

## **Town Manager's Report: Town Council Meeting of 06/04/2013:**

**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 SYSTEMN 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. Walking Maps & Promotion:** HealthySV, the regional HealthyMaine partnership and the Seabasticook Valley Chamber of Commerce joined 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. The meeting was held 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. Councilor Chale attended. We had representatives from 5 towns and have picked up 2 more towns from separate individual meetings. There will be a GPS training on 05/23/2013 in the afternoon for those individuals who will be providing the details on the trails here in Town. If you know of a recreational enthusiastic who you believe would like to help the Town map these trails, please contact Kathryn Ruth, Town Manager at 487-3136.

**4. Hooked on Fishing:** Friday, June 07, 2013 is the Hooked on Fishing day for the 4<sup>th</sup> graders and Saturday, June 08, 2013 for the public session at Manson Park. READ Notice.

**5. Art Show at the Library During Egg Festival:** READ Notice

**6. Somerset County Public Hearing on the Budget::** READ Notice