

MINUTES

For a regular meeting of the Pittsfield Town Council held on Tuesday, February 7, 2017 at 6:30 pm in the Council Chambers.

PRESENT: COUNCILORS: Robert Stackhouse, Timothy Nichols, Michael Cianchette, Marie Manning, Heather Donahue and Howard Margolskee. **ABSENT:** Scott Strom. Also present: Town Manager Kathryn Ruth and Town Clerk Nicole Nickolan. Audience members: Peter Logiodice IV and Carter Richmond

1. Mayor Stackhouse opened the meeting by leading the Pledge of Allegiance. The Council observed a moment of silence.

2. Adoption of minutes of the Regular Meetings held on January 17, 2017.

Moved by **Deputy Mayor Nichols** and seconded by **Councilor Cianchette** that the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on January 17, 2017 be adopted.

VOTE: UNANIMOUS AYE

3. PRESENTATIONS, CONGRATULATIONS AND INTRODUCTIONS:

1. Community and Economic Development Activities and Events: Further updates will be provided regarding projects as information becomes available:

Now that the route has been announced by BikeMaine for the 2017 event starting on September 10, 2017, the Town can discuss this project in active sessions.

Sebasticook Valley Chamber of Commerce Annual Dinner on Wednesday, February 22, 2017 at Maine Central Institute from 5:00 pm – 8:00 pm

Individual, Title

1. Robert Stackhouse, Mayor
2. Timothy Nichols, Deputy Mayor
3. Heather Donahue, Councilor (had to cancel)
4. TwinkleMarie Manning, Councilor
5. Howard Margolskee, Councilor
6. Anna Bockis, Recycling Committee
(Anna is Howard's wife)
7. Kathryn Ruth, Town Manager

A number of exciting development projects are being planned or are in progress. Updates at the meeting.

Report on New Business Activity & Opportunities in Pittsfield:

A. General:

A few private sector business activities remain under review and small projects continue to be underway.

To address the few remaining available small locations, additional promotional pieces beyond our regular promotion of available properties had been provided to economic and community development resources and sites. As of the date of writing this agenda item, the Town continues to work on two proposals/ background materials for two business proposals/property inquiries on a regular basis. One additional project is not moving forward as the company cannot logistically move their multiple facilities this year to Pittsfield. The company plans to look at this option again later in 2017.

The Town has received a number of new inquiries about available buildings in Town and provided information and assistance to business representatives collecting information on potential sites for their business or client. Some of the inquiries were from our website marketing materials while others were from the economic development information that we sent out on the internet. Still other inquiries were from advertising conducted on behalf of the property owners by their real estate agent or themselves.

The Dunkin Donuts' restaurant received its Planning Board Site Plan Review approval on Monday, 02/08/2016. The Traffic Movement Permit was officially issued by MDOT and received by the Town later in 02/2016. The DEP Permit for the transfer of Somerset Plaza from Apple Mountain LLC to Dana Cassidy, the current owner, was received. The developer and the Plaza owner continue to work on this project. The plans have been received for the building and reviewed by the third-party inspector. The contractor has been hired and we have been advised that the company will hire local subcontractors.

The construction company has contacted the Town to start the sewer hookup process. On 09/01/2016, the Town received a copy of the DEP Site Location Permit for the project to proceed forward to construction.

The Town has been advised that bids are being sought on the project. The Dunkin Donuts project began at the Plaza on 10/11/2016. Site work is underway. The restaurant was to be built over the winter. The construction is now scheduled with the facility to open in late Spring 2017.

Cianbro Corporation officially purchased the Tech Center on Thursday, 02/18/2016 from the Pittsfield Economic Expansion Corporation. The building is under renovation inside as the building is to be tailored to Cianbro's needs. Cianbro has advised that now that they have completed their new Southern Maine location where they have a tenant that needed occupancy, that the company will be back working on the Tech Center. There has been some recent activity in the building.

