

MINUTES

For a regular meeting of the Pittsfield Town Council held on Tuesday, February 2, 2010 at 7:30 pm in the Council Chambers.

PRESENT: COUNCILORS: Mayor Tim Nichols, Bob Stackhouse, Caleb Curtis, Donna Chale, Christopher Carr and Louise Baker. **ABSENT:** Deputy Mayor Gary Jordan, Jr. Also present: Town Manager Kathryn Ruth and Town Clerk Nicole Nickolan. Audience members included: Mike Gallagher.

1. **Mayor Nichols** opened the meeting by leading the **Pledge of Allegiance**. The Council observed a moment of silence.
2. Adoption of Minutes of the regular meeting on January 19, 2010.

Moved by **Councilor Chale** and seconded by **Councilor Baker** that the minutes of the regular meeting on January 19, 2010 be adopted.

VOTE: UNANIMOUS AYE

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

Presentation by MSAD #53 Superintendent Michael Gallagher

Mike Gallagher gave a presentation updating the Council on several different subjects concerning MSAD #53. The current situation with State and local funding was discussed in length comparing a 10-year period. Different ideas for cost reductions in next years budget were discussed. The ongoing consolidation was discussed as well as the plans to submit an application for a new building.

Community and Economic Development Activities and Events

Report on Meetings & Events:

The next 2010 Trade Show Meeting for the Seabasticook Valley Chamber of Commerce is scheduled for Wednesday, 02/10/2010 at the SVCC Chamber Office. The Trade Show is scheduled for Saturday, 05/01/2010 in Pittsfield. This is the second year that the Town has the pleasure of hosting the business and community trade show for the Seabasticook Valley. Last year, the Trade Show Committee endorsed a plan for the Trade Show to be hosted in Pittsfield for another year, bringing the number of years in a row to 2, then it will move to another community. We have some nifty ideas for a Spring Focus.

We have teamed up with HealthySV to enhance the community fair aspects of the event as well to provide a new focus for crafters, artisans, and farmers. Both Gyms/Cafeterias have been reserved at Warsaw and Vickery Schools as the events are planned to be much larger this year. Advance registration materials will be going out in February.

A number of new events are being planned including dessert contest at Vickery School judged by Todd Simcox, Paul Bertrand, Rick McCarthy, Dave Lemar and a representative of HealthySV. Each dessert must have fruit or vegetables in it. There will be a youth and adult category. More details coming.

Upcoming Meetings & Events

Kennebec Valley Council of Governments Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) Meeting scheduled for Tuesday, 02/02/2010 from 11:00 am – 1:00 pm at the Kennebec Valley Council of Governments: This group oversees economic development projects for the region.

Sebasticook Valley Chamber of Commerce Annual Meeting scheduled for Thursday, 02/11/2010 from 5:00 pm – 8:00 pm at the Millennium: I forwarded information to all the Town Councilors. This year, Ann McGowan is the recipient of the Joyce Packard Community Spirit Award. I just thought it was the perfect award for her for the Pittsfield Library Project with the perfect timing so we submitted the nomination. We have copies of the Annual Banquet registration forms out in case anyone would like to attend.

The Deeper Life Assembly will be holding its Annual Winter Carnival on Saturday, 02/20/2010. More information is coming.

Bud's Shop 'N Save is holding its Grand Re-Opening on Monday, 02/22/2010 at 9:00 am. The Community Pharmacy will also have its official Grand Opening at the same time.

Ken-Som Transition Team Meeting scheduled for Wednesday, 02/24/2010 from 9:00 am – 11:00 am at the Kennebec Valley Council of Governments

The next Ken-Som Transition Team Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, 02/24/2010 from 9:00 am – 11:00 am at the Kennebec Valley Council of Governments was cancelled due to the weather forecast. This is the group that responds to worker dislocations in Kennebec and Somerset Counties by:

A: Immediately convening providers and others in affected communities to support companies and employees; and

B: Mobilizing resources and building collaborations to fill the gaps of unmet needs.

