

Town Manager's Report: Town Council Meeting of 04/05/2016:

1. The FYI Folder: FYI Folder which contains items that come in between the Town Council Meetings has the following this evening: See List

2. Upcoming Events:

National Prescription Drug Take Back Day on Sat., April 30 from 10:00 am - 2:00 pm at the Police Station at the Pittsfield Municipal Building

Regional Job Fair on Wednesday, May 11, 2016 from 3:30 - 6:30 pm at the Warsaw Middle School Gym and Cafeteria

44th Annual Central Maine Egg Festival on Monday, July 11 - Saturday, July 16, 2016 at Manson Park, Hathorn Park, and many other locations!

The next Egg Festival Committee Meeting is on Thursday, 04/14/2016 at 6:30 pm for those who can attend. The group does need some volunteer assistance with all of the upcoming planning work.

3. 2015-2016 Somerset County Broadband Survey - Very Important: The surveys were being distributed through the mail to every household. Completing this two page survey will help the Town be able to apply for funding to assist in obtaining enhanced broadband for areas of the community, especially the rural section. Please utilize this link for the on-line survey at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/KVCOGbrodbandsurvey> The Town also has paper copies of the survey which you can pick up and/or drop off at the Town Office. The results need to be tallied so please get your survey in today.

4. Child Abuse Month: KVCAP which is the local Community Action Program will be teaming up with the Town and other partners to host a pinwheel garden to be taken to the Hall of Flags Event for this month as well as a reading program at the library on Thursday, April 21, 2016 at 10:15 am
Notices are to go out through the School System.

5. Project Canopy – Pittsfield Community Project: Gateway to Downtown:

The Town has been fortunate to receive grant funding through the Maine Forestry Service to purchase up to 20 shade trees along Somerset Avenue for planting this Spring.

The Town's Comprehensive Plan identifies Somerset Avenue as one of the gateways to the community. As the shade trees along Somerset Avenue were planted many years ago, a number have been removed due to deterioration. Planting new shade trees along Somerset Avenue would be advantageous for many reasons.

Letters were sent to property owners along Somerset Avenue to see if they would be interested in the planting of a tree in the right-of-way of Somerset Avenue along their property. The Town will be working with a MDOT Licensed Landscape Architect to determine the appropriate locations for trees along Somerset Avenue. The trees will need enough room to grow; enough sunlight for growth; and to be located away from infrastructure such as poles, water and sewer lines and power lines. This means that some locations along Somerset Avenue will not be appropriate for a tree to be planted. The Town is looking at the following tree species: Flowering Crab, Ginkgo, Hawthorn and Red Maples. The tree purchase that is made will be based upon the availability of trees and pricing.

The Town has been fortunate to have had some extensive capital improvements over the last decade, funded in large part through extensive grant and foundation awards. Several businesses in Town have overwhelmingly supported a number of projects by providing personnel, equipment and/or supplies as match for some of the grants, for which the Town is extremely grateful. We are pleased to now be able to turn our attention to the beautification of Somerset Avenue.