Blue Sky Produce officially purchased Lot #7 in the Pittsfield Industrial Park from the Pittsfield Economic Expansion Corporation on Tuesday, 03/01/2016 for its Produce Shipping Depot. This is the last lot in the original Industrial Park and has a small developable window which works well for this project. The project received Site Plan

Review approval on Monday, 03/14/2016 from the Planning Board. The company worked with the Building Inspector to obtain the building permit to begin the project. The driveway, parking area and foundation were underway at the last meeting with more work being conducted since. The building has been erected. Employees have been hired for the summer to move the products. Blueberries are evidently going to be ready sooner than usual. The owner is working away to get everything into order and is very excited to be working in Pittsfield. The blueberry season was officially over with last week. The owner is now down in New York promoting wild blueberries. The Town is looking into how to assist with making connections and networking opportunities for the company. We have two groups that may work with the Town on scheduling a meeting to introduce Blue Sky Produce to the region. A meeting with interested farmers and other individuals/organizations regarding food storage, food distribution and markets for local products took place on Monday, November 14, 2016 at 3:00 pm at the Municipal Building Council Chambers.

Cianbro Corporation's Pittsfield Solar, a 9.9 Megawatt Solar Array Farm received Site Plan Review approval at the 03/14/2016 Planning Board Meeting. This is the first approval in a number of approvals required for the project to be built. This project is currently going through the CMP review process and discussions. The project is under development planning and moving forward. We have heard of good progress and more land is being purchased.

The Town continues to work with an upcoming small company Innovative Specialties, with a great skillset seeking an expansion in our community in the Industrial Park Phase II. This item was on the agenda for the 04/19/2016 meeting with three actions listed and on the agenda for 05/03/2016 with two ordinances set to public hearing and a resolution. The CDBG grant was approved for submittal after a very positive public hearing was held. The grant application was filed by the deadline in May. The project was approved at the 09/12/2016 Planning Board Meeting. All grant paperwork for the Phase II Project Development was filed on time at the beginning of October. The project is under review by the State. An RFP was drafted by the Town and reviewed by the State for engineering assistance for Innovative Specialties. The RFP has been provided to the company along with a list of suggested engineers to contact as well as any engineers that Innovative Specialties would like to obtain pricing from for assistance with the building. The Town has received a number of approvals and is awaiting the Town Attorney's review of the Side Agreement with Innovative Specialties, LLC so that we can execute all paperwork and start the project. The grant is in the process of encumbrance with the State of Maine. The engineering firm with the low bid was chosen by Chad Dow and is now working on the project's engineering required to obtain permits for construction. The owner has requested that the engineering firm have the project ready to go out to bid in February 2017.

Congratulations to Jillyann Butler on her purchase of the former Chalice on Main Street. She is expanding her business Amici Nail Spa from further up Main Street in Stan's building. As she expands her business, a nice leased space will be available on Main Street for a new, small or start-up company to utilize. This space usually goes quite quickly. The Town will list this space once Amici is close to her re-location which was originally estimated to be August 2016. This property at the corner of Main Street and Central Street is already starting to look better as it receives much overdue attention. The property is

undergoing a large renovation and face lift. The building renovations are now completed. Eden Day Spa is now open!

The Town Council signed the following Business Certificates in 2016:

Puretech Window Cleaning at 115 Main Street

Pittsfield Redemption Center at 418 Main Street (new facility under new management on the other side of town).

Andrea Amara for Andrea's Salon at 11 Huff Road for a hair salon.

Kimberly Wick for The Sitter Center Daycare at 50 Mount Road

Steven Lamarre for Off The Wall Collectibles at 129 Morrill Street

Bag End Suri Alpacas of Maine's new Farm Store at 226 Snakeroot Road

Dysart's expansion for restaurant seating in the North Main Street section of the building

Lisa Lewia, LMT with her massage therapy business at 15 Gleneagle Court. This is a home occupation.

The Town Council will sign a Business Certificate for:

Eden Day Spa at 145 Main Street (the corner of Main and Central Streets)

The Economic Development Lead Generation Project is going well with the issuance of the Situational Assessment and recommendations for sectors to promote for business attraction for the UTC Facility, SAS Facility and the Pittsfield Industrial Park Expansion, Phase II. Lead generation is now underway. A lead has expressed interest in one of the facilities here in Town and has talked about coming to Pittsfield in February – March 2017. We are following up on this item.

