

MINUTES

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

PRESENT: COUNCILORS: Robert Stackhouse, Timothy Nichols, Scott Strom, Marie Manning, Heather Donahue and Howard Margolskee. **ABSENT:** Michael Cianchette. Also present: Town Manager Kathryn Ruth and Town Clerk Nicole Nickolan. Audience members: Acting Chief Tim Roussin, Reserve Office Jason Emery, Reserve Officer Henry Ouellette, Julie and Tom Belanger, Tiffany Lackie-Ketcham, Allison Emery, Trae Brooks, Mary and Randy Marshall, Cindy Emery, William Graham, Donnie Hallenbeck, Peter Logiodice IV and others.

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 Meeting held on February 21, 2017.

Moved by **Deputy Mayor Nichols** and seconded by **Councilor Donahue** that the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on February 21, 2017 be adopted.

Councilor Manning requested a small technical change on the Regional PEG station, namely SVTV (Sebasticook Valley Television Station section).

VOTE: UNANIMOUS AYE

3. PRESENTATIONS, CONGRATULATIONS AND INTRODUCTIONS:

Presentation of the Pittsfield Spirit of America Award in Memory of Steven D. Emery:

Steven D. Emery was selected by the Town Council as the recipient of the Spirit of America Award. The criteria for the award are "impact, compassion, intensity, longevity and recency" for the volunteer efforts. Steve's commitment to the community and region over many decades certainly exemplifies these criteria. Steve had volunteered as a member of many committees and organizations.

The Spirit of America Foundation is a 501 (c)(3) public charity that was established in Augusta, ME to promote volunteerism. For the last six years, Androscoggin, Kennebec, Lincoln, Sagadahoc and Waldo County events were held and the Spirit of America Tribute have been presented in the name of nearly 100 Maine municipalities. The group expanded into Somerset County in 2012 and has promoted the program to all the Somerset communities. Pittsfield decided to participate in 2012 and chose the Pittsfield Food Pantry due to its reach to so many people over such a long period of time. For the second year of the program, the Town Council chose Bud Jones. For the third year of the program, Dr. Thomas Pierce was selected as the recipient. For the fourth year of the program, Beverly Rollins was chosen. For the fifth year, Spencer Havey was chosen for this prestigious award.

For the sixth year of the Pittsfield Spirit of America Award, the Town is proud to choose Steven D. Emery for his dedication to the community through his decades of volunteerism and service to our citizens, organizations and businesses. Steve was involved with the Hooked on Fishing Program in the school system which is a program dedicated to teaching the children to live a healthy lifestyle and to stay away from drugs.

He was also a member of the Sebecook Valley Lodge #2713 for many years. The major charity supported by the Maine Elks Lodges is the Maine Children's Cancer Program (MCCP). More than \$3 million has been contributed during the past 20 years to support the center located in Scarborough. All money stays within the state. The Elks Lodge also raises funds and contributes hundreds of volunteer hours for youth scholarships and athletic programs such as the Hoop Shoot and Soccer Shoot, Togus Veterans' Hospital and local assistance for needy veterans, Red Cross blood drives, food pantries, emergency donations for families in need, the Elks National Foundation, Elks Drug Awareness and Americanism Programs and much more

In addition, Steve was very dedicated to his duties as the Pittsfield Police Chief. One could always find Steve listening to someone, helping out a citizen or giving advice.

Mayor Stackhouse presented the award to Tiffany Lackie-Ketcham and Allison Emery, Police Chief Emery's daughters.

Community and Economic Development Activities and Events

Further updates will be provided regarding projects as information becomes available:

Report on event held:

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

Events being planned:

Business Resources Night on Wednesday, April 19, 2017 at Warsaw Middle School Gym

10th Annual Kennebec-Somerset Transition Team Job Fair on Wednesday, May 17, 2017 from 3:30 – 6:30 pm at the Warsaw Middle School Gym

BikeMaine Event in Pittsfield on Sunday, September 10 and Monday, September 11, 2017 at Manson Park and Downtown locations

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. The Town was advised that once the project starts up in Spring, it will be completed quickly.

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. Mechanical work has been taking place in the facility over a multi-week period.

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. As of the writing of this agenda item, the project remains at the Engineering firm. The Engineering firm has filed a revised site plan for review at the March 13, 2017 Planning Board Meeting.

The Town Council signed the following Business Certificates in 2016:

1. Puretech Window Cleaning at 115 Main Street
2. Pittsfield Redemption Center at 418 Main Street (new facility under new management on the other side of town).
3. Andrea Amara for Andrea's Salon at 11 Huff Road for a hair salon.
4. Kimberly Wick for The Sitter Center Daycare at 50 Mount Road
5. Steven Lamarre for Off The Wall Collectibles at 129 Morrill Street
6. Bag End Suri Alpacas of Maine's new Farm Store at 226 Snakeroot Road
7. Dysart's expansion for restaurant seating in the North Main Street section of the building
8. Lisa Lewia, LMT with her massage therapy business at 15 Gleneagle Court. This is a home occupation.