Our next project is to schedule and work on the Regional Job Fair which is scheduled for Pittsfield in late May 2010. I have some tentative dates for the committee and we will be setting up a work group for this project.

WorkReady Three Week Program scheduled for Monday, 04/12/2010 through 04/20/2010.

Pittsfield Public Library Grand Opening Celebration scheduled for Saturday, 05/15/2010 from 11:00 am – 2:00 pm.. Anyone who has not dropped by the Library should. It is amazing.

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

ORDINANCE 10-01: (Public Hearing)

ORDINANCE TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS AND AUTHORIZE UP TO \$1,900,000 IN BONDS TO FINANCE IMPROVEMENTS TO THE TOWN'S SEWER SYSTEM

The Town of Pittsfield hereby ordains improvements to the Town's sewer system including, but are limited to, the removal, analysis and disposal of all or any part of the sludge built up in the Lagoon System which is the Wastewater Treatment System and other sewer system improvement projects approved by the Town Council (the "Projects"), and the Town hereby appropriates the sum of \$1,900,000 to pay costs of the Projects and in order to finance costs of the Projects, the issuance of general obligation bonds and/or notes of the Town in a total aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$1,900,000 is hereby authorized. The Town Council, by Bond Order or Resolution, is authorized to determine, or to delegate to the Mayor and Town Treasurer the authority to determine, the date(s), maturities, denominations, interest rate(s), place(s) of payment, purchaser(s), form(s) and other details of such bonds and/or notes, including any provisions making the same redeemable or callable, with or without premium, prior to maturity, and is further authorized to determine or authorize all other acts and things as may be necessary or desirable in order to effect the issuance, sale and delivery of such bonds and notes.

As there was no one in attendance in the audience, there was no one to speak for or against this Ordinance. Public Hearing closed.

Moved by **Councilor Chale** and seconded by **Councilor Curtis** that Ordinance 10-01 be adopted.

The Town Manager noted on 10/06/2009, the Town Council authorized the issuance of \$1.9 million dollars pursuant to the Clean Water State Revolving Loan Fund. To date, funding has not been available although a few days ago, we were advised that additional funding could become available in this fund through a possible additional allocation of American Recovery Funds (ARRA).

The United States Department of Agriculture has been reviewing our project and will conclude its review in the near future to determine eligibility.

The date for filing for the regular Maine Municipal Bond Bank (MMBB) Spring Issuance is 02/03/2010. The applications are reviewed in 03/2010. Preliminary legal opinions and loan agreements are due from bond counsel of each borrower on 04/06/2010.

At this point, the only actual bond issuance that is scheduled with funding to be available in the approximate timeframe of our project is the regular MMBB issuance. Funding is to be available to be drawn down on 05/27/2010 if the Town is eligible. Therefore, the application is underway.

It would be prudent to apply for as many items as possible and obtain the best arrangement available within the given timeframe.

Therefore, the Town Attorney has drafted a general ordinance to authorize any type of borrowing for the improvements authorized in the October 6, 2009 ordinance. If this particular ordinance is adopted and the Town does not get the Clean Water funding, then as provided in the attached Ordinance, the Town Council could then adopt the usual form of the Bond Resolution to authorize participation in the MMBB ordinary spring issue.

The Town received very competitive bids for sludge removal ranging from \$1,480,850 to \$3,207,500 for the advertised bid. This figure did not include engineering or additional work that may be required. In case for some reason, the Town were unable to accept the apparent low bid for the project, we have added a contingency to cover the additional cost for the next apparent low bid.

The Town does not have to borrow all of the funds listed on the Ordinance as the language states “to not exceed”. The higher amount is listed to try to avoid the case in which we need to supplement this Ordinance at a later date.

Therefore, the Town will be issuing up to \$1.9 million once (likely to be less than \$1.9 million), however, we will have more than one ordinance on the books due to timing issues.

In order to accept a bid and sign a contract, the Town needs to make sure that we can obtain the funding. This is the first step in the process.

Also attached is the engineering review of the three lowest bids received for the project by Olver Associates.

