

Town Manager's Report: Town Council Meeting of 01/15/2013:

1. The FYI Folder: FYI Folder which contains items that come in between the Town Council Meetings has the following this evening: READ

2. Bin Sale:

PITTSFIELD RE-USE CELEBRATION: BACKYARD COMPOST BIN SALE

The sale is over with, however, people can still order a bin as we were under the maximums required for an order so we have a few more that will be available for each of the Earth Day products. To celebrate re-use in the community, 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 will also have the wing digger compost turner for a discounted price of \$17.00 and the Reotemp Backyard Compost Thermometer with a 20" stem for \$18.50.**

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%. Let's keep working at our recycling rate and boost it even more while helping our gardens grow!

3. Egg Festival Volunteers: Request for a Theme – The Central Maine Egg Festival is looking for good ideas – ideas for the theme for the 41st year. The deadline for the theme submittal is Friday, 02/08/2013. The next meeting of the Egg Festival Committee is Thursday, 02/14/2013.

SVFCU – Pittsfield and Newport locations;

Buds Shop N Save – Pittsfield and Newport locations;

A.E. Robinsons;

The Dog House;

Bangor Savings Bank; and

Pittsfield Town Office.

4. Maine Municipal Association Workshop: The Town will be the host of a regional workshop on Thursday, 04/11/2013 in the Town Council Chambers. Set-up is at 3:00 pm with Registration at 4:00 pm and the workshop on roles and responsibilities for elected officials and town managers/administrative assistants will be held from 4:30 pm to 8:30 pm with a break for dinner at 6:00 pm. This is a rare opportunity to have a workshop right in Town for the region with less travel distance for everyone. We recommended that Vittles cater the workshop.

5. Walking Maps & Promotion: HealthySV, the regional HealthyMaine partnership and the Seabasticook Valley Chamber of Commerce will be joining 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 that we will hear about shortly focused on not using drugs.

6. Projected Impact from the Governor's Budget Proposal to balance the State Budget: REVIEW details as known today.