In addition, we will continue to work with several companies that wish to expand and/or locate in Pittsfield. These are on-going in the development and feasibility phases.

B. Properties for Sale:

1. UTC Factory: Please see the lengthy history in prior meeting minutes. On August 6, 2015, the Town was advised that the property will be available for occupancy in three months. Work continues at the facility. The Town has been advised that the property can now be marketed as of mid-November 2015. As of last contact with UTC on 12/31/2015, the Maine Department of Environmental Protection paperwork for closure of the facility had not been received. The Town was notified by UTC on 02/09/2016 that the property likely cannot be sold until later this year. The internal industrial cleaning was completed with very good results. The Town was able to receive a copy of the final paperwork for the inside of the building on 05/23/2016. The outside work was not totally completed prior to winter, therefore, it will resume this summer with MDEP signing off likely by early Fall 2016 or another company may have to address this. Marketing has started again inside the State of Maine and then will start up outside the State of Maine with the Consulting Contract. The Town has contacted the company regarding a desirable business for the community that has interest in the building. The company has also received a proposal from someone else that is under consideration. The Town has learned that there is a Purchase Sale Agreement for the property. A tour was conducted of the facility at the end of July 2016. The Purchase Sale has been reported to be moving forward to its conclusion. A meeting was held with the prospective owner on January 05, 2017. Materials have been requested of the prospective

owner regarding a proposal for the building. The prospective owner has requested that his proposal be kept confidential at this time.

2. SAS Property: Please see the lengthy history in prior meeting minutes. We are working with SAS intermittently to see if a company can utilize the factory for storage as it is great space that is going to waste. It has been very hard to have any type of deal for a business at this facility due to its current organizational structure. The interested company has made contact with the SAS representative and is awaiting approval. The Town then has followed up numerous times to request that there be a decision made. The Town has now learned that proposals will be reviewed on this property so we are working with a company on a proposal for a new manufacturing facility. The company is very interested in this facility. The company has been requested to provide their proposal for the project to the Town in writing so that we can proceed ahead. A proposal has not been received. It is reported that other parties are looking at the facility. The Town has requested that the company move forward. The Town has not been contacted regarding another non-business use of the lot, however, a project seems to be in the planning stages for the future.

C. Projects Under Review:

Hancock Lumber:

Hancock Lumber was working on their development project to assist with production and has submitted the map for the agreement. The company is forwarding the Town agreement through the authorization process. This is being checked upon to see if the Town can assist in any way. As of the writing of this agenda item, information has not been received.

American Legion:

The American Legion's demolition project is well underway with the building coming down the week of September 12, 2016. The demolition was concluded by September 23, 2016. Now the Legion is working on the details for the foundation. The site looks great! There have been many good comments about how nice the area looks. The foundation has been filled in. The American Legion is looking at options for a modular unit for the property. This is such an improvement to the neighborhood.

D. Somerset Avenue Projects:

Report on Somerset Avenue Sidewalk Project and Impact of the Somerset Avenue Mill & Fill Project.

The Town inquired into the changes made in the road by MDOT during the paving in the Mill & Fill Project and the resulting water issues by Hartland Avenue. On 12/07/2015, the Public Works Foreman met with the Bangor Division Engineer John Devin about the continuous water problems at the end of Somerset Avenue and its intersection with Hartland Avenue, a very flat area without enough catch basins in the State system after the mill and fill project. To date, the Town has not been contacted with the proposed solution. MDOT has been trying to clean out and explore the catch basin system on Somerset Avenue due to issues.