We are also working with Olver Associates on putting together an application for the possibility of Clean Water ARRA funding to be available at a later period this year.

VOTE: UNANIMOUS AYE

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

Town Manager's Report: Town Council Meeting of 02/02/2010:

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. Municipal Revenue Impacts from the 2010-2011 General Fund Budget and the Proposals Included in Supplemental Budget – LD 1671: Read Impact Summary received from the Maine Service Center Coalition on January 31, 2010.

3. 2010-2014 Airport Capital Improvement Plan (ACIP) Submittals approved: Read letter listing projects that have been approved for the 5 year Capital Improvement

Plan for the Pittsfield Municipal Airport.

4. Pittsfield Community Theatre Fundraising Committee: The next fundraiser is a Valentine's Day Dance. Enjoy an evening of dancing to music by DJ Kris Bridges at the Elks Lodge on Middle Street on Saturday, February 13, 2010. The dance will start at 8:00 pm and end at midnight. It will feature a cash bar, a 50/50 raffle and raffle for a weekend getaway at the Brunswick Inn. Tickets are available at the Pittsfield Town Office at \$25/couple and \$15/single. For more information, call 487-3411.

5. The Welcome Table: The Welcome Table is open from 10:30 am to 1:30 pm every Friday at the First Universalist Church in the Community Hall at 6 Easy Street. This is a local program staffed and funded by volunteers whose mission is to provide a warm place to gather, socialize and share a hot meal. Games, puzzles and cards are always available. All are invited to attend. For further information, please call Trudy Ferland at 487-6523.

6. Census Jobs: The U.S. Census Bureau is now recruiting census takers. Testing is being held in the Pittsfield Municipal Council Chambers on Tuesdays and Thursday through March, 2010 at specific times. Anyone who wishes to apply and take the test needs to call to register and schedule their appointment. Please call 1-866-861-2010 to apply. Positions pay \$13.25/hour with mileage reimbursement at \$.55 per mile.

7. 2010 Winter Season at The Pinnacle: The Club's Purpose is to:

- a. To Promote skiing for children and adults;
- b. To Encourage greater interest in skiing in the surrounding communities;
- c. To Conduct a ski school, equipment sales and social events;
- d. To promote other snow sports and other outdoor sports and events as the Club may deem advisable; and
- e. To Support Ski-related activities.

Sign up for your Winter membership at the Pinnacle: Family rates are \$75.00; couples \$50.00 and individuals are \$30.00. Family memberships are for a family of 5 and family membership is for immediate family members only. Student memberships are \$20.00. As part of your membership, you are expected to sign in and work 10 hours of service. Checks should be made payable to the Pinnacle Ski Club. Forms are available at the Town Office.

Finance Committee: None.

Ordinance Committee: None.

Recycling Committee: None.

6. **NEW BUSINESS:**

ORDINANCE 10-02: (Set to Public Hearing 02/16/2010) The Town of Pittsfield hereby Ordains to accept all tax year payments of David Jr. & Debi Ludden, including interest and lien costs, for the property at 121 D Street (Map 034, Lot 034), the Town having acquired said property as a result of automatic foreclosure of a 2007 property tax lien, recorded in the Somerset Registry of Deeds on June 03, 2008 at Book 4004, Page 102, which matured on December 1, 2009. The Town Council further authorizes the Town Manager to execute a municipal quitclaim deed releasing the Town's interest in said property to David Jr. & Debi Ludden.

Moved by **Councilor Stackhouse** and seconded by **Councilor Curtis** that Ordinance 10-02 be set to Public Hearing.

The Town Manager noted all foreclosed property must go to public hearing for consideration of a quitclaim deed under the Town Charter. This property foreclosed in December of 2009 and the Luddens did a good job in getting all taxes paid off.

VOTE: UNANIMOUS AYE

ORDINANCE 10-03: (Set to Public Hearing 02/16/2010) The Town of Pittsfield hereby Ordains amendments to Chapter 6. Offenses – Miscellaneous, Article 7. Dogs, Section 702. Running At Large and Article 7A. Stray Cats, Section 7A03. Procedure for Acceptance/Disposition of Stray Cats at Animal Shelter.

