

Town Manager's Report: Town Council Meeting of 04/04/2017:

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. Grow Your Own Organic Garden: A free class with Tom Roberts will be held at the Pittsfield Public Library on April 5, 2017 from 6:00 – 9:00 pm. To sign up, please contact info@mffm.org or call 487-7114 which is the Maine Federation of Farmers Markets.

3. Pittsfield's Birthday on June 19, 2019: The Town was incorporated on June 19, 1819 so our 200th birthday is coming up on June 19, 2019. READ Notice.

4. Somerset Cultural Plan Surveys: Today the Town received notification of the surveys that are available through the Somerset Cultural Plan Committee of the Wesserunsett Arts Council.

The Wesserunsett Arts Council and Main Street Skowhegan are gathering information about cultural resources in Somerset County, including those related to recreation, agriculture, the arts, history, community, and more. We'll use the information to craft a cultural plan that will leverage and promote those resources to help drive tourism to the region and boost the economy.

Whether you live, work, or just spend time in Somerset County, your feedback is essential! **Please help shape the cultural plan by taking a few minutes to complete the Public Opinion Survey.**

There is also an Artist & Performer Survey and a Business & Cultural Organization Survey for those who fit those categories. You may fill out as many of the surveys as apply to you.

Each survey takes 5-10 minutes, and by completing the Public Opinion Survey you will be entered into drawings for artwork from local artisans! Winners will be announced in May.

5. Anniversary Committee Meeting to be held on April 7, 2017 at 12:00 noon:

The next meeting of the 200th Anniversary Committee will be held on Friday, April 7, 2017 at 12:00 noon in the Warren Community Room. Please bring a brown bag lunch! The meeting will continue with brainstorming and exchanging ideas.

6. Central Maine Egg Festival to be a “Musical Egg-spression” for its 45th Year:

Central Maine Egg Festival Planning Meeting on Thursday, April 13, 2017 at 6:30 pm in the Council Chambers - come with your ideas for the 45th Annual Event for new items and also help keep the traditions alive!

The 45th Year Egg Festival will be held on Monday, July 10 - Saturday, July 15 with the Kiwanis Karnival expanded to 4 days for the first time in our history. The Karnival will be here Wed., July 12 - Sat., July 15.

Our 45th Year Egg Festival will be exciting and such a dynamic event needs an equally dynamic theme. We received an amazing number of entries for the Egg Festival Theme - in fact, more than we have ever received for all of our past contests. The Egg Festival Committee chose the theme idea submitted by Kathryn Miller of Pittsfield. The 45th Egg Festival theme will be “Musical Egg-spression”. Kathryn is a musician and piano teacher so she is very excited to join in the fun this year!

Please join our volunteers on April 13, 2017 to brainstorm ideas and activities to plan out this year's celebration. We need help to have a great Egg Festival and keep this tradition alive. You do not have to be on the Committee, just drop by to help out on some important projects and/or to find out how you can join in on an activity or event of interest. There will be a lot of "musical egg-spressions" this year! If you would like to volunteer, but can not make the meeting, please contact Kathryn at the Town Office (487-3136) or townmanager@pittsfield.org

7. Agenda Items for the next Council Meeting:

We will have two consideration of approvals to file grant applications which will be for a Police Byrne JAG grant which will be through Somerset County for smaller police equipment items and a Safety Grant for items to be used by the departments. This time we are looking for some items for the fire department for the fire and accident scenes.