

Town Manager's Report: Town Council Meeting of 09/06/2016:

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:

Nolan's H.E.R.O. Foundation 2nd Annual 5K Run & 3.13K Walk on Saturday, September 10, 2016 at Maine Central Institute Football Field. Registration starts at 10:00 am and the race starts at 11:30 am.

6th Annual Pittsfield Car Show will be held on Saturday, September 17, 2016 with Car Registration from 8:00 - 11:00 am and Judging to begin at 11:15 am. Rain date is September 18 at the Deeper Life Assembly at 97 Higgins Road.

Pittsfield ARTS Meet the Candidates Night on Wednesday, October 19, 2016 at 6:00 pm at the Pittsfield Municipal Building Council Chambers.

National Drug Take Back Day will be held on Saturday, October 22, 2016 from 10:00 am – 2:00 pm in the back Municipal Parking Lot at the Police Station

The 2nd Annual Winter Holiday Celebration at the Hathorn Park Gazebo will be held on Wednesday, December 7, 2016 with the Warsaw School students.

3. Tax Acquired Property Sale: See Public Notice.

4. Nomination Papers:

TOWN OF PITTSFIELD NOMINATION PAPERS AVAILABLE

Candidates are needed for the following elected offices for the Town:

- 1- District 3 Council Member (3 year term)
- 1 – At Large Councilor Member (3 year term)

- 3 - SAD #53 Board Members (3 year term)

Nomination Papers can be obtained starting on August 15, 2016 from the Town Clerk's Office, 112 Somerset Avenue, and must be returned to the Town Clerk by 5:00 PM, September 23, 2016.

5. Library News:

Storytime at the Pittsfield Public Library resumes on Mondays at 10:15 for infants, toddlers, and preschoolers in the Warren Community Room. Sing songs, listen to stories, play games, and make messy art.

Homeschool students in grades 4-6 are invited to join Lindsey from HealthySV for Nutrition to Grow On, a series of hands-on gardening and nutrition classes. Classes take place on Mondays at 12:30 on Sept 12, 19, 26, and Oct 3, 17, and 24.

The library will resume Saturday hours, open from 10:00 – 1:00, on September 10.

The Friends of the Pittsfield Public Library will meet Wednesday, September 14 at 1:00 in the Warren Community Room at the Pittsfield Public Library. Topics to be discussed include the upcoming book sale and support of library programs. All members and prospective members are invited to attend. . The Friends support quality library service through fund raising, volunteerism and serving as advocates for the library's programs. They provide funding for special library projects, programs, and library beautification. Current fund raising projects include used book sales and a bottle drive at the library; more ideas are welcome.

Author and illustrator Hazel Mitchell will present her newest book "Toby" at 10:30 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 10, at the Pittsfield Public Library. The book is the heartwarming story about the growing bond between a child and a new pet. She will read from her book and conduct a drawing demonstration, as well as a question and answer period. Books will be available for purchase and signing. While the program is aimed at children, all are welcome.

6. Pittsfield's Birthday on June 19, 2019:

The Town was incorporated on June 19, 1819 so our 200th birthday is coming up. We should start making plans in January 2017 and would plan on announcing our formation of a committee at the widely popular Annual Winter Holiday Celebration on December 7, 2016.

7. 2016 Property Tax Bills:

Town of Pittsfield 2016 Tax Bills Summary:

August, 2016

This tax bill is for the Somerset County Assessment; SAD#53 Assessment; and the Municipal Budget. The mil rate for 2016 is \$20.20/1,000 valuation or an increase of 4.7%. The increase in the rate is partially due to the increase in the Homestead Exemption on owner occupied residences from \$10,000 to \$15,000 which affects the Town's valuation. With the change in the Homestead exemption, many people with a residence will not see much difference and some will see a decrease in their tax bill unless work has been completed on the home as of 04/01/2016. Those residences with a higher valuation will see an increase. The Town has been extremely

conservative with expenditures. All town officials and employees have been doing the best job possible to maintain service levels while being conservative in spending.

The 2016 budgetary changes which also affected property taxes were:

- **Somerset County assessment to the Town increased \$29,431.15**
- **SAD #53 Assessment to the Town increased \$124,725.38 over last year's assessment.**
- **The Municipal Operating and Capital Budget increased \$5,233.00 from last year's.**

Assessment or Budget Increases/Decreases

+ **5.2%**

from property taxes from last year's:

+ **4.3%**

+ **.4%**

County Budget:

SAD #53 Assessment:

Municipal Budget: