

MINUTES

For a regular meeting of the Pittsfield Town Council held on Tuesday, May 21, 2013 at 6:30 pm in the Council Chambers.

PRESENT: COUNCILORS: Tim Nichols, Caleb Curtis, Michael Cianchette, Gary Jordan, Jr., Donna Chale and Heather Donahue. **ABSENT:** Christopher Carr. Also present: Town Manager Kathryn Ruth and Town Clerk Nicole Nickolan. Audience members included: Kristen Gilbert, Phil Richardson, Ray Berthelette, Chris Anthony, Mike Havey and others.

1. **Mayor Jordan, Jr.** 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 May 7, 2013.

Moved by **Councilor Chale** and seconded by **Councilor Donahue** that the minutes of the meeting held on May 7, 2013 be adopted.

VOTE: UNANIMOUS AYE

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

Meeting with SAD #53 Officials regarding the 2013 – 2014 proposed School Budget

Phil Richardson, Interim Superintendent: Unfortunately, the Committee could not be here this evening. Kristin Gilbert, the current Principal of Warsaw Middle School, is also with me this evening. It has been a difficult year for budgeting. Mr. Richardson gave a presentation reviewing the 2013-2014 Budget Proposal. This was discussed in length comparing figures from 2010 to the current year. Mr. Richardson noted under revenues in 2013-2014 no monies from the Undesignated Fund Balance have been used to affect the tax impact. This is due to the fact that the District's Undesignated Fund Balance has been greatly depleted over the past four years by using those funds to offset tax increases to the District's taxpayers. The District needs to replenish this fund to a level suggested by currently accepted "best business practice." Also reviewed was a chart showing an estimate on what impact the 1.13% budget increase will have per year on a home valued at \$100,000. It was noted these estimates are based only on the School Budget side of local taxation utilizing a comparison to the current 2012 mil rate.

Community and Economic Development Activities and Events:

Report on New Business Activity & Opportunities in Pittsfield:

Several private sector business activities remain under review.

AE Robinson's new store is well underway. AE Robinson plans to have the new store open in time for the 41st Egg Festival Celebration which begins Monday, 07/15/2013.

Rite Aid has completed its new make-over focused on health and it looks very nice.

SAS Property placed on the market by MTC Holdings, LTD of San Antonio, Texas and is offered by the LandVest, a Luxury Property Real Estate Company in Camden – The new website

promoting the property is linked to the Town's website. The new literature has been distributed. Another review of the property took place.

A meeting was held with the realtor and we have come to the conclusion that it would be best to approach the company on the feasibility of lease/purchase and leases for the space in the newer manufacturing location. It is ready to move in with the exception of work that would be needed to divide up the facility.

North Lancey Street Business Building placed on the market by Lancey Associates and is offered by Better Homes and Gardens Real Estate Town & Country

Kennebec-Somerset and Sebec Valley 6th Annual Regional Job Fair scheduled for Wednesday, May 15, 2013 from 3:30 pm – 6:30 pm at the Warsaw Middle School Gym and Cafeteria was well attended with a steady stream of people coming and leaving so the flow was great for discussion, filling out applications and being able to talk about the positions and resources available. There was a constant flow of people so it was busy all the time until around 6:15 pm.

Report on Meetings & Events:

Listed below are Community and Economic Development meetings and events. All activities that do not have a location specified are at the Pittsfield Municipal Building.

Somerset Economic Development Corporation Board of Directors Meeting on Thursday, May 09, 2013 at 10:00 am in Skowhegan

Somerset Workforce Connect Meeting on Thursday, May 09, 2013 at 1:00 pm in Skowhegan

First Park Executive Committee Meeting on Thursday, May 09, 2013 at 5:00 pm in Oakland

Economic Development Tour at SAS Facility on Friday, May 10, 2013 at 12:00 noon at SAS Street

Kennebec Valley Council of Governments Board of Directors Meeting on Tuesday, May 14, 2013 at 9:30 am in Fairfield

Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy Committee Meeting on Tuesday, May 14, 2013 at 11:00 am in Fairfield

Egg Festival Committee Meeting on Thursday, May 16, 2013 at 6:30 pm

Governor LePage met with the Sebec Valley Chamber on Tuesday, May 21, 2013 to meet with Chamber business owners and board members from 9:00 am – 10:30 am in Newport.

Upcoming Meetings:

Dedication of the Glen H. Wheaton Projector Room on Thursday, May 24, 2013 at 2:30 pm at the Pittsfield Community Theatre on Main Street.

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

ORDINANCE 13-07: (Public Hearing) That the Town Council hereby ordains to transfer Map 017, Lot 079 to Daniel M. McQuarrie for the sum of \$2,659.80 as the result of a Tax Acquired Property bid. The Town acquired said property as a result of automatic foreclosure of a 2009 property tax lien, recorded in the Somerset County Registry of Deeds on June 7, 2010, at Book 4277, Page 234, which matured on December 7, 2011. The Town Council further authorizes the Town Manager to execute a municipal quitclaim deed releasing the Town's interest in said property to Daniel M. McQuarrie.

The Public Hearing was opened. There was no one who wished to speak for or against Ordinance 13-07. The Public Hearing was closed.

Moved by **Deputy Mayor Nichols** and seconded by **Councilor Chale** that Ordinance 13-07 be adopted.

The Town Manager noted the Town Council previously received a copy of the bid results and voted at the 04/16/2013 meeting to accept the bid of Mr. McQuarrie for the following Tax Acquired Property:

Parcel 1: Map 17, Lot 79 Minimum Bid: \$1,313.00 Land only, +/- 1 acre

The Town's regular ordinance process, which consists of setting the transfer to public hearing and then taking action after the public hearing, will conclude with this meeting.

VOTE: UNANIMOUS AYE

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

Town Manager's Report: Town Council Meeting of 05/21/2013:

1. The FYI Folder: FYI Folder which contains items that come in between the Town Council Meetings has the following this evening: NONE

2. Bin Sale: PITTSFIELD EARTH DAY AND RE-USE CELEBRATION: BACKYARD COMPOST BIN SALE: To celebrate re-use in the community and Earth Day, the Town of Pittsfield is part of a statewide backyard composting bin sale. A home compost bin and how-to-guide with a combined retail value over \$100 can be purchased for only \$45.00 (tax included). The bin is black, has a 10 year warranty, and is made of 100% recycled plastic. It's approximately 35" high and 33" wide, or large enough for a family of five. The Town has 20 composters available for sale, each at \$45.00.

The Town also has 34 Wingdiggers: The wing digger compost turner is available for a discounted price of \$17.00 each; 8 Reotemp Backyard Compost Thermometer: has a 20" stem for \$18.50 each; 8 Rain Barrels: This is the SYSTEMN Rain Barrel with a 55 gallon capacity for the discounted price of \$56.50.

It is estimated that 25% of the average household's waste consists of kitchen scraps and yard trimmings which can be easily composted. Pittsfield residents can save \$54.12 for every ton of

waste they compost rather than placing the material in with their garbage that is shipped out of town for disposal.

Pittsfield's recycling rate for 2011 was 62%. The 2012 rates have not yet been announced by the State. Let's keep working at our recycling rate and boost it even more while helping our gardens grow!

3. Walking Maps & Promotion: HealthySV, the regional HealthyMaine partnership and the Sebasticook Valley Chamber of Commerce joined with the Town to work on walking maps for the area. This project will be utilized for physical exercise, tourism and to promote walks, such as the 4/20 walk. The meeting was held in the Council Chambers on Tuesday, 04/23/2013 from 5:30 pm – 7:00 pm to discuss the trail map project and the Chamber's RRR promotional project and how all the towns can help. Councilor Chale attended. We had representatives from 5 towns and have picked up 2 more towns from separate individual meetings. There will be a GPS training on 05/23/2013 in the afternoon for those individuals who will be providing the details on the trails here in Town. If you know of a recreational enthusiastic who you believe would like to help the Town map these trails, please contact Kathryn Ruth, Town Manager at 487-3136.

4. Activities Maine Guidebook: Town of Pittsfield, Egg Festival and Fly-In will be in the Summer edition. The preview of the Egg Festival events is on the Town's website under Egg Festival, go to www.pittsfield.org

5. Greater Pittsfield Area Bike Rodeo and Bike Swap / Drop Off: The Greater Pittsfield Area Kiwanis Club held its Annual Bike Rodeo on Saturday, May 11, 2013 from 9:00 am – 1:00 pm at the Somerset Plaza by the Bangor Savings Bank. This event was held in conjunction with the Pittsfield Recycling Committee's Bike Swap / Drop Off and Bud's Shop 'N Save Customer Appreciation Day. The Somerset Plaza was the place to be on Saturday, May 11!

6. Library Book Sale: The Friends of the Pittsfield Public Library are holding One Day Used Book Sale on Friday, May 24 from 10:00- 6:00. There are many great adult and children's books from personal collections, as well as discards from the library shelves. Used audio books, videos, and music will also be available. Come early for the best selection. Donations for the sale may be brought to the library the week before the sale. Proceeds from the sale will benefit the Friends of the Pittsfield Public Library and their support for the library activities. For more information, please call the library 487-5880.

7. Hooked on Fishing: The Police Chief advised the schools have confirmed Friday, June 7, 2013 as Hooked on Fishing day for the 4th graders and Saturday, June 8, 2013 for the public session at Manson Park.

8. Library Art Display: There is an art display of Altered Books at the Pittsfield Public Library now through May 31. The art was created by the students of the Kim Bentley's Art Appreciation class at Kennebec Valley Community College.

9. MDOT Work Plan for Calendar Years 2013 – 2015: Listed on the MDOT Work Plan for the calendar years 2014-2015 is highway resurfacing beginning at the I95 on ramp and extending easterly 1.19 miles to Route 152. Also listed on the MDOT Work Plan for 2013 – 2015 is new construction of the apron expansion and some other projects.

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

6. **NEW BUSINESS:**

ORDINANCE 13-09: (To be set to Public Hearing 06/04/2013) The Town of Pittsfield hereby ordains to extend the Waverly Dam Lease Agreement originally dated July 7, 1983 and last amended on December 18, 1996 from July 6, 2013 to May 16, 2014 to line up the term of the Waverly Dam Lease Agreement to that of the Pioneer Dam Lease Agreement.

Moved by **Councilor Cianchette** and seconded by **Deputy Mayor Nichols** that Ordinance 13-09 be set to Public Hearing on 06/04/2013.

The Town Manager noted at this point, we have two leases for two dams which are managed by Chris Anthony. In order to decide on the future of the lease agreements, it would be prudent to extend the Waverly Dam Lease which expires this year to match up with the Pioneer Dam Lease which expires next year.

This should provide sufficient time to decide upon the future of dam management.

As of this date, I have not heard anything from the potential assignee since I forwarded the requested information regarding why the Town would want to have regular meetings and communication as well as background on our green programs.

Chris Anthony has confirmed that he is agreeable with the extension.

VOTE: UNANIMOUS AYE

RESOLUTION 13-52: Resolved that the Town Council Approve the use of the Pittsfield Municipal Parking Lot for the Seabasticook Valley Lodge of Elks, 140 Middle Street, Pittsfield, ME 04967 to hold a Block Party on July 13, 2013 and Authorize the Town Manger to sign an approval letter to the Liquor Licensing and Inspections Unit for the Seabasticook Valley Lodge of Elks to hold a Block Party on July 13, 2013.

Moved by **Councilor Cianchette** and seconded by **Councilor Chale** that Resolution 13-52 be adopted.

The Town Manager noted the Elks would be holding an annual celebration again this year. Last year's event went very well and there were no issues or incident.

VOTE: UNANIMOUS AYE

RESOLUTION 13-53: Resolved that the Town Council Authorize the Town Manager and Assistant Water/Sewer Superintendent to execute all paperwork required for the Town of Pittsfield to join Dig Safe System, Inc.

Moved by **Councilor Cianchette** and seconded by **Deputy Mayor Nichols** that Resolution 13-53 be adopted.

The Town Manager noted the Town Councilors received a copy of the package required to join the Dig Safe System, Inc. The Town is regularly contacted by many of the utility companies, however, there are some companies that will only use Dig Safe. Recently, we have come across cable companies getting ready to dig in areas where the sewer and water lines need to be reviewed first. As these companies only use Dig Safe, it would be better to be safe in joining the Dig Safe Program with the cost of \$1.00 per notification than to have an issue develop as the companies refuse to contact the Town before digging similar to the other utility companies.

The Assistant Water/Sewer Superintendent has confirmed with Dig Safe System, Inc. that a termination date for our membership does not exist. If we want to cancel, the Town would pay the current bill and advise Dig Safe System, Inc. that the Town is ending its membership. Scott was advised that last year 186 tickets were processed for digs in Pittsfield, therefore, at the current rate, the cost would have been \$186.00.

VOTE: UNANIMOUS AYE

RESOLUTION 13-54: Resolved that the Town Council Sign the Warrant and Notice of Election to Call the MSAD #53 Budget Validation Referendum to be voted on June 11, 2013.

Moved by **Councilor Cianchette** and seconded by **Councilor Donahue** that Resolution 13-54 be adopted.

The Town Manager noted this is a regular yearly process. This year there is only the School Referendum. The State is not holding a Referendum in June 2013.

VOTE: UNANIMOUS AYE

RESOLUTION 13-55: Resolved that the Town Council Appoint Nicole Nickolan as Warden and Emmalee Reed, Cammie Jemery and Tonja Lary as Deputy Wardens for the June 11, 2013 SAD #53 Referendum.

Moved by **Deputy Mayor Nichols** and seconded by **Councilor Chale** that Resolution 13-55 be adopted.

VOTE: UNANIMOUS AYE

RESOLUTION 13-56: Resolved that the Town Council Approve the opening of absentee ballots on June 11, 2013 at 10:00 am and 3:00 pm for the June 11, 2013 SAD #53 Referendum.

Moved by **Councilor Cianchette** and seconded by **Councilor Curtis** that Resolution 13-56 be adopted.

VOTE: UNANIMOUS AYE

RESOLUTION 13-57: Resolved that the Town Council Approve the issuance of a parade permit to Maine Central Institute for a 5K Fun Run/Walk on August 3, 2013 and waive the permit fees.

Moved by **Councilor Chale** and seconded by **Councilor Cianchette** that Resolution 13-57 be adopted.

The Town Manager noted this is an annual event for MCI. All is in order and it was well organized last year.

VOTE: UNANIMOUS AYE

7. **DISCUSSION ITEMS:**

Financial Reports as of 04/30/2013:

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

Briefly Reviewed by Town Manager

Other Reports as of 04/30/2013:

Building and Plumbing Permit Reports
Library Report-Librarian's and Library Trustees Minutes
Police Report

Self-Explanatory – Not Reviewed

Updates:

Water Projects Update: A lot of the problematic curb stops are being worked on by Water/Sewer. Hydrants were scheduled for replacement beginning Monday, May 20, 2013, however, the weather this week has not been appropriate so we will work on them as the weather permits. Customers in the areas of Leonard Street, Detroit Street, Lincoln Street, West Street, Central Street, Hathorn Street, Dorothy Street and Waverly Street may experience a brief interruption in water service. If there is discoloration upon return of service, please run your water for 10 minutes to allow time for any discoloration to clear up.

Sewer Projects Update:

Somerset Avenue: To advise commuters and remind people of the sewer project to commence on Somerset Avenue, an ad was placed in the Rolling Thunder. Letters were sent to the property owners by Olver Associates. The project began Monday, May 13, 2013. The work will be completed by Sargent Corporation which had done such a great job last year.

School Street, Elm Street, Cross Country: The first meeting was held with the low bidder, T Buck Construction. A test pit will be dug in the Rail Trail area as required. This project will start up after the school year is over. An ad will be placed in the Rolling Thunder at the appropriate time to advise the public that the Rail Trail will be worked on and closed at times during the summer. This is a small project so it should not be too much of an inconvenience. We can also contact the ATV Club for the area, MCI, several companies that have employees

walking and biking during their lunch hour and any others that we can think of to advise them that this area will be under construction this summer.

Franklin Street and Alternates are being designed now. We have been advised by Olver Associates that the design was about two weeks out and then the USDA must review the design. Therefore, this project will be coming up in the future for approval by the Town Council. It will be the last project of the many sewer projects. Letters were sent to the individuals along Franklin Street before Olver Associates went into the field to design the project so that they would know what was taking place.

Main Street has had three separate sewer issues one three lines. As there is concrete under Main Street, the Town installed a variety of small cross-country lines in various areas of Main Street. For some reason, there have been several issues this year – whether it was the deep frost or another factor, we have three issues on-going. On the sewer cross country line that was replaced in 2008 through a private sector bid, lines to the houses were also replaced. There was a sewer backup into one of the cellars so the line and the old capped line are scheduled to be dug near the end of the month when the contractor who put in the line can be present. The dig will hopefully determine what has taken place. An insurance claim was filed as the cellar had sewage in it, however, it is undetermined as to what has taken place so that claim is open.

