committee and choosing the members for the Board of Directors for the Somerset Economic Development Corporation. Pittsfield is in District 3, which means there are 2 positions available of 3 positions for town officials for our District (1 year municipal official and 3 year municipal official for the Budget Committee) and 1 term available on the SEDC.

9. Sebasticook Valley Federal Credit Union: The Credit Union is having its Open House at its new location on Somerset Avenue on Saturday, 06/16/2007 from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm. They would like to have the Mayor or his designee cut the ribbon at 10:00 am so we will need to make arrangements.

10. Fendler Park Dedication: The Dedication Ceremonies for the Barbara Fendler Memorial Park will be held at the park facilities on Saturday, June 23, 2007 from 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm. The activities will include a dedication, thanking all of the contributors, refreshments and a community forum with information on tree plantings and environmental issues. There will be time for socializing and enjoying the park facilities. The rain date is Saturday, June 30.

11. Garden Tour to Benefit the Library: The Pittsfield Community Garden Club will sponsor a Garden Tour on Saturday, July 14, 2007 to help raise funds for the Library Restoration and Expansion Project. The Garden Club has 12 gardens that will be available, including two homes that will be open. More details will be available in the near future.

12. Pittsfield Farmers' Market: Rain or shine all Summer and Fall, the Pittsfield Farmers' Market will be in Hathorn Park until November 1 every Monday & Thursday from 2:00 pm – 6:00 pm. We have new brochures at the Town Office for anyone who is interested.

13. MCI Groundbreaking Ceremony: MCI held a groundbreaking ceremony for the Donna Leavitt Furman '41 Student Center which is the Dining Hall and Student Center expansion project at Maine Central Institute on Thursday, May 24, 2007. That was a very nice event.

14. Sebasticook Valley Healthy Communities: SVH is applying for an RFP to cover health services for the region. This is a new process set up by the State of Maine. We are on the Sebasticook Valley healthy Communities Coalition and were asked to sign a letter of support, which I did.

15. Somerset County Association of Resource Providers: The Town received a small SPEP grant for underage drinking for police overtime details. This was greatly appreciated.

Finance Committee: No Report.
Ordinance Committee: No Report.
Recycling Committee: No Report.

7. **NEW BUSINESS:**

a. **ORDINANCE 07-09:** (To be set to Public Hearing on 06/19/2007)

Option #1: Apply for a grant of \$25,000 toward the entire Swimming Pool Project with a budget of \$400,000

Town of Pittsfield

Authorization to Replace and Finance the Community Swimming Pool Project

That the Town of Pittsfield Town Council hereby ordains the replacement and financing of the Town swimming pool on the following terms:

1. The Town Council hereby authorizes the expenditure of up to \$400,000 to replace the Town swimming pool, such amount to be funded from (a) donations and in-kind work, (b) a supplemental appropriation of funds in the Swimming Pool Reserve fund, the current balance of which is approximately \$218,000, (c) State and/or federal grant funds, including grants pursuant to the Land and Water Conservation Fund Act, Public Law 88-578; and (d) an appropriation from Fund Balance of any additional monies needed to supplement the donations, Swimming Pool Reserve and expected grant award, subject to the \$400,000 total expenditure limitation.
2. The Town is hereby authorized and empowered to borrow money, from time to time for a term of up to one year, in an amount not to exceed \$25,000 at any one time outstanding, in anticipation of the collection or receipt from the grant of such federal or state aid, or both, to pay costs of such project, by the issuance of negotiable general obligation grant anticipation notes of the Town, which Notes, and any extensions, renewals or replacements thereof, shall be signed by the Town Treasurer and countersigned by at least a majority of the Board of Selectmen, with such dates, maturities, denominations, interest rate(s) and other details as the Town Treasurer shall determine.
3. This Ordinance shall take effect 30 days after its adoption.