E. Report on Meetings & Events:

Report on Meetings:

Recycling Committee on Wednesday, January 18, 2017 at 5:00 pm
Kennebec Regional Development Authority (KRDA) Marketing Committee Meeting on
Wednesday, January 25, 2017 at 2:00 pm in Oakland
Theatre Committee on Wednesday, January 25, 2017 at 6:00 pm
Sebastcook Valley Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors Meeting on February 02,
2017 at 5:00 pm

Upcoming Meetings:

Central Maine Egg Festival Meeting on Thursday, February 9, 2017 at 6:30 pm
Kennebec Valley Council of Government (KVCOG) Board of Directors Meeting on
Wednesday, February 14, 2017 at 9:30 am in Fairfield

Recycling Committee on Wednesday, February 15, 2017 at 5:00 pm
Kennebec Regional Development Authority (KRDA) Executive Committee on Thursday,
February 16, 2017 at 5:00 pm in Waterville
HealthySV Coalition Meeting on Wednesday, February 22, 2017 at 9:00 am
Theatre Committee on Wednesday, February 22, 2017 at 6:00 pm
Kennebec Regional Development Authority (KRDA) General Assembly Meeting on
Thursday, February 23, 2017 at 5:00 pm in Waterville

4. PUBLIC HEARINGS: NONE

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

Town Manager's Report: Town Council Meeting of 02/07/2017:

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. Pittsfield's Birthday on June 19, 2019: The Town was incorporated on June 19, 1819 so our 200th birthday is coming up. READ Notice.

3. Library news: READ Notice from Library.

4. Tax Acquired Property Sale Coming Right Up: READ Notice.

5. Central Maine Egg Festival News:

Next meeting: READ Notice.

45th Year Theme Contest: READ Notice

6. Kennebec-Somerset County Transition Team Job Fair: The 10th Regional Job Fair for Kennebec and Somerset Counties as well as Sebecook Valley will be held on Wednesday, May 17, 2017 from 3:30 pm – 6:30 pm at Warsaw Middle School. We just received confirmation that we can utilize the Gym for the Job Fair so we will need to start work on this project immediately. Generally, we have over 50 employers and resource providers. Most of the participants are employers. We can have anywhere from 202 job seekers to over 500 job seekers. It will depend upon the year.

Ordinance Committee: No Report

Recycling Committee: The Recycling Committee met on 01/18/2017 for their meeting. We reviewed the action plan for the year. The Town Manager and Donnie Chute also attended the meeting. We discussed friendlier signage with pictographs. An information board was also discussed with possible assistance from MCI or Public Works. We discussed a user-friendly glass drop off or the possibility of combining glass and tin. Councilor Donahue mentioned the reduction of tin and glass by canning their own food. The possibility of removing glass for capital use was also discussed with Public Works for road fill. One of the long-term goals is a possible storage building at the Transfer Station. We discussed food waste and getting more detailed stats from local businesses and an educational piece. Councilor Manning offered her assistance on the video piece of the education when the time comes. A community announcement at the Theater was also discussed.

Finance Committee: The Committee met tonight prior to the meeting to discuss the RFP for the former MainePERS funds. We reviewed the bids from six banks, disqualifying one. We will interview the other banks. We received bids for both high and low interest rates. We will also be setting up an appointment to speak to TD Bank regarding the Cemetery Trust account in the future and People's for the Reserves.

6. NEW BUSINESS:

ORDINANCE 17-02: (To be set to Public Hearing 02/21/2017) The Town of Pittsfield hereby Ordains to enact the Town of Pittsfield Retail Marijuana Establishments and Retail Marijuana Social Clubs Moratorium Ordinance.

Moved by **Councilor Cianchette** and seconded by **Councilor Manning** that Ordinance 17-02 be set to Public Hearing on 02/21/2017.

The Town Manager advised regarding the recreational use of marijuana. The Town had been in the process of reviewing these materials when phone calls were received from businesses and individuals regarding their concerns about the passage of the referendum. After explaining the process, the businesses and individuals were pleased that we would consider a moratorium. In the recent referendum, the citizens of Pittsfield voted 1071 No to 886 Yes on Question 1, the Legalization of Marijuana.

The Ordinance Committee received a package with background material from the Maine Municipal Association, various versions of a Moratorium, and other background material received on the recent legalization.

