

## **Town Manager's Report: Town Council Meeting of 03/01/2011:**

**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. Town of Pittsfield 2011 Board/Committee Openings:** Positions expire every year on the Town's many boards and committees. The Town has over 20 boards and committees. Positions remaining available are the following: 1 Opening on the Board of Appeals; 2 openings of the Board of Assessment Review; 1 Opening on the Board of Ethics; 1 Opening on the Economic Development Team; 1 Opening on the Housing Rehabilitation Revolving Loan Committee; and 1 Opening for an Alternate member of the Planning Board.

**3. Citizen's Energy Oil Heat Program:** Read Announcement

**4. 2011 Central Maine Egg Festival News:** Read Announcement

**5. 2010 Maine Individual Income Tax Booklets:** Read Announcement

**6. 2010 Maine Residents Property Tax and Rent Refund Circuit Breaker Application:** Read Announcement

**7. Sibley Pond Bridge Project Update:** Read letter on "Notice of Layout and Taking of a parcel in Canaan owned by the Estate of John O'Leary and temporary road easements from Estate of John O'Leary in Canaan and Richard and Deborah Smith in Pittsfield and Weldon and Edna Greeley in Pittsfield.

**8. Workers Compensation Experience Rating:** Our new rating is .85 which is excellent. A rating of 1.0 is the norm and if the rating is less, that means that our workers' compensation insurance premium will be reduced by a certain percentage, which in our case is a discount of .15. Our costs are governed by other elements such as how well the MMA Workers Compensation Trust is doing, our percentage of the payroll in the Trust and our actual payroll for the year, however, having this rating will help with our premium cost for 2011.

**9. State Budget Balancing:** The Town has been cautioned to watch all proceedings as the State Budget comes forward for the next biennial. Specifically indicated has been the excise tax and any potential state law changes in which this revenue source is reduced or eliminated. The Town's excise tax revenue projections are \$545,000 and are now our largest source of revenue outside of the property taxes. Our other largest source outside property taxes used to be SRS, however, that source has decreased substantially during the last two years. The State budget recommendation put out by the Governor will reduce SRS and make it an allocation each year to be voted upon by the Legislature rather than an entitlement program. Reviewing our legislative notices and bulletins will be very important this year. The Town's projected loss of revenue sharing is \$164,858 which we can not absorb unless we freeze the 2011 Capital Budget minus the Fire Department allotment due to previous commitment and need.

