

## **Town Manager's Report: Town Council Meeting of 05/20/2014:**

**1. The FYI Folder:** FYI Folder which contains items that come in between the Town Council Meetings has the following this evening: READ List.

**2. Langlais Art Trail includes Pittsfield:** The Town of Pittsfield is part of the Colby College Langlais Art Trail. Colby College is producing a state-of-the-art interactive map, which will serve as an extensive guide to Langlais works across the state of Maine. The launching of the Trail recognizes a state-wide art community that was created through the Kohler Foundation and celebrates the collaborative efforts to recognize this influential artist. The Town will receive a copy of *Bernard Langlais*, a copiously illustrated 250-page monograph on the artist, with essays by Hannah W. Blunt, Diana Tuite, Vincent Katz, and Leslie Umberger. This monograph is produced in conjunction with the Museum's retrospective exhibition this summer, opening July 19<sup>th</sup>. The scheduled launch date of the Langlais Art Trail is set for early July 2014

**3. Hooked On Fishing – Outside Recreational Opportunity for Youth:** Our Annual Hooked on Fishing event will take place on Saturday, June 7, 2014 from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm at Manson Park in the lower area past the parking lot. There will be free hotdogs and hamburgers while supplies last. Please bring fishing poles; dress for outside weather conditions; and small children must be accompanied by an adult. The Town will provide volunteers with fishing experience; tackle and worms; fishing poles for those who need them; and fish stocking of Manson Park. Learn how to fish and spend some time outside. Sponsored by Pittsfield Police and other police agencies.

**4. Summer Recreation Program Sign-ups:** THE PAUL E. BERTRAND COMMUNITY POOL COMPLEX opens for swimming and fun in June, 2014 after school is out for an eight-week schedule. Please make sure that your children are signed up for swimming lessons! Summer Recreation Program sign-ups will take place from Monday, May 19<sup>th</sup> - May 30<sup>th</sup> at the Pittsfield Municipal Building. Please drop off completed form and payment to the Pittsfield Town Office, 8:00 am – 5:00 pm weekdays, excluding holidays. The Town does not provide refunds. Registration forms were available Monday, May 19, 2014 and the cut-off date is Friday, May 30<sup>th</sup>, 2014. Children may register for basketball, golf, field hockey, soccer, tennis, arts and crafts and swimming lessons. If there is enough interest, an evening swim class that meets Tuesdays and Thursdays from 6:00 – 7:00 pm will be offered during both sessions. Public Swim will be Mondays – Fridays 2:00 pm – 5:00 pm; Mondays, Wednesdays 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm, Tuesdays and Thursdays 7:00 pm – 8:00 pm and Saturday afternoons 1:00 pm – 4:00 pm from June 23 – August 15, 2014. This is free for Pittsfield residents!

**5. Sebasticook Regional Land Trust Farm & Habit Ride:** The 6<sup>th</sup> Regional Land Trust Farm & Habitat Tour will be held on Saturday, September 13, 2014 at 9:00 am now starting at Hathorn Park. . This will be our 2<sup>nd</sup> Tour in Pittsfield. You can Pedal or Paddle Your Way through the Sebasticook Valley. Explore the heart of Maine with Sebasticook Regional Land Trust at the 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Farm & Habitat Tour. There will be a registration tent for participants to sign in or register for the bike/paddle tour. The bike trip will feature Balfour Farm at 461 Webb Road, which is an organic dairy farm owned by Doug and Heather Donahue and the Bag End Suri Alpaca of Maine at 226Snakeroot Road owned by Jill McElderry-Maxwell. A third stop will be at Diverse Farm – Beef, Honey & Maple Syrup owned by Gail & Don Beregeron at 277 Bubar Road in St. Albans.

Registrations will be accepted beginning at 8 a.m. the day of the ride, but people are encouraged to register early to ensure they receive this year's tour t-shirt. The registration fees for either the bike or paddle tour are \$15 per person or \$30 per family (up to 2 adults and unlimited children).

All stops will offer locally produced or sourced refreshments, and hosts will be available to answer questions and provide assistance. A bicycle support vehicle will be available to attend to minor bike repair, first aid needs and weary riders.

For those who would rather be out on the water, there will be a guided paddle along the Sebasticook River beginning in Pittsfield. Please note that the paddle will likely last no more than 2 hours and will end sooner than the bike tour. Paddle participants must provide their own boat and wear a personal flotation device (PFD).