The Town Council signed the following Business Certificates in 2017:

1. Eden Day Spa at 145 Main Street (the corner of Main and Central Streets)
2. Artful Alterations owned by Becky Thompson who has returned to our community.
3. A New You owned by Terri-Jean Wilkinson which is a new business to open at 113 North Lancey Street as of March 1, 2017.

The Economic Development Lead Generation Project went 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. The final report was issued in February 2017. Lead generation is now underway. One lead was obtained to date. We were advised that the company had expressed interest in one of the facilities here in Town and has talked about coming to Pittsfield in February – March 2017. No further information has been received.

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. In February 2017, information was received and with the review of the information, it was determined that additional details are needed. Acquiring the additional information is underway.

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. The State of Maine called about the building in late February 2017.

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 and it is believed that this project was put on hold or cancelled.

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:

HealthySV Coalition Meeting on Wednesday, February 22, 2017 at 9:00 am at the SVH Administrative Offices
Sebasticook Valley Chamber of Commerce Annual Banquet on Wednesday, February 22, 2017 at 5:00 pm
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
Sebasticook Valley Council of Governments (SVCC) Board of Directors Meeting on Thursday, March 2, 2017 at 5:00 pm in Palmyra

Upcoming Meetings:

Sebasticook Valley Chamber of Commerce Business Networking Committee on Wednesday, March 8, 2017 at 4:00 pm at the Chamber Office in Palmyra
Central Maine Egg Festival Committee Meeting on Thursday, March 9, 2017 at 6:30 pm
Kennebec Valley Council of Governments (KVCOG) Board of Directors Meeting on Tuesday, March 14, 2017 at 9:30 am in Fairfield

Kennebec Valley Council of Governments (KVCOG) Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy Meeting on Tuesday, March 14, 2017 at 11:30 am in Fairfield
HealthySV Coalition Meeting on Wednesday, March 15, 2017 at 9:00 am at a location TBA
Recycling Committee Meeting on Wednesday, March 22, 2017 at 5:00 pm
Kennebec Regional Development Authority Marketing Committee Meeting on Wednesday, March 29, 2017 at 2:00 pm in Oakland
Theatre Committee Meeting on Wednesday, March 29, 2017 at 6:00 pm

4. PUBLIC HEARINGS: NONE

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

Town Manager's Report: Town Council Meeting of 03/07/2017:

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. Somerset Cultural Plan Surveys: Today the Town received notification of the surveys that are available through the Somerset Cultural Plan Committee of the Wesserunsett Arts Council.

The Wesserunsett Arts Council and Main Street Skowhegan are gathering information about cultural resources in Somerset County, including those related to recreation, agriculture, the arts, history, community, and more. We'll use the information to craft a cultural plan that will leverage and promote those resources to help drive tourism to the region and boost the economy.

Whether you live, work, or just spend time in Somerset County, your feedback is essential! Please help shape the cultural plan by taking a few minutes to complete the [Public Opinion Survey](#).

There is also an [Artist & Performer Survey](#) and a [Business & Cultural Organization Survey](#) for those who fit those categories. You may fill out as many of the surveys as apply to you.

Each survey takes 5-10 minutes, and by completing the Public Opinion Survey you will be entered into drawings for artwork from local artisans! Winners will be announced in May.

4. Storyteller Clum Spencer to perform at the Pittsfield Public Library

Clermont "Clum" Spencer, Pittsfield storyteller and songwriter, will perform at the Pittsfield Public Library Thursday, March 16 at 4:00. Spencer has collected stories from his own experiences and from talking to senior citizens, relatives and friends. He has worked in

Maine's farms, fields, woods and factories, including local companies, Pittsfield Woolen Yarns and Hancock Lumber. Spencer combines his own music, using guitar & harmonica, with oral history to create songs and stories about living and working in bygone eras in Maine. A collection of his stories, "A Balladeer's Songbook", 2 CD set will be available for sale for \$15.00.

5. Central Maine Egg Festival to be a "Musical Egg-spression" for its 45th Year:

Central Maine Egg Festival Planning Meeting on Thursday, March 09, 2017 at 6:30 pm in the Council Chambers - come with your ideas for the 45th Annual Event for new items and also help keep the traditions alive!

6. Theatre Fundraiser:

Pittsfield Community Theatre Fundraiser - Offered at the Bake-off - performed by the Levi Stewart Community Theatre on Saturday, March 18 at 6:30 pm at the Theatre located at 138 Main Street. Doors open at 6:30 pm; play starts at 7:30 pm. Tickets are \$7 each.

