

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

**Town Manager's Report: Town Council Meeting of 04/07/2009:**

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

**2. Paul E. Bertrand Community Pool Fundraiser:** We are on the home stretch. Notice Read.

**3. Time Warner Programming Notice:** Notice Read.

**4. Census 2010:** There are promotional items that the Town can do to help make sure that everyone is counted. The Census is important to the Town as it is part of the basis for funding formulas, grants, and economic development.

**5. Town Training Calendar:** The Town will be presenting Haz-mat Awareness training for applicable employees/departments on Friday, 04/23/2009 at 10:00 am and 2:00 p.m. at the Town Office.

**6. Biennial Capital Work Plan Fiscal Years 2010-2011:** The MDOT 2 year budget for capital road work has been issued for the period beginning July 1, 2010. The Town of Pittsfield is definitely listed. See Program.

**7. National Library Week:** Notice Read.

**8. Town Revenues and Expenditures:** Town Revenues are coming in very slowly and are below expected limits, even though we lowered revenue estimates significantly. Excise Tax is now running \$9,512 behind last year's statistics and State Revenue Sharing is running at \$23,786 behind last year's statistics. We are on an unofficial budget freeze. I spoke with everyone, I did not issue a directive.

**9. Notice of Public Sale:** We have good news in that the Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale and required statutory 60 day period expired without redemption on 214 Somerset Avenue. This means that the former Tax Acquired Property on Somerset Avenue, 214 Somerset Avenue can now be put out to Public Sale. READ Notice of Public Sale. I would assume that the situation stands as discussed at the last meeting – we should let the private sector bid on this. If the property sells, we will talk with the individual immediately about clean-up. If the property does not sell, it will apparently become the Town of Pittsfield's the next day. The next day, Public Works will go down and clean up the debris and garage outside the property.

**10. Maine Power Options EMF Presentation:** Read the Notice.

**11. Pittsfield Water and Sewer Users Very Important Survey:** As a utility user in the Town of Pittsfield, you will receive a very important survey in the mail. Olver Associates, an engineering firm, will be tabulating the results. The Town is planning improvements to our older infrastructure. Many grant programs or low interest loan programs require that the Town conduct an income survey of utility users. We ask that anyone who has not yet

returned the survey to do so by mail or in person. The survey and its results are very important to the future of the Town and our ability to upgrade the water and/or sewer system. Any questions, please contact the Pittsfield Town Office (487-3136). Thank you so much for completing this survey. We are starting to go out door to door now to collect the surveys so sending the survey back will save the Town money and time and save you time.

**12. Pittsfield Community Theatre Opens:** The work being conducted by Bowman Brothers is nearing completion. Their last day should be April 10, 2009 at the theatre. We need to do some straightening and cleaning of the theatre after that. The Pittsfield Community Theatre will be opening on April 17, 2009. The opening move will be Hotel for Dogs rated PG with a matinee on Sunday April 19, 2009 at 2:00 pm.

**Finance Committee:** No Report

**Ordinance Committee:** No Report

**Recycling Committee:** The Recycling Committee met on 04/01/2009. It was a brief meeting. The main discussion was the upcoming Energy Forum. Scheduling, clean-up, etc. was discussed. Trash to Treasure was discussed briefly, but will be talked about more in depth after the Energy Forum.

## 6. NEW BUSINESS:

- a. **RESOLUTION 09-44:** Resolved that the Town Council accept the bid of Bangor Savings Bank dated 03/20/2009 with interest payable at maturity at the rate of 1.85% per annum.

Moved by **Councilor Fotter** and seconded by **Councilor Baker** that Resolution 09-44 be adopted.

The Town Manager noted the Town received four bids ranging from a low of 1.85% to a high of 4.25% for the Town's 2009 Tax Anticipation Note. This is a yearly process in which the Town borrows funds to cover expenses until the Tax Dollars, which fund a high % of the budget, are due in October. The taxes paid in October cover the period of January – December of that year. This is an excellent interest rate. As it is a line of credit, the Town only pays on exactly what we borrow.

**VOTE: UNANIMOUS AYE**

- b. **RESOLUTION 09-45:** Resolved that the Town Council authorize the Town Manager to execute the contract with Constellation NewEnergy, Inc. for the electricity supply agreement for the Town's streetlight account for the period of 05/01/2009 through 12/01/2011.

Moved by **Councilor Chale** and seconded by **Deputy Mayor Jordan** that Resolution 09-45 be adopted.

The Town Manager noted we requested pricing for streetlights when we applied for the Maine Power Options Cooperative pricing for the Town's medium accounts. The streetlights needed to be priced separately. The rate was great. Pricing right now is