

Town Manager's Report: Town Council Meeting of 09/01/2015:

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

2. Recreation Program Sign-ups: Sign up for Fall Programs began in July, 2015. Fall Programs include Soccer for Grades K-2; 3-4 and 5-5; Field Hockey for Grades K-5; and Football for Grades K-2; 3-4; and 5-6. The cost is \$20 per program for residents and \$25 per program for non-residents. Forms are available at the Town Office. Since the teams will be formed in September, please get your forms in as soon as possible and we are recommending by Friday, September 4.

3. 2015 Tax Bills Issued: The tax commitment has been completed with tax bills sent out last week. The tax rate for 2015 is \$19.30/\$1,000 which is an increase of .20 of a mil or 1.1%. Taxes are due on Friday, October 16, 2015. We tried very hard to keep the tax rate as low as possible which was very difficult.

4. Bangor Savings Bank Community Offer: The Bank has offered to pay for one of the movie nights at the Pittsfield Community Theatre which is a very generous offer. We are working on the details now and will be making a presentation to the Theatre Committee at their next meeting on August 26, 2015.

5. State of Maine Department of Transportation Project: MDOT is considering a transportation project near the Town's Recreational Trail located in the vicinity of Bridge #5988 which carries I-95 Northbound over the former abandoned MCRR. It has been noted that the possibilities are that the bridge will be re-decked to taking out the bridge and moving the trail out to beside Hartland Avenue. MDOT was advised of the importance of the recreational trail and that the Town does not want it to go away. As a result of the discussion, MDOT did send an e-mail to the project manager indicating that unless MDOT knows for sure that this is a bridge re-decking project, that a public meeting will be required. There have been no decisions as of yet, however, we need to become involved and keep track of what is taking place with this proposed project.

Today, September 1, 2015, the MDOT Public Hearing was scheduled by MDOT for: Tuesday, September 29, 2015 at 6:00 pm to discuss and obtain input for their bridge project in the vicinity of Hartland Avenue and the Town's Recreational Trail. The meeting will be held in the Town Council Chambers.

6. Pittsfield Historical Society Caboose: PHS hired a mother and son team that worked on the caboose, applying tar to the roof and scraping and applying primer and finish coat. A second finish coat was applied. Aubuchon's Hardware donated the paint which was great. It looks wonderful.

7. Fire Department Yard Sale: The DeNatie's donated a lot of furniture and other items to the Fire Department which conducted a large yard sale. The Town is the proud owner of several nice chairs for conferences in the Council Chambers or for the comfort of the audience in the front row. We also obtained some file cabinets for storage out back.

In addition, we would thank Nicole and her husband for obtaining very nice surplus chairs from his employer T-Mobile which the ladies are enjoying upstairs. These are very nice chairs far beyond our budget.

8. Motor Vehicle Review: Cammie Jeremy is the Town's Municipal Agent for the Motor Vehicle Program. We just received the results of the yearly audit and received an excellent audit with no corrections required. Cammie is commended for keeping everything in such good order.

9. Tax Acquired Property: Attorney Wiers was retained by the Schmidts for the transfer of the tax acquired property on Library Street. Everything appears to be going along well. We will be scheduling the public hearing at our next meeting and then holding the public hearing for the quit claim deed on October 6. Attorney Wiers was very complimentary on our recordkeeping and assistance to the Schmidts. I found from talking to the Schmidts that they have conducted extensive background research on the community and determined that they would like to be here based upon the quality of the community, its direction and how it was being operated.

10. Nomination Papers Available: Nomination papers are now available for four (4) Councilor positions: District 1; District 2; District 4; and At-Large as well as three (3) SAD#53 Board positions. All positions are three year terms except District 2 which is a two year term. Nomination papers are due by 5:00 pm, Friday, September 18, 2015.

