

Town Manager's Report: Town Council Meeting of 05/01/2012:

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 Re-use Celebration

BACKYARD COMPOST BIN SALE: The sale is over with, however, people can still order a bin as we were under the maximums required for an order so we have a few more that will be available for each of the Earth Day products.

To celebrate re-use in the community, 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 will also have the wing digger compost turner for a discounted price of \$17.00 and the Reotemp Backyard Compost Thermometer with a 20" stem for \$18.50.

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%. Let's keep working at our recycling rate and boost it even more while helping our gardens grow!

3. Pittsfield Historical Society Fundraiser for the Depot: The Pittsfield Historical Society is selling a quality print showing what we believe to be an 1889 map of the homes and businesses in Pittsfield at that time with some smaller photos of historic buildings. The cost is \$20.00. The print is available from the Pittsfield Historical Society and may also be purchased from the Town Office while supplies last.

4. Pittsfield Spirit of America Award: The Christmas Project known locally as the Pittsfield Food Pantry was selected by the Town Council as the recipient of the Spirit of America Award. The award presentation will take place at the next Town Council Meeting on Tuesday, May 15, 2012 at 7:30 pm. The criteria for the award was "impact, compassion, intensity, longevity and recency" for the volunteer efforts. The Spirit of America Foundation is a 501(c)(3) public charity that was established in Augusta, ME to promote volunteerism. Last year, Androscoggin, Kennebec, Lincoln, Sagadahoc and Waldo County events were held and the Spirit of America Tribute was presented in the name of nearly 100 Maine municipalities. The group has expanded into Somerset County this year and has promoted the program to all the Somerset communities. Pittsfield chose to become involved and chose the Pittsfield Food Pantry due to its reach to so many people over such a period of time. The impact of the Pittsfield Food Pantry is enormous.