After a detailed review of the various ordinance samples, the Ordinance Committee voted to recommend the Ordinance which had been drafted by the Town Attorney for another community as an Emergency Ordinance due to health, safety and welfare issues. I formatted the Emergency Ordinance for the Town of Pittsfield's ordinance process and had the Town Attorney review it. Attached is an Emergency Ordinance to go into effect immediately as reviewed by the Town Attorney. This Emergency Ordinance will need to have a 60-day period of enactment, at which point, if State law is not completed and/or the Town has not finished its review, the Town may re-enact the Ordinance.

As we know, there is a lot of confusion on this issue. The larger towns around us as well as Newport are considering a moratorium. It protects the Town while this all gets hashed out at the State level. Once we have an idea of what the State proposes, we can have the Planning Board and Code Enforcement Officer start reviewing the zoning and how this type of facility would fit into our community (or would not). We have to remember that the medical marijuana regulations are separate from recreational marijuana.

VOTE: UNANIMOUS AYE

RESOLUTION 17-21: Resolved that the Town Council appoint members for the 200th Anniversary Committee.

Moved by **Councilor Donahue** and seconded by **Councilor Cianchette** that Resolution 17-21 be adopted.

The Town Manager noted The Town has advertised for members of the new 200th Anniversary Committee through paid advertisement, press releases, newspaper on-line promotion, websites, Facebook, postings around town and copies available at town facilities. In addition, information was provided to SAD #53 and MCI with a request to forward it through the school system and to make recommendations.

Interest in being appointed to the Committee has been expressed by:
Marie Manning (from the 01/03/2017 Council Meeting)
Howard Margolskee (from the 01/03/2017 Council Meeting)
Jan Laux (e-mail attached)
Jane Woodruff (e-mail attached)

The Town Council has also received a letter from Barbara Pomeroy, who works for Burky & McCarthy, Attorneys at Law. She would be the Business Representative.

I have talked to a number of people about this committee and although interest has been expressed, people have not signed up. We may receive more submittals by the Council Meeting. In this case, a strategy would be to start with a few members who will grow the excitement and interest level which then will lead to more volunteers as 2017 unfolds.

VOTE: UNANIMOUS AYE

RESOLUTION 17-22: Resolved that the Town Council designate the recipient of the 2017 Pittsfield Spirit of America Award.

Moved by **Deputy Mayor Nichols** and seconded by **Councilor Cianchette** that Resolution 17-22 be adopted with the Spirit of America Recipient Steven Emery.

The Town Councilors noted that there were so many people that were deserving of this award. The Councilors discussed all the possibilities and attributes that made all our volunteers eligible for the award. Councilor Donahue mentioned that it would be nice for the Town to have an annual Volunteer Recognition Event. The Town Manager noted that in the early to mid-2000's we did just that. Deputy Mayor Nichols noted how Steve did so many things for the Community. He is greatly missed by the Community.

VOTE: UNANIMOUS AYE

7. DISCUSSION ITEMS:

Updates:

Sewer Project Update: North Main CWSRF Project: This project is nearly complete with the last bills to be received as well as the retainage to be paid at the end of the one year period after substantial completion. The Maine Municipal Bond Bank provides interim financing for the applicants until the projects are finished. Once we have the final cost, the Maine Municipal Bond Bank will issue the permanent financing. The final loan is issued in the exact amount of what was spent up to the amount of the offer from the Department of Environment Protection for the low-interest State Revolving Loan Funds.

Water Project Update: North Main DWSRF Project: The Drinking Water project has the same information as the Sewer project listed above.

MDOT Bridge Project on I-95 North: The Town has not yet received a response from the Maine Department of Transportation as to whether the department is going back to the original plan provided to the Town of re-decking the bridge over the Town's Recreational Trail. This plan then changed to the complex and time-consuming tunnel project as the bridge over the Recreational Trail was to be taken out. Now, we have heard from a local contractor that a bid document to re-deck the bridges, including the bridge over the Recreational Trail, has been issued. We had asked MDOT to advise as to what is taking place and have not heard back yet.

