

## **Town Manager's Report: Town Council Meeting of 11/20/2012:**

**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. Egg Festival Volunteers:** Read Notice

**4. Thank You to the American Legion:** The Burns W. Knowlton American Legion Post has held a number of wonderful ceremonies starting with the 911 ceremony on September 11, 2012 leading up to the Veteran's Day Ceremony on Sunday, November 11, 2012. The Veterans have spent a great deal of time, energy and dedication to veterans and community which is greatly appreciated. The post is led by Legion Commander Harold Goodridge. Numerous Blue Star banners have been presented to families of active duty service members along with letters of commendation and appreciation and certificates thanking veterans such as our own Councilor Stackhouse. Peter Snow, who served in the Vietnam gave a heartfelt speech at the Veteran's Day Ceremony and I got to see one of my favorite people World War II veteran Arthur Dewey, who was instrumental in the construction of the Veteran's Park. **Sincere thanks to the American Legion.**

