

THE 13TH ANNUAL TRADE SHOW AND COMMUNITY FAIR FOR THE SEBASTICOOK VALLEY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE will be held at the Warsaw Gym and Cafeteria on Saturday, May 2, 2009 from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm.

Events to be scheduled:

The next REGIONAL ENERGY FORUM, sponsored by the Pittsfield Recycling Committee, to be scheduled in March - April 2009.

The next REGIONAL JOB FAIR FOR SOMERSET COUNTY, sponsored by the Somerset County Transition Team and the Town of Pittsfield, to be scheduled in May 2009 (likely the last week). We will also have some trainings/speakers on starting your own business, etc.

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

Town Manager's Report: Town Council Meeting of 2/3/2009:

1. The FYI Folder: The FYI Book contains the following items this week: LIST READ

2. Board/Committee Openings: There are several board/committee openings available. Anyone who is interested in serving on one or more of these boards/committees, please contact the Town Clerk at 487-3136 or clerk@pittsfield.org

3. The Welcome Table Opening: The Welcome Tables will be open on Fridays from 10:30 am – 2:30 pm at the First Universalist Church at 6 Easy Street. The volunteers are serving a free lunch every Friday for all looking for a warm place, warm food and warm friends.

4. Dog Licenses for 2009: Licensing is now overdue for your dogs. All dogs over 6 months old need to be licensed. This is so that we can have a record of your dog in case it gets loose and we can get animal back to you or contact you to come get your dog. Rabies certificates need to be up to date or still effective. Late fees are now being added per State law requirement.

5. Community Theatre Fundraising Starts: The Capital Campaign Kick-Off for the Pittsfield Community Theatre has started with the first fundraiser being a performance by Comedian Bob Marley on Friday, January 30, 2009. The Fundraising Committee will be meeting Wednesday night and then be issuing a report of the net proceeds of the event. This is for the renovation of the Theatre and the Theatre Fundraising Committee will be working away on many fundraisers to benefit the Community Theatre, which is part of our community.

This work is separate from the Roof Stabilization Project, which is being funded by the Town and was awarded to Bowman Brothers, Inc. This project should start by next week.

6. MDOT Six Year Plan Proposed Project Listing: List READ.

7. Pittsfield Municipal Airport Obstructions Removal: The Town has put this project out to bid and given several options. The Town is seeking proposals for (1) the removal of previously cut and dropped stress, stumps, brush, logs and slash from several years ago including the disposal of materials from the designated areas; and (2) the cutting and removal of new growth (to include all trees, stumps, brush and slash). The grubbing of stumps and roots will not be required in the wetlands. All work is located at the end of Runway 1. The Town also seeks pricing for three alternate proposals as detailed on the quotation sheet.

8. Somerset County Bicentennial Planning Committee Report: Notice READ.

9. Residential Recycling Pick Up 2009 Schedules: The purple 2009 Schedules were sent out through the Rolling Thunder in January. We also have copies at the Town Office and will place this document on the website to download. We did not fold the copy this year and it showed up so much better in the newspaper.

10. Fire Safety Reminder: Maine Central Institute, SAD 53, the Pittsfield Fire Department and local businesses joined together to issue a letter with Fire Safety tips. These have gone out through the school system, to the employees, are being distributed with building and plumbing permits and copies are available at the Town Office. Thank you for the Headmaster and MCI for working on this project.

Finance Committee: No Report.

Ordinance Committee: Met tonight before the meeting with the CMP representatives. There were numerous questions asked by the Council and the public. There will be no action taken at this time. It is felt that additional information is needed before a decision can be made.

Recycling Committee: No Report, will be meeting tomorrow night.

6. **NEW BUSINESS:**

- a. ***ORDINANCE 09-01:*** (To be set to Public Hearing on 02/17/2009) That the Town Council hereby Ordains that Tax Anticipation borrowing for fiscal year 2009 be approved in an amount not to exceed Five Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$550,000), and that the Town Manager/Treasurer be authorized to prepare and seek competitive proposals for the Town's 2009 Tax Anticipation borrowing.

Moved by **Deputy Mayor Jordan** and seconded by **Councilor Fotter** that Ordinance 09-01 be set to public hearing on 02/17/2009.

The Town Manager noted this is a yearly housekeeping process that the Town goes through, as the property taxes, the major source of revenue for the Town, are due once per year.

We have established the TAN as a line of credit for the last several years, therefore, we are borrowing as we need the funds through the months that the revenue collections are lower. The revenue collections increase when the tax bills are released and tax payments start coming in.