

Town Manager's Report: Town Council Meeting of 04/07/2015:

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. 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.

The Town has kept in contact with the Kohler Foundation and were on a short list for consideration for additional works if they did become available. We were notified last week when I inquired as to the status, that it does not look like there will be any further works to be gifted. I thanked the foundation and their representative for all of their assistance and advised how much we like our art.

3. Special Municipal Election on April 23, 2015:

The Town of Pittsfield will be holding a Special Municipal Election on April 23, 2015 from 12:00 pm - 4:00 pm in the Council Chambers to elect a Councilor At Large for a currently vacant seat. Please be sure to join us to vote.

4. Superintendent Search Committee needs a Town Official:

As the current Superintendent has resigned at the end of the school year to be Superintendent of the Saco School Department, a replacement Superintendent is needed for MSAD#53.

The first meeting of the search committee is scheduled for April 15th at 5:30 at Warsaw. The School Board would like to have a Town Official from each community. The composition of the search committee is:

- 3-4 Board members
- 3 teachers/Ed techs
- 3 parents/community members
- 2 administrators
- 3 town officials.
- District Business Manager

The Search Committee will propose several candidates to the School Board, who will then make the decision.

5. Library Program for Book Discussions: The book discussion group meets Thursdays at 4:00 pm. Everyone is welcome to join. The library can help you get the books.

Thursday, April 9 -- Grant and Twain: the Story of a Friendship That Changed America

Thursday, May 14 -- Whistling Past the Graveyard

6. Grow Your Own Organic Garden: Free Gardening Class on April 8th 6:00 pm – 9:00 pm at the Maine Federation of Farmers' Markets Office at 113 North Lancey Street. Register by calling 487-7114 or email info@mffm.org. Pre-registration is required. Tom Roberts of the Snakeroot Organic Farm is the instructor so we know it will be really interesting!

7. Sebasticook Family Doctors Retirement: The Town was contacted by SFD regarding the retirement of James Love, PA-C which will take place on May 9, 2015 at 5:00 pm at the Millenium in Palmyra. SFD would like a commendation from the Town so I asked for some background materials and will draft a Resolution for the Town Councilors to review at the next Council Meeting.

8. SKILLS, Inc. Programs: SKILLS, Inc. is working with the Transfer Station on providing opportunities for their clients. The Town has been involved with the program in the past and it was a rewarding experience.

9. Unemployment Insurance Policy. The Town's accumulated balance for the Unemployment Program which is unexpended is \$33,440.86 as of January 1, 2015. With the unemployment dividend, cost for the 2015 premium, administrative costs and claims paid last year, we would have enough funds for the next 5 years at least. If towns go into the negative, which many are, the MMA Fund works with them to get them back into the black. It is not believed that this will take place for the Town as we have a very healthy balance.

10. Pittsfield Spirit of America 2015 Award: At the last Council Meeting, the Town Councilors chose Beverly Rollins as the awardee for 2015 from the many long-term volunteers. The award ceremony will be held at the next Town Council Meeting on April 21, 2015 at 6:30 pm. Bev thanks the Town Council for choosing her and is deeply touched. I wanted to note that we heard from Bev this week who is on vacation but planning out a Welcome Table meal for this Friday.