A cross-country line that was under a building was not addressed in 2008 and this is being engineered now by Olver Associates as the line is full of roots and needs to be replaced. This will be one of the alternatives involved with the Franklin Street project as it is close by.

Last evening, the sewer main backed up which serves several homes by MCI. The line was pumped and the sewerage did not go into the basement. The property owners are watching this and to call Dispatch is any problems start up. The Town would need to obtain DOT permission to dig Main Street as close to the shoulder as we can, would likely install a manhole as it is hard to get to the sewer line so that there is good access to pump and be able to better camera the line.

Highway: Sweeping, clearing sand, filling potholes, cleaning culverts, and all summer work has started. The PW crew has been working on the Gazebo to stabilize it and dug a trench for the electrician as a new conduit was being placed for the new electrical hookup.

Cianbro has approached the Town to install a new drainage system on Dobson Street this summer so that it will address the storm water backup in a fast moving storm that happens between Dobson Street and the Cianbro Equipment Building. The water usually drains down, however, when this does happen it is a lot of water that can not drain in the one storm drain. Cianbro has also engineered their yard so that all the water will then come out onto the Town's property and go through multiple storm drains into the river through the pipe that is there. Cianbro has asked that the Town purchase all the stormwater catchbasins and pipes, etc. which we have tallied to over \$18,000. While this is a very good project, it is one that we would need to budget for and place a line in the 2014 budget.

Biennial Budget Proposal & Status on proposed cuts: We have been advised by the Maine Service Center Coalition that the State budget discussions on the items proposed to be cut from the Town's revenue sources will start moving through the committees this week. The first item to be discussed is the commercial excise tax, which it appears that the Transportation Committee is interested in reviewing as a possible state budget revenue source.

Pittsfield Recreational Trail (Rail Trail) Liability, Maintenance and Cost: I have had some very initial discussion with several interested parties on the Rail Trail. The Town would be eligible for a grant opportunity through the Division of Parks and Public Lands under the Department of Agriculture, Conservation & Forestry for a 2014 Recreational Trails Funding Program. The Town Manager discussed the grant application with the Town Council.

Pittsfield Historical Depot Restoration: The CEO and the Architect were unable to reach a decision regarding the final work on the roof, therefore, the decision has been made and Hahnel Brothers has agreed to address the vent issue and it will be completed quickly. This delay has put the siding work at risk. The Town has two foundation grants with strict deadlines. I have talked to all the parties involved and the project is on-going for the foundation work inspection which will then determine the design.

The foundation work should be completed late this summer. The Town had received \$11,000 toward a much larger sized project for the siding and time is going to be an issue. We may need to utilize the funds we have for the lead based paint to be removed professionally, obtain funds to buy the proper clapboards and then install them ourselves in order to get this done. This project is of concern due to the amount of work, its projected cost and the time element.

Code Enforcement Update: The CEO has met with the property owner to see how we can move along the backyard cleanup. It is agreeable with all concerned that the backyard will now be cleaned up due to the public safety concerns on site so this is being arranged.

Property Maintenance Ordinance / Regulations to prevent Junky Yards: The Planning Board started its first review of the regulation samples and their initial comments will be compiled for review.

Grants Update:

New Grants:

Airport Grants: Environmental Assessment (Engineering to prepare for Apron Expansion) – I tried to submit the remaining bills so that we can get ready to close out this grant and found that we are locked out of the new financial system that was established last year. We will be contacting the federal desk in charge of the US DOT's new financial software system.

Airport Grants: Engineering to Design the Apron Expansion – the grant application has been filed and sent by Fed Ex. The MDOT's grant application was received on Monday of this week. We have not received word as of yet that the FAA's copy has been delivered.

The Independent Review of the project was received and approved by the FAA. The FAA has agreed to allow the Town to utilize HTA to finish the construction oversight of the Apron Project. This is actually Phase III or Step III of the entire Apron Expansion project so it makes sense. We were able to negotiate the price of the engineering down over \$40,000 by utilizing HTA and not bringing in a new engineering firm not fully aware of the project.

The need still exists for the Town to interview the Airport Consultants that responded to the Request for Quotations. The work that will be under the new contract will start with the year 2014 projects, which is scheduled as an Airport Master Plan. So this is actual ideal, as every project with the exception of the helicopter pad, which we do not need, that was listed in the 1990's Master Plan for the Airport will be achieved with the expansion of the airport. Then we

start afresh again under a new contract perhaps with a new engineering consultant or the same one, but after interviewing and discussions. I have provided the dates that we would interview that work for Caleb and I to a couple of people that need to schedule their work and am waiting back. We will get the interviews scheduled as soon as possible.

