

Town Manager's Report: Town Council Meeting of 07/09/2013:

1 The FYI Folder: FYI Folder which contains items that come in between the Town Council Meetings has the following this evening: None

2. Effect of the State Budget and Revenue revisions for all

Municipalities: To date, we have learned that the Town of Pittsfield is one of the top 50 towns in the State to lose the largest percentage of revenue sharing. The average loss for 2013-2014 is 33%. The Town of Pittsfield is now projected to lose 39.69% or rounded to 40.0% of its State Revenue Sharing. Fortunately, the Town is in the middle of the budget period and has had good collections to date. However, it is going to be difficult to address this. The expected loss for 2013-2014 is now \$147,782. There has been very little spending taking place – just necessities, maintenance and addressing emergencies. The budget is conservative anyway and we have one of, if not the lowest municipal budget for a town in our size category in the State of Maine as it is. The next budget period will be very difficult as we would be unable to find \$147,782 in the Town budget to cut. We will continue to monitor the situation and see how July proceeds.

3. Boston Post Cane Presentation: Persis Smith will be receiving the Boston Post Cane for being the oldest living resident in the Town of Pittsfield. Persis resides at the Pittsfield Rehab and Nursing Facility where she will be receiving this honor on Friday, July 19, 2013 at 3:00 pm in the main dining room. The Historical Society has had a cane made for the Town to replace the one lost many years ago and will be presenting it to Persis. The cane will then be displayed at the Town Office with Persis receiving a certificate or plaque to remember the event by.

4. The LC Bates Museum presents "Fascinating Fossils" on Thursday, July 11 at 1:30 in the Warren Community Room. Participants will learn how fossils form and have an opportunity to examine the museum's fossil collection, including Maine State fossils and dinosaur fossils. This family program is for all ages, but pre-registration is required. Contact the library at 487-5880 to register for programs or for more information.

5. Pittsfield Public Library is pleased to announce that the Darling's Ice Cream for a Cause ice cream truck will be at the library. The event will be held Thursday, July 18 from 4:00 – 6:00 prior to the Central Maine Egg Festival Kiddie Parade. The truck gives out ice cream for free, in exchange for voluntary donations to benefit Pittsfield Friends of the Library. The Friends of the Pittsfield Public Library support the library through fund raising and volunteering at the library. They help by improving services, increasing resources, providing special programs special programs, and aiding in the maintenance of the library building and grounds. They welcome new members to help promote the library's role in the community. Darling's Ice Cream for a Cause was designed as a fun way to give back to local communities and causes. The truck attends local events to give

out ice cream for free, in exchange for voluntary donations to benefit the cause or charity. In 2012, the truck raised over \$20,000 for over 100 causes.

6. Judging the Quiche, Cheesecake and Pie Contest: The Town Councilors will be judging the Quiche, Cheesecake and Pie Contest on Friday, July 19, 2013 at the Seabasticook Valley Elks Lodge beginning at 11:00 am. The Councilors that can attend that day should arrive at 11:00 am. The Town Manager will remind the Councilors next week about the event.

7. 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!

8. 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.

9. 2012 Consumer Confidence Reports: The Town's 2012 Annual Water Quality Report was distributed this year through the Rolling Thunder as an insert. Copies of the report are also available at the Town Office.

10. Upcoming Town Council Meetings: The next Town Council Meeting will be held on Tuesday, July 09, 2013 and then on August 6, 2013 at 6:30 pm.