

Town Manager's Report: Town Council Meeting of 08/16/2011:

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

2. Nomination Papers for Town Council and School Board: Nomination papers are now available for the following seats: 1 – District 2 Councilor; 1 – District 3 Councilor; 1 – Councilor At Large; and 3 SAD #53 Board members. Nomination papers must be returned to the Town Office for filing by 5:00 pm, Monday, September 26, 2011.

3. Band Aid for the Theatre:

BAND AID FOR THE THEATRE

4 BANDS - 4 LOCATIONS

ONE NIGHT - ONE PRICE

Friday, August 19th

6-10 pm

Downtown Pittsfield Locations

\$10/adults - \$5/children (12 & under)

Featuring and Locations:

The Custodians @ Parking Lot Behind Cianbro

The Bill Thibodeau Band @ Pittsfield Theatre

Four No More @ Pittsfield Fire Station

Pete Witham and Friends @ Hathorn Park

Purchase one ticket and you can move from location to location outside and in to hear a great variety of Country, Bluegrass and Rock n' Roll music.

A Fun Family Event

See You There and Bring Your Chair

Rain or Shine

Bands will begin to play at 6:00 p.m. taking breaks throughout their performances.

This will give you and others the opportunity to move from location to location.

You are welcome to bring a chair for the outside performances.

Theatre Committee members will be present at each location to check wristbands and for those who would like to purchase one for the event.

Wrist Bands are available to purchase before the event at the Pittsfield Town Office

For more information call 487-3136

Refreshments will be available at local businesses.

All proceeds for this event will benefit the

Pittsfield Community Theatre Fundraising Committee

Enjoy the Evening and Thank You!!

4. 2010 Sewer Rates in the State of Maine: The results of the Maine Rural Water Association's Sewer Rate survey was released this week. There were 125 Towns or Districts that funded their sewer systems with utility billings that responded including Pittsfield. There were a few towns that fund their sewer systems with taxation so I excluded them. Of the 125 Towns or Districts that issue sewer bills, 106 or 84.8% were higher than Pittsfield, then there was Pittsfield and 18 or 14.4% were lower than Pittsfield. The rates were converted to 8,000 cubic feet. Pittsfield's bill for this would have been \$284.24 per year. The Average State-wide rate is \$450.60 per year. So through 06/30/2011, we

remain in the lowest 20% of sewer rates in the State of Maine.

As the sewer rate has increased as of 07/01/2011 due to the required sludge removal project to \$7.25/1,000 valuation, we will watch the next survey to determine how the Town's sewer rate matches up to the average State-wide rate.

5. 2010 Water Rates in the State of Maine: In March, I reported the results of the 2010 Maine Public Utilities Commission Water Rate Publication. There are 155 Water Districts/Departments including the Pittsfield Water Works. 23 Districts/Departments have water rates less than Pittsfield or 15%, then there is Pittsfield, then there are 131 Districts/Departments that have water rates higher than Pittsfield or 85%. This was after the Town's water rate increase was implemented after not having one for 10 years. While we were updating our rate, many other Districts/Departments went in also for rate increases. Therefore, we are still in the lowest percentage of water rates in the State of Maine.

So basically, for both water and sewer rates, 85% of the Districts/Towns in the State of Maine had rates higher than Pittsfield's water and sewer rates in 2010.

6. Town Council Meeting Schedule: The Town Council will be back to their Regular Meeting schedule of two meetings per month on September 06, 2011 after completing the Summer Meeting schedule with one scheduled meeting per month.

7. Library Summer Programming:

Children of all ages are invited to the Pittsfield Public Library at 10:30 on Thursday, August 18, for "Wild Baby Birds: A Puppet & Story Workshop" with Nancy Tyndall of Milkweed Puppet Theater. Children will find out about birds in the region, make bird puppets, and act out a story in a puppet theater. Nancy Tyndall has been teaching puppetry and performing folktales throughout Maine for over 20 years. The program is free for all ages and is presented by Sebasticook Regional Land Trust with support from the JMG program at MCI. For more information contact the library at 487-5880.

8. Town of Pittsfield 2011 Board/Committee Openings: Positions expire every year on the Town's many boards and committees. The Town has over 20 boards and committees. Positions remaining available are the following: 1 Opening on the Board of Appeals; 2 openings of the Board of Assessment Review; 1 Opening on the Board of Ethics; 1 Opening on the Economic Development Team; 1 Opening on the Housing Rehabilitation Revolving Loan Committee; and 1 Opening for an Alternate member of the Planning Board.

9. Pittsfield Earth Day 2011 Backyard Compost Bin Sale: READ Announcement. We are still accepting orders.

12. Trash To Treasure Re-Use Center: The new Trash to Treasure Re-Use Center is open on Saturdays from 10:00 am – 4:00 pm. The Re-Use Center is in the former Veterans of Foreign Wars Building opposite the Transfer Station and Recycling Center. The facility is on Saturdays from 10:00 am – 4:00 pm. Those who have completed their yard sales and have items left over that they do not want to take back to their homes might consider donating the clothing to Pennywise and the other items to the Re-Use Center. The Town has a comprehensive list of items that can be donated at the facility available at the Town Office.