OR

b. **ORDINANCE 07-10:** (To be set to Public Hearing on 06/19/2007)

Option #2: Apply for a grant of \$25,000 toward the Bathhouse/ Restrooms and necessary accessories to be determined such as security fencing, outside lighting, canopy & picnic tables, paving and landscaping with a budget of \$50,000

Town of Pittsfield

Authorization to Replace and Finance the Community Swimming Pool Project

That the Town of Pittsfield Town Council hereby ordains the replacement and financing of the Community Swimming Pool Project to include the Bathhouse/Restrooms and all necessary ancillary components on the following terms:

1. The Town Council hereby authorizes the expenditure of up to \$50,000 for this project, such amount to be funded from (a) donations and in-kind work, (b) a supplemental appropriation of funds in the Swimming Pool Reserve fund, and (c) State and/or federal grant funds, including grants pursuant to the Land and Water Conservation Fund Act, Public Law 88-578, subject to the \$50,000 total expenditure limitation.
2. The Town is hereby authorized and empowered to borrow money, from time to time for a term of up to one year, in an amount not to exceed \$25,000 at any one time outstanding, in anticipation of the collection or receipt from the grant of such federal or state aid, or both, to pay costs of such project, by the issuance of negotiable general obligation grant anticipation notes of the Town, which Notes, and any extensions, renewals or replacements thereof, shall be signed by the Town Treasurer and countersigned by at least a majority of the Board of Selectmen, with such dates, maturities, denominations, interest rate(s) and other details as the Town Treasurer shall determine.
3. This Ordinance shall take effect 30 days after its adoption.

Moved by **Councilor Gray** and seconded by **Councilor Jordan** that Ordinance 07-10 be adopted.

A language change in paragraph #2 was noted changing Board of Selectmen to Town Council

VOTE: UNANIMOUS AYE

- c. **RESOLUTION 07-59:** Resolved that the Town Council Accept the Community Swimming Pool Conceptual Plan.

Moved by **Councilor Gray** and seconded by **Councilor Philbrick** that Resolution 07-59 be adopted.

VOTE: UNANIMOUS AYE

- d. **RESOLUTION 07-60:** Resolved that the Town Council Accept the Recreation Plan for the Community Swimming Pool Project, including any revisions necessary for the filing of the Land & Water Conservation Fund Grant application.

Moved by **Deputy Mayor Fotter** and seconded by **Councilor Baker** that Resolution 07-60 be adopted.

Councilor Gray questioned if the construction of the pool was dependent on the grant. The Town Manager noted pool construction was not dependent on the grant.

VOTE: UNANIMOUS AYE

- e. **RESOLUTION 07-61:** Resolved that the Town Council authorize the Assistant Treasurer to negotiate the pricing for the Town's fuel and kerosene for the Town's buildings for the period of October 1, 2007 to September 30, 2008 which includes joining a cooperative fuel oil and/or kerosene purchase if pricing is competitive.

Moved by **Councilor Jordan** and seconded by **Councilor Hamel** that Resolution 07-61 be adopted.

The Town Manager noted we received the Cooperative bid pricing. The Councilors had been notified that we only had a few hours to sign up. Neither Vickie nor I felt comfortable signing up – there was no furnace or boiler service, no downside protection and the lowest was a certain # of cents above the rack rate price. A number of towns and non-profits did not sign up.

Vickie has prepared the usual written bid forms and they will be sent out as soon as we have approval to do so again this year. It is good to try new items, this one was rather confusing and had extensive time constraints.

VOTE: UNANIMOUS AYE

- f. **RESOLUTION 07-62:** Resolved that the Town Council Authorize a transfer of expenditures from the Floral Trust Accounts to Heidi Ann's Flower Shop in the amount of \$1,800 for the Annual Memorial Day Obligation.

Moved by **Councilor Jordan** and seconded by **Councilor Philbrick** that Resolution 07-62 be adopted.

