

Town Manager's Report: Town Council Meeting of 03/04/2014:

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

2. Sebasticook Regional Land Trust Farm & Habit Ride: The Town has been contacted by representatives of the Land Trust to start the collection of information for the 2nd Annual Farm & Habitat Ride. This year, the group is going to check all schedules to try to plan the ride on a day that another significant bike ride is taking place. This will lead to more participants as many of the regular bicyclists were at a large biking event. As soon as the date is chosen, we will start to promote and publicize the bike ride and padding event.

3. Central Maine Egg Festival: The Central Maine Egg Festival is seeking members for their Board of Directors. The Officers were chosen in 2013 and now the group needs to vote in members for several director positions as well as fill vacancies for committee chairs. The next meeting has been re-scheduled to the regular meeting date on Thursday, March 13, 2014. All of the volunteer organizations will be invited to the meeting in order to participate and share ideas. This meeting has been re-scheduled twice due to winter storms and the Chamber meeting so it is now scheduled for the 4th Thursday of February at 6:30 pm.

The Central Maine Egg Festival will be held Monday, July 14, 2014 – Saturday, July 19, 2014.

4. Airport 2014-2018 Capital Improvement Plan: MDOT has released the joint Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) and Bureau of Planning (BP) Airport Capital Plan (ACIP). The following projects are listed:

2014	Airport Master Plan Update (including Wildlife Hazard Site Plan	\$150,000
2015	No project	
2016	Environmental Assessment & Permitting for T-Hanger	\$100,000
2017	8-Bay Nested T-Hangar	\$420,000
2018	Perimeter Fencing	\$166,000

These are the planned projects to meet state and federal requirements as well as to provide for the hangar requested by the Town. The Town is required to update its airport master plan which should be done as it is over 10 years old and may be required to have perimeter fencing. The hangar is needed as individuals/companies have been interested in hangar space and the Airport hangars are all full. Having a hangar that is owned by the Town would allow airplane owners to operate from the Pittsfield Municipal Airport and/or store their planes inside. It would increase the economic impact and opportunities at the Airport. Currently, to develop hangar space, a lease is required with the Town, DEP permitting is required, Planning Board Site Plan Review takes place and regular building, plumbing, and utility permits, if water and sewer are available, need to be issued. Having the hangar already built and permitted already done would be a great asset for development of the airport. Funding from the FAA and MDOT are not guaranteed and projects may be moved back based upon the number of grant applications received and funding available.

5. Upcoming Agenda Items: SAD #53 is interested in scheduling its annual meeting with the Town Council. Several dates have not worked as of yet due to scheduling, however, the Town Council's Regularly Scheduled Meeting on April 01, 2014 looks like a good date for the School.

6. Pittsfield Library Program:

The next Pittsfield Public Library program is “Do-It-Yourself Funerals” and book discussion in Pittsfield – 5:00 Thursday, March 12 at the First Universalist Church of Pittsfield.

The second of the four-part "The Last Word: an End of Life Book Discussion Series" series will begin with a discussion of "Without", a book of poems by Donald Hall followed a talk about alternative funerals. Natural-burial and home-funeral advocate Chuck Lakin is a graduate of the U.S. Naval Academy at Annapolis who later earned a master's degree in library science and served as the Colby College reference librarian for 22 years. He got started building wooden coffins when his woodworking interests merged with his belief in natural burials and his work as a Hospice volunteer.

This program is sponsored by the Pittsfield Public Library and the Mid-Maine Community Forum with a grant from the Maine Humanities Council. For more information, please call the library at 487-5880.

7. Town Farm Lot Forest Management Plan: This project was going to begin this month to plan out a project for this year. The Trail Map data is not yet plotted for the communities for the HealthySV/Chamber of Commerce Project. When that lot is plotted with the GPS coordinates that were obtained by volunteers, we can provide this information to the Forester Mr. Gettle, who noted he would lay that map on his map of cutting areas free of charge so we could see what we have. Then once we have everything laid out, the Town would hold some public sessions and also meet with all the various town boards/committees to update them. Therefore, this project will start when we have the trail map. HealthSV is talking with the mapper to see if he will map out this lot ahead of the others so we can start this project.

