

Town Manager's Report: Town Council Meeting of 03/05/2013:

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. Bin Sale:

PITTSFIELD EARTH DAY AND RE-USE CELEBRATION: BACKYARD COMPOST BIN SALE

To celebrate re-use in the community and Earth Day, 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 has 20 composters available for sale, each at \$45.00.**

The Town also has

34 Wingdiggers: The wing digger compost turner is available for a discounted price of \$17.00 each;
8 Reotemp Backyard Compost Thermometer: has a 20" stem for \$18.50 each;
8 Rain Barrels: This is the SYSTERN Rain Barrel with a 55 gallon capacity for the discounted price of \$56.50

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%. The 2012 rates have not yet been announced by the State. Let's keep working at our recycling rate and boost it even more while helping our gardens grow!

3. 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. I forwarded this information to the Towns in the Seabasticook Valley Chamber and the Skowhegan area.

4. 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 is scheduled for Saturday, April 20, 2013 with a 1 K and a 5 K walk.

5. Activities Maine Guidebook: Town of Pittsfield, Egg Festival and Fly-In will be in the Summer edition

6. Pittsfield Library News: The Pittsfield Public Library book group's current discussion series is "Mystery: Detective Fiction in the 20th Century" with discussions led by Greg Winston from Unity College. The book "Strong Poison" by Dorothy Sayers will be discussed on March 14 at 5:00. Future books are "The Maltese Falcon" by Dashiell Hammett and "The Godwulf Manuscript" by Robert B. Parker. Books are available for loan at the library. The discussion series is made possible by a Let's Talk about It grant from Maine Humanities Council. For more information, please call 487-5880.

The Pittsfield Public Library offers the loan of family pass to the Maine Discovery Museum in Bangor, courtesy of the Friends of the library. The pass entitles up to four people to free admission to the museum, including daily special programs: Messy Art, Creativity Corner, Science Detectives, and Clay Play. Check with the museum for program times. Come to the library or call the library at 487-5880 to reserve the pass.

7. Greater Pittsfield Area Kiwanis Easter Egg Hunt: The Annual Easter Egg Hunt will be held on Saturday, March 30, 2013 at 9:00 am at The Pinnacle Ski Slope off Waverly Street. Come meet the Easter Bunny. The event is free for all participants. There will be 1500 eggs. Age Groups are Under 1 year old – 5 years old and 6 – 10 years old. Children must be accompanied by an adult and please bring your own basket to collect eggs. Children will collect and take home all the Easter eggs they can find. This is great family fun!

8. Meeting with SAD#53 Board of Directors/Administration: The School had scheduled a meeting with the Town Council at the Tuesday, 03/19/2013 meeting to discuss the upcoming school budget being put together for FY2012-2013 which is the period of July 1, 2013 – June 30, 2014. The school is under increasing pressure, as are all schools and towns in the State of Maine, to put together a reasonable budget with lower revenues and increased costs. The School would like to talk to the Town Council while putting the budget together instead of after the budget is put together and the budget vote is scheduled.