Moved by **Councilor Stackhouse** and seconded by **Councilor Curtis** that Ordinance 10-03 be set to Public Hearing.

The Town Manager noted the two identified sections of the Ordinance are old, out of date and require further explanation. These changes will update procedures at the current Animal Shelter and address the Town's costs if the animal's owners are found prior to transportation to the Animal Shelter. The Town Attorney has reviewed and approved the language. The Ordinance Committee, at their last meeting on 01/19/2010, recommended approval.

VOTE: UNANIMOUS AYE

ORDER 10-04: (Set to Public Hearing 02/16/2010) Ordered that the Town Council amend the current Site Plan Review Technical Fees, originally set for engineering and planning reviews and replace these fees with Order 10-04.

Moved by **Councilor Curtis** and seconded by **Councilor Chale** that Order 10-04 be set to Public Hearing.

The Town Manager noted the Town has set fees for engineering and planning reviews, however, in the future may need other reviews to be determined. If the Town sets the Site Plan Review Technical Fee as the actual cost of the technical advice, then the Town will not have to keep changing the fee every few years.

The Ordinance Committee also discussed this item briefly at their last meeting. As this is a fee set by the Town Council, a recommendation is not required.

VOTE: UNANIMOUS AYE

RESOLUTION 10-13: Resolved that the Town Council Ratify the actions of the Pittsfield Economic Expansion Corporation approving the consent to the Change-in-Control to UTC Fire and Security Corporation for the Lease Agreement dated 08/01/1994 by and between the Town of Pittsfield and GE Security, Inc. as successor-in-interest to G.S. Building Systems Corporation.

Moved by **Councilor Curtis** and seconded by **Councilor Chale** that Resolution 10-13 be adopted.

The Town Manager noted the Town Attorney has reviewed the request from GE dated 01/15/2010 and received by certified mail on 01/25/2010. The past transfers between companies involved sales or other transfers of ownership. The current General Electric to UTC Fire and Security Corporation transaction is a stock sale. Therefore, only the consent of the lease is required. The Credit Enhancement Agreement for the Tax Increment Financing District will automatically transfer to UTC. PEEC met on Friday, 01/31/2010 to approve the consent.

The Town Council has been ratifying the actions of Pittsfield Economic Expansion Corporation when it involves leases, the Tax Increment Financing District, and sale of property.

VOTE: UNANIMOUS AYE

RESOLUTION 10-14: Resolved that the Town Council Authorize the Town Manager to Execute Change Order #2 in the amount to not exceed \$5,652.00 for the Alterations and Addition to the Pittsfield Public Library Project and amend the Contract with Nichols Construction, LLC originally dated June 05, 2009 and amended December 01, 2009 from \$926,929.00 to \$932,581.00.

Moved by **Councilor Chale** and seconded by **Councilor Baker** that Resolution 10-14 be adopted.

The Town Manager noted at the 12/01/2009 meeting, the Town Council approved Change Order #1 in the amount of \$10,213.00, which is included in the amended contract amount shown above. Included in the 12/01/2009 Council package was a list of items to be approved that evening as well as a list of items that were pending at that time.

Please find attached a description of changes that were required for the completion of the project. The total of Change Order #2 is \$5,652.00.

The funds for the change order were part of the funds raised for the project from grants and donations.

Cianbro's donation of staff time with Bob Greene as Clerk of the Works has been extremely helpful in managing this project. The Contractor has been very reasonable on pricing and work progressed in a timely fashion. The project was completed on time with the contractor working away on the Punch List in December, 2009 – January, 2010

VOTE: UNANIMOUS AYE

RESOLUTION 10-15: To Authorize the Town Manager to Execute a New Century Letter of Agreement with the Maine Historic Preservation Commission for the restoration, preservation and rebuilding of library windows in the amount of \$5,000.00 (to be matched with Library Building Project Funds).

