

Town Manager's Report: Town Council Meeting of 09/16/2014:

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

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 was held on Saturday, September 13, 2014 at 9:00 am starting at Hathorn Park. This was our 2nd Tour in Pittsfield. Participants Pedaled or Paddled Their Way through the Sebecook Valley. Explore the heart of Maine with Sebecook Regional Land Trust at the 6th Annual Farm & Habitat Tour. The bike trip featured 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 also were trips to the Triple B Farm in St. Albans and the Madawaska Bog located between White and Douglas Ponds along Madawaska Brook.

All stops offered locally produced or sourced refreshments, and hosts were available to answer questions and provide assistance. A bicycle support vehicle was available to attend to minor bike repair, first aid needs and weary riders.

The attendance was steady, however, not large. Again, the Bicycle across Maine event was the same

day. SRLT reported that there were new attendees from this area who had not signed up before and people liked the event. We were thanked for all the publicity provided.

5. Business After Hours: Everyone was 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. We had a wonderful time at the B&B. Both Milton and Kathy are wonderful hosts and love to talk and take care of people. The B&B is simply beautiful and we were able to see all of Milton's paintings which were fabulous.

6. HealthySV Coalition Annual Meeting: The Annual Meeting of this productive and positive group took place today. We celebrated achievements and recognized Chris Petersen from Bud's Shop N' Save and Greg Hughes for their contributions to the goals of HealthySV. There was a presentation on HealthySV Coalition Data Trends from 2009 – 2013 for Middle School and High School students on their behavior in the areas of alcohol, marijuana, prescription drug use and other categories. Health Priorities were identified for the Coalition and the Community Partners. Once the Community Health Improvement Plan is approved, we will have slides that the Town can review that are very interesting. There have been some very positive trends with the students' behavior and several areas to work on that trend the same as the State of Maine. There are other projects of merit that can be initiated.

7. Councilor Nomination Papers: Nomination papers have been available for two Councilor positions. The papers are due back to the Town Clerk on September 22, 2014. So far, Mayor Jordan has advised he will have his papers filed for District 2 and no one has taken out papers for At Large. If someone knows of a positive proactive individual who wants to do good, please send him/her to the Town Office!