The Town Manager noted this is a yearly expenditure and transfer from the Trust Funds for the Town's purchase and maintenance of flowers in the Pittsfield Village Cemetery for the floral trust.

VOTE: UNANIMOUS AYE

- g. **RESOLUTION 07-63:** Resolved that the Town Council Accept the incentive of up to \$2,055 from the Efficiency Maine Business Program and Waive the Regulation of Bids and Contracts to accept Tom Chadwick, Inc.'s proposal to not exceed \$5,898.64 for fixtures and labor for lighting installations in the Town Office, Police Station and Fire Station (nets out to an estimated \$3,843.64).

Moved by **Councilor Jordan** and seconded by **Councilor Hamel** that Resolution 07-63 be adopted.

The Town Manager noted this item was previously discussed at the 05/01/2007 meeting and detailed on the agenda sheet, the Town has been fortunate enough to be approved for the Efficiency Maine Business Program to address the antique lighting in the building. New lighting will be of great assistance to the customers, committee meetings and the employees as well as assist with our rising energy costs.

Tom Chadwick spent some time figuring out exactly what the town would need, acquired the spec sheets for us and reviewed the grant application that I put together. Tom has been the electrician in the building since the late 1970's or early 1980's. We checked on the costs to buy the lights ourselves, however, Tom's discount is better than ours. Basically, we are paying for the labor and buying the lights through him as it will be less expensive and receiving a partial reimbursement for the lighting.

VOTE: UNANIMOUS AYE

- h.* **RESOLUTION 07-64:** Resolved that the Town Council Cancel the regularly scheduled meeting for July 3, 2007.

Moved by **Councilor Jordan** and seconded by **Councilor Baker** that Resolution 07-64 be adopted.

The Town Manager noted this is a housekeeping item, this year the 4th of July will be the day after the Council Meeting. The 4th of July is a typical vacation week.

VOTE: UNANIMOUS AYE

8. **DISCUSSION ITEMS:**

Brief Updates On:

A. Town Grounds Maintenance and Mowing Contract

As Councilors are aware, there have been multiple complaints regarding the mowing and grounds maintenance during the term of this contract. We are all familiar with this situation. After two phone calls were made due to the conditions and lack of mowing during the last two weeks in May and the performance did not improve, the required default letter was sent. Now there has been a lot of mowing.

B. Water Meter Replacement and Automated Meter Reading (AMR) System

The Request for bids for the Water meter replacement and automated meter reading system went out last week. This was the very large package of technical requirements for replacement water metering for residential use and the AMR system that would read automatically from the vehicle. Updating the water system is very important.

Larry Morin from Dirigo Engineering, a resident of town, volunteered his time to review the bid specs and provide some recommendations for revisions. As you know, there were very few bid specs and we updating one from the Portland Water District for the Town. Larry was very helpful.

Bids are due on Monday, June 25, 2007. 10 companies have bid specs as of this date.

C. Sewer Line & Manhole Replacement Project: Summer Street

The Sewer Department, Highway Dept & I will be meeting with the Engineer on Thursday at Summer Street to review the infrastructure and options.

The Engineer provided us with a budget of \$170,000 for this project. It included paving (which we had appropriated separately in the Highway Budget). When I subtract the paving out, we would need an estimated \$150,000 for the project. We borrowed \$150,000 for the project.

The engineer was conducting a detailed review of the system and discovered a collection system (catch basins/stormwater) going into the sewer line. This is no longer allowed for new sewer construction under the state and federal law. The cost to add a separate collection system may be as high at \$70,000 for the additional work, which includes digging up part of Summer Street all the way to Peltoma Avenue.

In the 1960's and 1970's, the Town received extensive federal urban renewal monies and other grants. Water had no place to go, it was unsanitary, etc. so the town's storm drain system was put into the sewer system to take care of it. It would take millions of dollars to now separate all of this which is what the State and Federal government want for new construction. Correcting the sewer system was estimated as between \$12 - \$18 million dollars.

