

Town Manager's Report: Town Council Meeting of 03/15/2011:

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. Pothole Patrol: The Public Works Department is on a daily pothole patching detail due to the hard winter and spring weather. If anyone does come across a pothole on the town roads, please feel free to report it to the PW Department at 487-6942. People have been coming in about the State roads and the Town has been filing all the reports from citizens as well as those areas that we have seen. MDOT has been in Town 3-4 times now patching the potholes uncovering. Basically, a road can be patched and then generally 3 or more days after that, there is a new pothole down from where the road is patched.

3. Paving Listing: Obviously, we would like to pave this year. We know that cuts are likely to be coming to our revenue sources that come from the State in order to get the State budget under control, so we need to make sure that we can freeze enough of the budget to cover this. In the meantime, the roads have deteriorated. If you have any areas of roads that you would like to have paved, let me know by Friday, March 25, 2011.

4. 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.

5. Compliment on Public Works Snow Removal Operations: The Public Works Department was very pleased to receive a compliment the week ending 03/04/2011 from Pete Vigue here in Town. Pete called to compliment the Highway's streamlined process of removing snow effectively. He advised he has been watching other entities' operations and it is clear that the Highway Department works well together as a team and gets the snow removal done effectively and efficiently.

6. Pittsfield Earth Day 2011 Backyard Compost Bin Sale: Read Announcement

7. Trash To Treasure Re-Use Center: The Recycling Committee is pleased to announce the Opening of the new Re-Use Center on Peltoma Avenue in the former Veterans of Foreign Wars Building opposite the Transfer Station and Recycling Center. The facility will be open on Saturdays from 10:00 am – 4:00 pm effective April 16, 2011. The volunteers have been down sitting up the shelving and using re-use materials to set up the building for operation.

8. Warsaw School Earth Day: We are pleased to announce that students from Warsaw School will be touring the Town's Recycling Center, Transfer Station, Wind Turbine and Re-Use Center on Monday, April 14, 2011 at part of an Earth Day Celebration at Warsaw School.

9. 2010 Maine Individual Income Tax Booklets: Read Announcement

10. 2010 Maine Residents Property Tax and Rent Refund Circuit Breaker
Application: Read Announcement

11. 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.

