

Town Manager's Report: Town Council Meeting of 05/17/2016:

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. Events which took place:

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 (the event was held with over 80 lbs of unwanted prescription medication being dropped off)

Pittsfield Greater Area Kiwanis Club Bike Rodeo on Saturday, May 7 from 9:00 am - 1:00 pm at the Pittsfield Rite Aid, Somerset Avenue (in conjunction with the Pittsfield Rite Aid Customer Service Day from 10:00 am - 1:00 pm)

Pittsfield Garden Club Annual Plant Sale on Saturday., May 14, 2016 at 8:30 am in the Cianbro Parking Lot

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

3. Upcoming Events:

NB13 - The Nolan Berthelette Story on Friday-Saturday, May 20-21 at 7:30 pm at the Pittsfield Community Theatre. The After Party is on Friday evening at 9:00 pm at the Seabasticook Valley Elks Lodge on Central Street. Reserve your tickets at squareup.com/market/nolansherofoundation

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

Police Hooked on Fishing on Saturday, May 28, 2016 from 9:00 am – 1:00 pm at the Manson Park Lower Parking Lot and the Seabasticook River

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

2016 Maine Central Institute Reunion on Friday, August 5 – Sunday, August 7, 2016 at the campus

4. Library Event to be held at the Theatre:

Children's Book Give-Away at Pittsfield Public Library

The Pittsfield Public Library is holding Children's Book Give-Away Monday, May 23 starting at 11:00. There are many children's books available from personal collections, as well as discards from the library shelves. The books are free as a way to build a child's home library and encourage reading for pleasure. They could also be used in school classrooms. Any monetary donations for the books will be used for funding children's programs at the library. For more information, call the library at 487-5880.

5. Town Farm Trails Kiosk Unveiling: We had a wonderful time with the Warsaw Middle School Students as they unveiled 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 8th Grade students have done a great job with the kiosk. After the unveiling, there was a short hike through the woods. They were

very organized, had a nice little map of the area and presented myself as Town Manager with a wonderful plant and card that they all signed.

6. 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 has ordered Flowering Crab, Ginkgo, Hawthorn and Red Maples.

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.

The State of Maine Transportation Department Landscape Architect will be down on Wednesday, 05/18/2016 to meet with the Public Works Foreman to review the tree locations. We still have a few trees left that need homes along Somerset Avenue.

The trees have been ordered and we had contacted the property owners who signed up for a tree planting in the State right-of-way in front of their property. The tree plantings will take place on Monday, 05/23/2016 and likely continue on Tuesday, 05/24/2016. Some classes at Vickery and Warsaw Schools will be taking walks down Somerset Avenue to check out the tree plantings and see how to plant a tree.

7. Pittsfield Summer Concert Series: FYI: We have a small group of citizens led by Jan Laux and Barbara Denaro who are organizing a summer concert series in the park to start after the Egg Festival for four weeks. They are doing a wonderful job and there will be more to come on this great summer activity.