Potential Rail Passenger Routes Northward from Portland/Brunswick: The Town Manager discussed how there were on-going discussions about adding to the original study of the costs to extend rail passenger service past Brunswick to Rockland and Augusta to now include Waterville and Bangor. This would then have the rail passenger service pass through Pittsfield. While this is just a study, it would be beneficial to follow its progress. The Town Manager had inquired into whether a resolution on the Town's record would be helpful. This is an exciting proposal, however, we need to remember that the cost to extend rail service is over \$1 million dollars per mile due to the condition of the railroad tracks. This does appear to be cost prohibitive unless extensive federal funds were received.

Legislative Bulletins: The Town Manager advised that if the Town Councilors do not want to receive the copy of the Legislative Bulletin from her, to just advise so. If she does not hear to discontinue sending it, then she will continue to provide it. This was asked as we are on information overload!

Ordinance Amendments Update: The Town Manager advised the Town Councilors of the progress of the Planning Board in drafting language to assist with the property maintenance issues that are of considerable concern to individuals.

Code Enforcement Violations Update: The Town Manager advised that she has asked the Code Enforcement Officer to review the violation list and to work on the violations as it is quieter during the winter with building permits and projects. He can work on a number of issues excepting those which are covered with snow! The Town Manager also advised that the CEO wanted to have the Town Attorney send letters to the property owners in violation of the town regulations. Given that there are 23 violations or so identified by the Code Enforcement Officer, the Town would not send 23 legal letters. She had told the CEO to determine 1-2 of the violations which were the most unsafe or unsightly so that property owners with substantial issues would be contacted by the Town Attorney and not those with small items. Since she can have the Town Attorney send a letter to an individual, this will not need Council approval. The Town Manager will keep the Town Council advised as to what takes place on this subject.

Planning Board Training Session with the Kennebec Valley Council of Governments (KVCOG): The Town Manager advised of the great training session held by KVCOG Planning Director Chris Huck. It was very user-friendly, to the point, beneficial for the members and defined the Planning Board's role.

Personal Property Tax Collections: The Town Manager advised that every single property owner with many years of outstanding personal property taxes that the Town had made an agreement with has continued to make payments and pay down the outstanding balance. Many of these balances had been on the books prior to her arrival. She noted that some of the taxpayers were actually up to date and one was paying on his 2017 personal property taxes prior to a bill being issued!

Police Chief Hiring Process: The Town Council and Town Manager discussed the draft outline with steps and approximate due dates for the hiring of the next Police Chief. Councilor Manning brought up the importance of social media, which is planned to be a part of the advertising for this position.

Closed Landfill Monitoring Program: The Town Manager updated the Town Council on the great news received from the Department of Environmental Protection. The Town is being permitted to pull all of the monitoring wells at the closed landfill and will not have to test any longer. It is not often that a town is able to shut down its program, however, we have had many years of good testing. This will save the Town upwards of \$2,200 - \$8,000 per year for testing costs, depending upon the work required that year.

Downtown Infrastructure: The Town Manager advised the Town Council of the concerns that several people had brought up with the image of Main Street, specifically, the gaps and humps in the sidewalks due to deterioration and tree roots; the antique street lights; and the lack of greenspace. The Town Manager discussed at length the challenges in locating funding for this type of work. There simply is not a grant program that the Town is currently eligible for which will pay the costs estimated at upwards of \$500,000. Due to the lack of funding, the work has not taken place. All of these items are needed and the individuals bringing up concerns are correct. It had been discussed at one time, fixing items

as much as we can such as digging up spots in the sidewalks that are the worst and other short-term work. Due to the fact that this temporary work would just be re-done later on, it would be a waste of town funds. This is a project that needs to be done all at once and done right. She has asked the Public Works Foreman to compile estimates of the probable cost for this work as soon as he can so that the Town can plan ahead for when funds are located. This information would be utilized as a planning tool so that if an opportunity comes along, we will be prepared.

8. REPORTS: Audience, Council

Audience: None.

