

## **Town Manager's Report: Town Council Meeting of 04/19/2016:**

**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

HealthySV High on Life 5K Run/1K Walk on Saturday, May 21, 2016 starting at 10:00 am with registration open at 8:30 am at Maine Central Institute

Hooked on Fishing on Saturday, May 27, 2016 from 9:00 am – 1:00 pm at the Manson Park Lower Parking Lot and the Sebasticook River

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, May 12, 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/KVCOGbbroadbandsurvey> 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

### **5. Library Events:**

Local illustrator Hazel Mitchell will read and talk about her latest book she illustrated, "Where Do Fairies Go When It Snows?", written by Liza Gardner Walsh at the Pittsfield Public Library Friday, April 22 at 10:30. During this special story time, children will find out what it's like to create a picture book, get drawing tips and will draw their own special fairies. Hazel Mitchell was born in Scarborough, Yorkshire, UK and lives in Detroit, Maine and has illustrated many children's books. Books will be available for purchase and signing. This program is sponsored by the Friends of the Pittsfield Public Library. For more information, call the library at 487-5880.

A special story time Thursday, April 21 at 10:15 at the Pittsfield Public Library will help raise awareness about child abuse prevention. Mike Holcomb, the director of the Pittsfield Ambulance and crewmember Jason will read to the children. In addition to the story, there will be thumb print activities and snacks,

including whoopee pies and fruit. This program is sponsored by KVCAP in Skowhegan. For more information, call Kristen Plummer at 859-2520.

**6. Airport Master Plan Update:** An informational session will be held at the Pittsfield Municipal Building Town Council Chambers, 112 Somerset Avenue, Pittsfield on Monday, April 25, 2016 at 1:00 pm to present the recommendations of the Airport Master Plan Update. The Airport Master Plan describes the future development and focuses for the Airport over the next 10 years. The Town and its Consultant HTA are looking for comments on the proposed plan and welcome questions from Airport users and the public. Copies of the Airport Master Plan are available at the Town Office for review. Please call 487-3136 for more information.

**7. Town Farm Trails Kiosk Unveiling:** Come join the Warsaw Middle School Students as they unveil the Town Farm Trails Kiosk on Wednesday, May 4, 2016 from 5:00 – 5:30 pm on the Town Farm Property down by the Driftbusters Snowmobile Club.. The 8<sup>th</sup> Grade students have done a great job with the kiosk. After the unveiling, there will be a short hike through the woods.

**8. 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.