If we dig up and replace a sewer line that has the dual system, we have to separate it. So we will look at options, we have \$150,000 to do the project excluding paving. How can we proceed? One trench with two pipes, PW, Transfer and Sewer employees working on this with a hired excavator? If there are options that will fit the budget, we will bring them in.

If there is not a do-able option, the option may be that we need to look at another project, one that does not have additional problems attached to it and then provide extensive maintenance of the Summer Court line.

D. Rural Road Initiative Grant Project: Phillips Corner Road Project Billing

I had advised nearly two months ago that we received a large bill, far beyond the Town's commitment for the Phillips Corner Road project. We had agreed to what would be paid, confirmed it with the State and were advised that we needed \$78,200 at the most. The bill that came was nearly \$20,000 more. Apparently, the project was transferred from the Fairfield Office to the Bangor Office, somehow a larger budget was applied to the project, a new project manager was given that budget and then the budget was spent. We have provided the documentation of what we should pay and have now received the revised bill of \$78,946. The bill is on the warrant to pay, the additional \$746 was charged to the PW budget. So this is resolved.

E. Municipal Building Upgrades/Projects

The Town Council had asked that I concentrate on the Municipal Building this year as a project for accomplishment for sprucing it up.

This is the budget that with the budget goals, always needs money from the other departments. As a bare bones budget with basic charges such as oil and electricity, it is always subject to emergency breakdowns of furnaces, etc.

We have completed a number of projects by becoming involved with small grants, donations, and staff contributions as well as the budget as follows:

1. Applied for the Efficiency Maine Business Program for an incentive credit for new lighting for the Municipal Building; the electrician donated some time to help out; and we were awarded \$2,022. This makes the project achievable. We have received quotes before, but it was too expensive. This will include fixing the lighting in the Conference Rooms. Better lighting for customers, committee members and employees as well as reduced or at least balancing the increase in electrical bills.
2. New flooring in the Men's and Ladies' Restrooms and addressed water marks/settling from the original building.
3. New room of file cabinets for all grants that are completed in the Assistant TM/EC Dev Dir Old Office.
4. Staff and committee volunteers to address and straighten out the landscaping at the Municipal Building including hedges, weeds, rose bushes, etc. New perennials and annuals planted out front of the building. The flowers were purchased from a local garden and the owner volunteered her time to plant them.
5. Paved the ADA/handicap accessible sidewalk and leveled the parking space out front of the Municipal Building as part of the efforts to apply for an ADA grant for the Town Office. We also installed ADA doorknobs and are looking at a buzzer for the entrance.

6. Nifty new organizers for materials in the front reception area. We have one for Ec Dev and Business handouts; one for all Recycling and Re-use Documents, one for all Tax information; and one for new handouts.

We will keep working on this, keeping in mind, the budget.

F. Grants Update:

Airport Grants:

Update on Vegetation Plan/Permitting Grant: No change, all paperwork submitted to the State and Federal government, waiting for approval to proceed forward to sign the contract authorized by the Town Council in February, 2007. I have made several more requests for the project to move forward. The Engineering firm, Wetlands Engineers and the Town are ready to proceed forward. Only 1 person can handle this at the FAA level and that person is on leave due to a family tragedy.

Update on Clearing Project: The Town just received word that we were approved for \$115,000 for the clearing project. The actual bids were high with the project coming in at over \$158,000. The \$115,000 was the actual original submittal several years ago. We will be talking to the engineers, MDOT and the FAA to determine how to proceed. Both the Senators Offices called and were advised that \$115,000 was approved, and also \$150,000 was approved. When the documents come, we will find out exactly what was approved.