Council:

Councilor Manning: I attended my first Theater Committee Meeting. Some people have stated I said I would vote against the Theatre, which I did say, however it is because I believe it should be a Municipal Enterprise. We should create a business plan. We need to rewrite the job description of the Theatre Manager. Also, the Committee only meeting once a month will not help to bring money in. Are we operating as a business or are we a historical charity? I think the Theater and the Pinnacle could be goldmines. Perhaps the next Theater Committee meeting should be rescheduled as both myself and the Town Manager will not be able to attend? We made up half the people at the meeting last time.

Councilor Donahue: It was refreshing to hear about the Theater Committee meeting from Councilor Manning. I recently went to the Theater on Monday for a movie. I noticed the announcement regarding the 200th Anniversary Committee was difficult to read. We should look into changing the font. The BikeMaine event was awesome. Everyone there was very excited. This will be a great event for the Town.

Councilor Margolskee: I will second Councilor Donahue on the BikeMaine event. It will be a great opportunity for the Town. We can show off the Town the way it should be. I will be attending an event at the Cross Center called Envision Maine. The group is looking at bringing new businesses and growing businesses in rural Maine. I will bring back some information from the event.

Deputy Mayor Nichols: The BikeMaine event will be a great event for Pittsfield. I feel bad that I cannot volunteer more for the Egg Festival Committee. My job just doesn't allow me much free time. I will help as much as I can. The Theatre needs both community spirit as well as being Town orientated. We do need to keep the bottom line in mind. I understand it has to change. Theatres will be around, but not in the old capacity. Due to online options for movies/TV shows, we cannot obtain the revenue we used to so we need to diversify which we have been doing. I hope we will see the old redemption center bought and fixed up. There is a small building next to the old corner cupboard. That would be a great place for a small lunch business.

Councilor Strom: Absent.

Councilor Cianchette: I want to start by saying, Marie, I love your enthusiasm for the Theatre. The bowling alley used to be the place to go. It was always there. The Theatre has always been there. It is one of the jewels of this Town. You don't sell your assets. I hope you continue on with helping and having that enthusiasm. The BikeMaine event potential is huge. I don't think we even realize how much yet. If the schools can get involved I think it really can grow some interest. Tim, I want to commend you on 20 years plus of service to the Town. That is exemplary. Thank you for everything. You are greatly appreciated. You are one of the assets of this Town. People take volunteers like you for granted. It is commendable. I would like to be more involved, but with my job is hard to make commitments. I appreciate everyone's patience with my schedule. I am glad to be part of this Town. I would like to thank everyone for stepping up. As a citizen, I appreciate it. I would like to be involved in the Police Chief process. It will define what shapes this Town and the direction. Nicole and all the ladies upstairs, thank you for your efforts. Kathryn, thank you for all you do. You represent this Town so well and we are very proud of you. If we had to pay you by the hour the Town would be broke. I want to note we appreciate the audience. You even stayed for the whole meeting!

Mayor Stackhouse: I want to echo all the Councilors' comments. Thank you to the audience for coming and staying for the meeting. I read an article today that Pittsfield is one of the top 10 best places to live in Maine due to the low crime rate. The BikeMaine event will be good exposure for the Town. The people that do the ride, many are on vacation. They look at these Towns they visit and think about coming back. Steve Emery is a great choice for the Spirit of America Award. I wish he was here in person to accept it. I want to thank our Fire Department for all their hard work on the terrible fire this week. Kathryn and Nicole, keep up the hard work. Thank all the girls upstairs for their hard work.

9. EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Executive Session for Title 1, Section 405, 6.C., Economic Development, Disposition of Property and Acquisition of Property

Motion by **Deputy Mayor Nichols** to enter into executive session to discuss Economic Development, Disposition of Property and Acquisition of Property under Title 1, Section 405, 6.C. at 8:26 p.m. The motion was seconded by **Councilor Cianchette**.

Motion by **Deputy Mayor Nichols** to return to regular session. The motion was seconded by **Councilor Manning**. The Town Council exited executive session at 9:06 p.m.

10. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by **Deputy Mayor Nichols** and seconded by **Councilor Cianchette** that the meeting be adjourned at 9:07 p.m. All in agreement.

VOTE: UNANIMOUS AYE

Nicole Nickolan, Town Clerk