7. Tax Acquired Property Sale Coming Right Up: Read NOTICE.

Ordinance Committee: No Report. **Recycling Committee:** No Report.

Finance Committee: The Finance Committee met tonight before the meeting. We discussed the proposals for the checking and banking account. We have narrowed it down to two (2) banks. One is local and one is out of Town. We will continue reviewing the proposals to make a decision.

6. NEW BUSINESS:

RESOLUTION 17-26: Resolved that the Town Council authorize the Town Manager to execute Amendment #1 to the Town of Pittsfield Standard Services Contract as utilized by the Department of Human Services Drinking Water Program with Olver Associates for engineering work on the Hunnewell Avenue Water Main Replacement and Secondary Route from Treatment Plant to not exceed \$85,000 once loan funding is available from the Maine Municipal Bond Bank for the Drinking Water State Revolving Loan Project.

Moved by **Deputy Mayor Nichols** and seconded by **Councilor Strom** that Resolution 17-26 be adopted.

The Town Manager noted the Town of Pittsfield, as well as several other towns/districts, was offered the cost of the engineering work to design a Drinking Water Program Project that was submitted in the 2016 financing round. As this was an advantageous award at a low interest rate, the Town was interested in accepting it. A copy of the proposed amendment and the last engineering agreement for a Drinking Water Program Project is attached.

At their 09/06/2016 Council Meeting, the Town Council approved the below-listed ordinance authorizing up to \$85,000 in design work for the Hunnewell Avenue Water Main Replacement and Secondary Route from the Treatment Plant on Peltoma Avenue. This

project was to be a 1.0% loan over 20 years from the Drinking Water State Revolving Loan Program. The project will allow the Town to design the work and make sure that this project will work as well as provide for additional points in the State of Maine's ranking of future DWSRF funding rounds for construction as the project will be ready to move forward in a timely fashion after an award. A copy of the project description is attached.

After the ordinance was authorized, the Town received the attached loan authorization letter acknowledging that the Town had approved the issuance of the \$85,000 only and that the remaining amount, which was the cost of the construction project, may be borrowed by the Town at a later date. The Town has been authorized by the MMBB for the entire project, if approved by the Drinking Water Program at a later date.

There has been some confusion between all of the individuals involved with this project that the Town has to complete the entire project and not just the engineering. As discussed, we had not felt comfortable moving forward on the entire project so quickly when the North Main Street project has not yet been completed. The Town needs to be able to make the new loan payment and do so in a depressed economy, that while the economy is coming back, it is not totally recovered and people continue to struggle. We did not want to have to raise the water rates by having two large projects approved. It is very unusual that this situation would have happened as we were offered two large \$1.0 million dollar plus projects within a very short period of time. We thought we would be offered only one of the projects which we were as well as the engineering for the second project, which we accepted.

VOTE: UNANIMOUS AYE

7. DISCUSSION ITEMS:

Updates – General:

Water Projects/Issues: The Department is working on the following projects:

We have been staying busy doing:

Our normal daily duties.

Working with the Public Works crew on snow removal.

We dealt with a couple sewer issues, on Main St. and Union St.

Cleaning at the garage.

Reviewing our Safety Manual.

Getting vehicles and equipment serviced.

Sewer Projects/Issues: The Town has had two sewer backups reported, first before the warm weather and considerable melt off and then during the high infiltration period. Both remain under review and insurance claims have been filed in case there needs to be anything done for the property owners. The Department also worked on the projects listed above.

DEP Stormwater and Exclusion Permits: A DEP inspector showed up last week for an unexpected inspection. The Town was also advised that our permits had expired and that we had not responded to a letter sent to the Town. The Town never received a letter or the permit re-applications. In discussions with DEP, they have been to date unable to produce

the letter and materials although they have certainly told me a variety of different information. I still do not have the letter and instructions, however, now have the two applications and a 200+ page manual on how to complete them. The last time we had these permits, the airport engineer did them and not the town employees. The Assistant Water/Sewer Superintendent put together the Sewer Treatment plant one and I am working on the Stormwater Management permit for the Airport. This involves a study, report of past inspections and a variety of handouts so it is more than just the permit application which we had to file for the Sewer Treatment plant. I am making my way through the last 5 years of activities to write the permit application. This appears to be going to take awhile. It must be a priority as we need to keep the airport in operation as we do the Sewer Treatment Plant.

2017 Fire Truck Pumper Update: The Fire Chief reported last week that he had just received the updated plans for the 2017 Fire Truck Pumper and signed off on them. This means that the company will start to build the fire truck now.

