

Town Manager's Report: Town Council Meeting of 04/16/2013:

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. MMA Workshop: This was great and well attended. I learned that the Town of Pittsfield is in good order especially from some of the questions that were asked.

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. There will be a meeting here in the Council Chambers on Tuesday, 04/23/2013 from 5:30 pm – 7:00 pm to discuss the trail map project and the Chamber's RRR promotional project and how all the towns can help. Councilors are invited. There will be light refreshments from Vittles.

5. High on Life Run: This event is scheduled for Saturday, April 20, 2013 with a 1 K and a 5 K walk. High on Life Run on Saturday, April 20. This is a Free 5 KM Race and 1 KM Walk/Run starting at Parks Gym, Maine Central Institute, 295 Main Street. Registration opens at 3:00 pm, race start time is 4:20 pm. Fun and Prizes for all ages. High on Life (Not on Drugs). To register, got to <http://www.healthysv.org>

6. Activities Maine Guidebook: Town of Pittsfield, Egg Festival and Fly-In will be in the Summer edition. The preview of the Egg Festival events is on the Town's website under Egg Festival, go to www.pittsfield.org

7. Hooked on Fishing: The Police Chief advised this afternoon that the schools have confirmed Friday, June 07, 2013 as Hooked on Fishing day for the 4th graders and Saturday, June 08, 2013 for the public session at Manson Park. More details will be announced in the near future.

Mention other items

