

Town Manager's Report: Town Council Meeting of 11/07/2012:

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. State Valuation for 2013: The State of Maine has announced the proposed 2013 State Valuation of Pittsfield at \$244,900,000 which is an increase of \$10,550,000 or 4.5% over the 2012 State Valuation. This will affect our % and allocation of payment for SAD#53 and Somerset County as we will have a higher percentage of the budget. We will receive less State Revenue Sharing and School Aid,

4. Code Enforcement/Burned Middle School Apartment Building: The staff has been advised that there will be a decision made on the Middle Street Apartment Building next week on whether the building will be re-built or torn down.

5. Mill Pond Loop Walk and Trail Mapping: Read Notice

6. Egg Festival Volunteers: Read Notice

7. Police Details along the Railroad Bed: Read Notice

8. Railroad Bed Rehabilitation: The Pittsfield Driftbusters have asked for rehabilitation of sections of the former railroad bed which they had been maintaining for 15 years as part of an arrangement set up when the Town was asked to obtain the old MCRR railroad bed. After research, we believe that we have found a way to rehabilitate small sections of the railroad bed without incurring liability and risk. We may need to pass an ordinance and designate sections or all of the recreational trail. This will be a winter project.

9. Theatre Restoration: New Digital Projector: There will be a brief presentation at the next Town Council Meeting to discuss the estimated cost, types of projectors and estimated timeline by the Theatre Committee and staff.

