

Town Manager's Report: Town Council Meeting of 09/04/2012:

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 RE-USE CELEBRATION: BACKYARD COMPOST BIN SALE

The sale is over with, however, people can still order a bin as we were under the maximums required for an order so we have a few more that will be available for each of the Earth Day products.

To celebrate re-use in the community, 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 will also have the wing digger compost turner for a discounted price of \$17.00 and the Reotemp Backyard Compost Thermometer with a 20" stem for \$18.50.**

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%. Let's keep working at our recycling rate and boost it even more while helping our gardens grow!

3. 2012 Tax Bills Issued: The Tax Assessor has set the mil rate for 2012 at \$18.50/\$1,000 valuation. For the last two years, the rate was \$17.90/\$1,000 valuation. This is an increase of .60 of a mil or 3.35%.

On a property with a \$100,000 valuation, this would be an increase of \$60.00.

Two items affected the mil rate resulting in an increase:

1. The School Budget funding cutbacks caught up with the budget and there was a larger than usual increase to offset the situation; and
2. Personal property valuation decreased under the state law. There was no offsetting revenue from any large increases in personal property.

In conclusion, the school budget increased, county increased a small amount and the Town portion did not increase.

4. Library News: READ

5. Nomination Papers Available: READ