Belvedere Fund for Historic Preservation: Paperwork has been forwarded to the fund with all of the required submittals to receive the \$11,000 grant award which must be spent by year end. The fund requested multiple copies of the paperwork and we have sent that information in to the foundation.

Davis Family Foundation: Need to start the scope and bid specs for the foundation work.

HealthySV Grant: Healthy Communities: Exercise is Fun Program for Children – outside skating event was held at MCI for families and children to promote physical exercise. The Recreation Director is talking with and passing out copies of the Healthy Exercise information to the students at events.

HealthySV: Healthy Communities – Proactive Student Presentations – The police need to get back into the school to address more classes and have asked to be able to speak to the students.

L&W Conservation Fund: Hathorn Park Legge's Field & Sports Complex, Phase II: A lot of work has been accomplished on the L&W Conservation project. The Town has made several upgrades at the gazebo to include electrical work, underneath the gazebo has been stabilized and cleaned out of the massive bamboo and weed display, there is a new electrical conduit, the front sidewalk has been excavated and reviewed by the CEO to ensure that it is now handicap accessible (when paved), new fencing is on order and we are getting ready to paint the gazebo. It will also have new shingles. Other projects will be scheduled which need to be completed around the activities at the park.

National Heritage Railroad Grant: Closed out with payment to the construction company for the roofing project. The final report was completed.

Rural Engineering & community Assistance Grant Opportunities: Information was collected by the company and inputted onto the EPA website.

8. **REPORTS:** Audience, Council

Audience:

Ray Berthelette: A few people in Town have been concerned with the proposed new paving on Somerset Avenue. The concern is that it may be even easier to speed once it is newly paved. People are concerned with the wide width of the road. A few ideas were mentioned by Mr. Berthelette to help slow things down. Perhaps islands on the sides of the road with plantings to make the road narrower or installing a tabletop in the road. The Town Manager advised that Somerset Avenue is a State Road and they do not allow items such as speed tables and islands. We have approached MDOT several times regarding this situation. Mr. Berthelette also questioned the address where the sewer lines run under the homeowner's garage. The Town Manager advised it was not his home address. Mr. Berthelette's concern was that he noticed he had orange lines painted on the road toward his property and in his grass leading to his property. The Town Manager advised she would check into this situation and what the painted lines are for. Mr. Berthelette also questioned water that is on the lower part of his property. The Water &

Sewer Department has advised this is a natural spring, but Mr. Berthelette is concerned that it is a pipe issue.

Council:

Councilor Donahue: No Report.

Councilor Carr: Absent.

Councilor Chale: I would like to thank the school administrators for coming in tonight. I appreciate Ray's insight. I'm glad to hear there is potentially grant money available for the rail trail and thanked the Town Manager for looking for a solution.

Deputy Mayor Nichols: I want to thank the school for coming in. There must have been at least 300 people at the job fair. People were very happy. Councilor Chale and Councilor Carr both stopped in to the job fair. If we had less people there then in the past that means more people are employed and that is a good thing. I hope an organization will help with the job fair in the future.

Councilor Curtis: No Report.

Councilor Cianchette: I would like to thank the audience. I would like to ask that everyone please attend the budget meeting. The Elks let Manpower use their facility and 16 jobs were filled that day. It is too bad that Pittsfield doesn't get the news coverage we should. I would like to thank those who have organized and brought the Regional Job Fair to Pittsfield, as it is a great service for the residents.

Mayor Jordan: I want to thank the school administration for coming in to speak with us. I have heard personally that the Senate and the House did recognize that we put forward a Resolution of opposition. There is a lot of competition going on right now, it is a business, where you send your kids to school. Mayor Jordan, Jr. also questioned if the Council was still happy with the meeting time set at 6:30. After discussion, it was a conscience that the time is still fine at 6:30, but we can review the need for a different start time later in the year.

9. **ADJOURNMENT**

Motion by **Councilor Cianchette** and seconded by **Deputy Mayor Nichols** that the meeting be adjourned at 8:19 p.m. All in agreement.

Nicole Nickolan, Town Clerk