Moved by **Councilor Chale** and seconded by **Councilor Baker** that Resolution 10-15 be adopted.

The Town Manager noted the Town went to draw down on the grant and found that the Library needed to submit paperwork. This is still on-going, but will be completed shortly. This is one of the smaller grants received for the Library restoration and addition, specifically targeting the windows in the facility.

VOTE: UNANIMOUS AYE

RESOLUTION 10-16: Resolved that the Town Council Appoint members to fill the vacancies on the various Town Boards and Committees.

Moved by **Councilor Curtis** and seconded by **Councilor Stackhouse** that Resolution 10-16 be adopted.

The Town Manager noted considering that we have over 100 board/committee positions, having so few vacancies is excellent.

VOTE: UNANIMOUS AYE

RESOLUTION 10-17: Resolved that the Town Council Waive Section 106. Regulations of Bids and Contracts of the Administrative Code and Authorize the Town Manager to Execute a Professional Services Contract with the Kennebec Valley Council of Governments, Pittsfield's Economic Development District for Administration of the Department of Commerce Economic Development Administration Grant for the Pittsfield Industrial Park Expansion to not exceed \$17,000 pending approval of the Economic Development Administration (EDA).

Moved by **Councilor Curtis** and seconded by **Councilor Chale** that Resolution 10-17 be adopted.

The Town Manager noted as discussed at two prior meetings, the Town has many projects on-going right now and has the potential of adding more infrastructure projects and financing opportunities. The Economic Development Grant is a specialized grant further complicated by the federal stimulus requirements. While cities may administer these grants, small communities generally do not complete the standard EDA grants on their own. This grant, as it is funded by the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act, is a bit more detailed than the regular EDA grants. KVCOG is uniquely qualified to address the EDA grants as they have administered several of them. The EDA recommends using the Town's local Economic Development District to manage the grants.

KVCOG has committed to the sum of \$17,000 if we wish to proceed. The Town's EDA grant has \$19,000 in the Administrative Support line. We would have \$2,000 remaining to address Fed-Ex costs, postage, filing and supply costs and other reimbursable administrative expenses.

KVCOG and the Town have met and we have divided up the work and are working on the specific language now. Basically technical advice and participation in the meetings, review of documents to make sure we have the right requirements, bid process, pre-construction meeting and then assistance during the construction process with the filing of the financial documents. The Town will maintain the comprehensive filing system, check work and I will continue to file the required ARRA quarterly reports on the Federal Government Reporting site as I have this all set up and at this time working well.

VOTE: UNANIMOUS AYE

7. **DISCUSSION ITEMS:**

A. Financial Reports as of 12/31/2009:

Budget Expenditure Report
Revenue Collections Report
Tax Acquired Property Report
Economic Development Revolving Loan Update
Housing Revolving Loan Update
Transfer Station/Recycling Monthly Report
Theatre Monthly Report
Excise Tax Collections Comparison Report
State Revenue Sharing Comparison Report
Personal Property Tax Collection Report
Real Estate Property Tax Collection

B. Other Reports as of 12/31/2009:

Building and Plumbing Permit Reports
Library Report-Librarian's and Library Trustees Minutes
Police Report
Self-explanatory – Not reviewed

1. **Update on Water Projects:**

Federal Stimulus Funding for Back-up Water Pump:

The Back up pump was installed last year. We have been using both pumps, rotating between them. We are waiting for the last engineering costs to pay. This project will then need to be closed out.

Water Meter Replacement and Automated Meter Reading (AMR System):

The new AMR system meters for residential homes remaining to be installed is broken down as follows:

1. Plumbing issues, agreed to fix with a plumber so we can install the meter – 7
2. Need to dig – there is no valve inside, no curb stop or can not find curb stop – 8
3. Plumbing problems – can not install meter, people are not fixing their plumbing, can't reach – 32
4. Vacant – will install new meter when turn on water – 18 (includes 4 bank foreclosures)
5. Other/Miscellaneous – Hathorn Park, meter under house, need special meter, going to tear down building in spring – 5

Total Remaining: 70

Of the 70 remaining, 18 will be picked up when there is a new owner or tenant as part of the process of turning on the water, so we actually have 52 to solve.