Ordinance Amendments Update: The ordinance amendments reviewed by the Town Attorney are on the Planning Board agenda for their March 13 meeting for the junky yards and aesthetics issues. The Code Enforcement Officer has worked on a number of other items of concern to the Planning Board and those proposed amendments are also on the agenda under New Items. If the Planning Board likes them and/or with their proposed revisions, these new amendments would also need legal review. The next step would be a public hearing for the planning board. In the interim, once both sets are reviewed legally, we should have the Ordinance Committee get involved so that if there are any revisions or concerns from the Committee, that they are incorporated in the process before the Public Hearing takes place and we do not start all over again. Having the Ordinance Committee get involved shortly will help with the overall steps and save time.

Audit for the period ending 12/31/2016: The Audit has been scheduled for the week of April 17 due to the Town's and the Auditor's schedule. We would have preferred a week earlier in April as we have so many reports to file, however, that was the only week open. With all of the items that people wish the Town to do, complex economic development projects, grant applications and staff out of the office, we are backed up with extensive work so we are not yet prepared for the audit.

Town Office Filing Project: The project has been stalled for 11 work days now as the temp employee has had a variety of issues going on. Since my office is partially filed, I would like to get this finished. We did remove 23 filing boxes of materials for subjects to be put downstairs in the back records room and have 12 or so more that are temporarily stored in the Assessor's Office so we apologize for our appearance. So far, it has not had any real impact on anyone. After my office is completed, we have the back office area, Assessor's Office, town upstairs staff, downstairs records room and finally the large safe downstairs. If we are unable to resume with assistance, I may need to sign a contract with another staffing agency.

Safety Committee Training and Upcoming Grants: The Safety Committee has resumed meeting in 2017 to discuss a number of items such as upcoming grants. We have several items that are under discussion. The grant application is due in April. In the past, I have

obtained approval for the grants to not exceed a certain figure and then we have applied for several grants over a course of time until we hit that maximum. We have done that so I will need to write up another approval which will take us through a period of time such as a year. We can also apply for specialized Safety Training which the Safety Coordinator Donnie Chute has done. The specialized training has been on hold since last year as a Trainer was needed. Donnie was advised the Trainer has been approved and funding is available. MMA directly pays for this so the funds do not come here to pay a bill. This would be for Boat Use Safety for fire rescue. We have not had this type of training for many years. Donnie is also looking for training that can assist for specialized areas beyond the Bureau of Labor Training that will be coming up in April. Items such as proper ladder use and lifting are under consideration.

8. REPORTS: Audience, Council

Audience:

Donnie Hallenbeck: For those who have never experienced the Clem Spencer Show – please attend. It is very entertaining! There is no opening date yet for the Historical Society.

Council:

Councilor Manning: I recently attended the Community Garden meeting. It was a nice reminder spring is on the way. I want to send well wishes to my TV crew in California. They are helping to integrate victims of sex trafficking into the community. I went to the Nolan's HERO Foundation event. It was a decent turnout for a great event.

Councilor Donahue: No Report.

Councilor Margolskee: I wanted to thank Kathryn and Don Hallenbeck, as well as others, who attended the 200th Anniversary Committee meeting. We have some great ideas and should be able to put a good year together for the anniversary.

Deputy Mayor Nichols: I want to say good luck to the TV crew in California. This is a worthy cause. The dinner at the Chamber went well. I am hoping people will join the Egg Festival Committee, at least to help if they don't need to be locked in. I went to the Theatre the other night. It is still very well attended.

Councilor Strom: I went to the Elks Lodge on Saturday to see the Robotics Team. Last Friday I gave a tour of the State House to Vickery students. That was a lot of fun. There is a huge ad in the Rolling Thunder for a hiring event at Argo.

Councilor Cianchette: Absent.

Mayor Stackhouse: I wanted to thank Steve Emery's family for coming in tonight. I wanted to note one of the MCI students joined the Army today. I want to thank Austin Tolman for serving. I was up in Calais and took a dip in the ocean for charity. I want to thank everyone who donated. I wanted to note the condition of the road in Birchwood Terrance are getting

really bad. He noted that we may need to address that soon. The Town Manager advised of the estimates received to straighten out the roads which are in the many millions of dollars for complete excavation and repaving. Deputy Mayor Nichols advised of the roads in other communities which are in much worse shape. Unfortunately, all roads across the State are deteriorating due to the lack of adequate funding with the recession which is the situation in Pittsfield.

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 7:30 p.m. The motion was seconded by **Councilor Manning**.

Motion by **Deputy Mayor Nichols** to return to regular session. The motion was seconded by **Councilor Strom**. The Town Council exited executive session at 8:05 p.m.

10. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by **Deputy Mayor Nichols** and seconded by **Councilor Donahue** that the meeting be adjourned at 8:06 p.m. All in agreement.

VOTE: UNANIMOUS AYE

Nicole Nickolan, Town Clerk