

Town Manager's Report: Town Council Meeting of 09/02/2014:

1. The FYI Folder: FYI Folder which contains items that come in between the Town Council Meetings has the following this evening: SEE ATTACHED LIST

2. Tax Acquired Property Sale: The Town of Pittsfield is soliciting bids for the sale of the municipality's interest in tax-acquired properties. Each bid must be in writing and in a sealed envelope marked "Proposal - Tax Acquired Property" and "Parcel #___" on the exterior addressed to the Town of Pittsfield. Each bid is to be for one property only; individuals wishing to bid on two or more of the parcels must submit a separate bid for each one in a separate envelope. Please mark the envelope with the parcel #. All bids must be received at the Pittsfield Town Office, Attention Deputy Tax Collector, 112 Somerset Avenue, Pittsfield, ME 04967-1432 by **September 24, 2014 at 11:00 a.m.**, at which time they will be publicly opened. Late bids will not be opened or considered.

The following is required: a quotation sheet listing the parcel # and quotation amount. Also required is the proposer's name, mailing address and daytime phone number; a narrative statement as to what the proposer intends to do with the property and within what time frame. A certified check, bank money order, or postal money order in an amount not less than twenty percent (20%) of the quotation price shall be included as a deposit. Failure to submit the narrative statement or deposit shall cause the quotation to be automatically rejected.

The properties for sale are described on the Town's tax maps:

<u>Parcel #</u>	<u>Parcel Description</u>	<u>Minimum Bid</u>	<u>Partial Description</u>
1	Map 23, Lot 56	\$3,950.00	Land only, +/- 0.38 acres
2	Map 29, Lot 25	\$5,150.00	Building & Land, +/- 0.47 acres
3	Map 25, Lot 68	\$ no minimum	Building & Land, +/- 0.20 acres

3. 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 19th. The scheduled launch date of the Langlais Art Trail was July.

4. Sebecook Regional Land Trust Farm & Habit Ride: The 6th 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 2nd Tour in Pittsfield. You can Pedal or Paddle Your Way through the Sebecook Valley. Explore the heart of Maine with Sebecook Regional Land Trust at the 6th 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 Alpacas of Maine at 226 Snakeroot Road owned by Jill McElderry-Maxwell. There will also be trips to the Triple B Farm in St. Albans and the Madawaska Bog located between White and Douglas Ponds along Madawaska Brook.

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 Seabasticook 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).

Brochures are now available on-line at [www.Seabasticook RLT.org](http://www.SeabasticookRLT.org)

5. Business After Hours: Everyone is invited to a Business After Hours at The House Next Door on Tuesday, 09/09/2014 at 5:30 pm at 303 Main Street. This is the very nice Bed and Breakfast owned by Milton Webber.