Of those 52, we will continue to define the plumbing problem group of 32.

Of those 32, some people just can't afford to do this; some are being stubborn; and others are unreachable. Once we are down to a certain group as far as we can reduce this number, we will have several ways to proceed and will evaluate the costs vs. the benefits

2. **Update on Sewer Projects:**

Sludge Removal Project (on agenda earlier) and Sewer System Projects (still have our applications out there for the priority sewer projects): The Town has applied for several mechanisms for funding and is working our way through this process. A large opportunity has arrived and is now under review. The Town's treatment system over the last 30 years has built up huge cost deferred maintenance, which we are now grappling with. Meantime, the Town's sewer system is ancient with little infrastructure improvement. The State and federal government have little money to address the astronomical amount of sewer infrastructure problems across the State through the Clean Water Program. If the Town acted now on its major infrastructure issues – sludge and sewer, we may be eligible for a grant/loan. To be eligible, the Town will have to raise the sewer rate again – my estimation to meet that federal requirement for funding would be 26-33%. It appears 26% from the information I have been given, however, consumption is down so to meet the budget, it would be 33%. That is based upon specifics from the federal government and could change based upon an upcoming meeting. This is preliminary only.

Pros: Get grant funding instead of loans over a period of time to complete sewer work; grant money is available now, going to have to complete the work now, some economies of scale doing sewer now during a down economy

Cons: Borrowing more than \$1.9 million, which is hard to pay for anyway; everything is happening at once which will be hard to manage and of course, the cost to the consumer is not spaced out as much as it could be. It is not spaced out anyway, as the Town did not deal with sludge removal over 30 years, however, we would be adding to this by doing some sewer projects now as we could receive grant funding.

The sewer rate with the \$4.75/1,000 gallons for the average family with 15,708 = \$74.61/quarter X 4 quarters = \$298.44. The average would need to go to \$92.50/quarter X 4 = \$370.00

We did know when we scheduled the sewer rate increase in November to start collecting up the sludge removal bond payments, that we were scheduling it less than what was projected to keep the % under 50% increase. We only needed to make ½ of the payment in 2010 so we could collect up funds and then adjust the rate accordingly. Of course, that was on \$1.9 million, not a higher amount. So this is more than what was expected.

Is there interest in going for the grant for the sewer work at the same time that we get the loan for the sludge project, which could ultimately require a 33% rate increase or another % increase to be eligible? In other words, are we seriously interested in considering this?

After some discussion the Council agreed to move forward with this process. It was noted that if a rate increase was put into effect and the grant was not awarded, this increase would be taken back.

3. **Water/Sewer Project Possibilities:**

Income Survey for State and Federal Funding Opportunities: Olver Associates and the Assistant Treasurer met to review the income surveys. Now that we are through the budget process and end of year, we are going to start in again to get as many of the remaining surveys not yet returned, returned. The Town sent out and then went door to door on all homes/units in the water/sewer user area, which totaled 1210. 849 surveys were completed. We have 361 left to work on. The response rate is 70%. With that tally, we are not 51% low-to-moderate income town wide. We will be working road by road to see if we can obtain 100% participation on some of the roads.

Grants Update:

New Grants:

Airport Grants: Apron Reconstruction Grant: The close-out will be completed before the end of February with full as-built plans, DEP review, and arrangements for the MDOT and FAA for a close-out meeting in the future

Brownfields Grant: Clean-up Grant for Eelwier (now know as 8 Mount Road): The quarterly report was completed. I am awaiting the close-out package. It is not on the website and our Project Manager was unable to attain it. We will want to complete the close-out package soon or 3 more forms will need to be filed for the next quarter end as some of the bi-annual reports will come up due. We have received the VRAP which is a Maine DEP sign-off that the project is completed and is an added protection to the Town that the land, which we did not contaminate, is cleaned up of all contaminants. The next owner, is under certain conditions, required to have water testing done. However, anyone who bought the property for any use except green space, sensibly should test it as a precaution only.