L&W Conservation Fund: Stein Park Renovation Project: Cianbro has noted that they will bring the excavator over this week, the electrical bids for the lights was awarded to Standard Electric of Bangor, the low bidder and the lights have been delivered ahead of schedule. The lights are like the ones in Fendler Park. Cianbro has volunteered its electrical program to do the wiring which is greatly appreciated. The picnic tables are due in by May 25 and did not arrive yet. Paving will be completed as soon as the sidewalk/walking path is completed. The Garden Club provided the names of all of the flowers and we have ordered name signs which are quite nice. Tree ID plaques were ordered and are in (displayed at the last meeting). The Recreational Interpretative signing is in. We are working on the history of Stein Park for displays. We are going to have to concentrate on this project to finish it in time to apply for the Swimming Pool grant.

Project Canopy Grant: Tree Plantings/Tree Walks and Community Forum: We scheduled two tree walks with Arborist Leo St. Peter and invited the schools to participate. On Friday, 05/25/2007 at Hathorn Park and Friday, 06/01/2007, we had Tree Walks. MCI taped a Tree Walk which consisted on Tree plantings and landscaping on the first date. On the second date, three classes of students participated from Mrs. Cram's; Mrs. George's and Mr. Hammond's classes at Vickery School. Mr. St. Peter did a great job and the students were very well behaved for that large of a group.

There were between 50-60 students. It was a very interesting and fun activity.

9. **REPORTS:** Audience, Council

Audience: None.

Council:

Councilor Baker: Noted she was unable to attend the last meeting, but wanted to extend her condolences to the Wyman family. Jasper will be missed. Councilor Baker stated sees people right in this room that care about this Town as much as Jasper did, and that is a good feeling.

Councilor Hamel: Noted she was very excited to see the pool developing. There has been a lot of talk in the past, but now there seems like there is finally some action taking place. Councilor Hamel offered to be of any help she could to the pool project.

Councilor Philbrick: Thank you to everyone on the Celebration Committee and the Firefighters for all the help with the flags. Many people have commented how beautiful it looks. The next project the Committee will work on will be to get some planters for the summer season and holiday decorations for Main Street. Vickie, Ken and Nicole have worked really hard. Councilor Philbrick noted that the flags will be up every year from Memorial Day to Labor Day, and put back up for Veterans Day. We would encourage people to continue donating. Councilor Philbrick also wanted to note that Norm and the Recreation Department have done a wonderful job the last few years.

Councilor Jordan: Wanted to echo Councilor Philbrick's comments on the flags. The flags look very nice. The pool committee is doing a wonderful job. Councilor Jordan feels that if Mr. Bertrand says something is going to get done, he believes it will get done. He is a man that takes action.

Councilor Gray: The flags on the streets are really attractive and they really liven up the Town.

Deputy Mayor Fotter: Wanted to congratulate Councilor Philbrick on the flags, they look great. Also wanted to offer his condolences to the Wyman family. He did not attend the last meeting because he was with the Wyman family. Councilor Fotter stated he heard one of the most moving dedications given to Jasper from his son Jack at the funeral. Jasper was a real hero and he had a lot of love for this Town. He will be sadly missed. Councilor Fotter recently went turkey hunting on Jaspers property after he had passed, and could only stay about an hour. He remembers Jasper sitting, watching the decoys, and having great stories to tell of their days together.

Mayor Nichols: Jasper was one of the many people who really loved Pittsfield and we hate to see him go. Mayor Nichols wanted to extend his condolences again to the Wyman family. He also wanted to note that he had family visit from

New York and the first thing they noticed when they came into Town were the flags. He has heard great comments on how they really spruce the Town up. Mayor Nichols also notes that we could really use some Christmas decorations for the holiday time. Mayor Nichols wanted to thank the pool committee. Also wanted to thank all the Town employees for all the hard work. Thank you to WMCI for covering our meetings this year. They did a great job.

10. **ADJOURNMENT:**

Moved by **Councilor Hamel** and seconded by **Deputy Mayor Fotter** that the meeting be adjourned at 8:40 p.m. All in agreement.

Nicole Nickolan, Town Clerk