Economic Development Administration Grant: Pittsfield Industrial Park

Expansion: Certifications have been filed, the signs are up, the Grant Management Plan is complete, the engineer is in the process of completing the engineering plans and bid document, and a meeting with the federal government will be taking place this month. The task at hand now is to review the two large binders of federal requirements and make sure that everything is followed.

Law Enforcement Bryne State Grant: Tasers: Our check to order the tasers dated 01/27/2010 arrived on 01/31/2010 and the units were ordered that day. Read Police Chief's letter.

Law Enforcement Bryne Federal Grant: Radio Equipment: We appear to be ahead of the curve. Only a few towns in the area will be prepared with the narrow band radios for the FCC change-over. The Police Chief is back, feeling well and will have the agenda item for the purchase of the radios for the next Council meeting. The Police Department has verified in writing, that the Town would follow its regular procurement process.

State Planning Office Recycling Education Grant: This grant ended up paying for 5 new Recycling Signs and 1800 Recycle 3 fold flyers that were delivered door to door. Those grants were up to \$500.

Grants waiting to be closed:

CDBG Grant/Public Facilities/Historic Preservation/Library: This is closed off, did not receive paperwork.

FEMA Reimbursements: 04/28 – 05/14/2008: The monies from 2008 were received so this grant is now done.

L&W Conservation Fund: Stein Park Renovation Project: The State closed out this grant and when they did, instead of sending the Town's 5% retainage to the Town, sent it to the federal government and we are not going to get it. So this one is done. We are scheduled to get another grant for Hathorn Park to work on the facility this summer

Other Grant Opportunities:

PUC Energy Efficiency: The PUC should be making decisions on the ARRA Energy Efficiency projects this month. They have so much extra work and requirements now so it is going to take them a bit of time to decide. This is the project to have an energy efficient boiler for part of the Town Office; solar panels for the roof; show volunteers how to weatherize the Town Office better & review the Town Ordinances to encourage alternative energy sources. The PUC did receive a lot of applications.

8. **REPORTS:** Audience, Council

Audience:

Council:

Councilor Baker: Noted that she had a resident make a suggestion to her. It was suggested that the Town move the Town Garage to the old VFW hall. They also suggested building a covered building to contain the sand and salt supply for the Town. The Town could use the old Town Garage area for additional space for the Pinnacle Park or parking for the Pinnacle.

Councilor Carr: No comment.

Councilor Chale: Wanted to thank Mike Gallagher for coming in. Wanted to congratulate Ann McGowan on her award. Wanted to note the passing of Fran Pratt and send sympathies to his wife and family.

Deputy Mayor Jordan: Absent.

Councilor Curtis: A resident from his district approached him regarding one of the storefronts on Main Street. Questioned if there is an Ordinance or something in the Town Code regarding inappropriate displays. There is a concern on the items being displayed on Main Street and the fact that it is a highly traveled route for school kids. The Town Manager stated we would look into this situation further. There are Ordinances in effect prohibiting adult entertainment, but this situation doesn't fall into that category

specifically. Councilor Curtis stated it was great to see Mike Gallagher and hear his presentation. Councilor Curtis questioned if the Council should make a statement showing support for the school. The Councilors decided to wait until SAD #53 formulated a position.

Councilor Stackhouse: Wanted to thank Mike Gallagher for coming in a giving his presentation. It was very insightful. Also, wanted to note that he did agree to the sewer rate increase – but feels it will be a very hard sell.

Mayor Nichols: Wanted to thank Mike Gallagher for coming in tonight and giving his presentation. It was very informational. As far as the sewer rate increase – it will be a hard sell. In the long run it will be the right choice though.

9. **ADJOURNMENT:**

Motion by **Councilor Curtis** and seconded by **Deputy Mayor Jordan** that the meeting be adjourned at 9:46 p.m. All in agreement.

Nicole Nickolan, Town Clerk