

## **Town Manager's Report: Town Council Meeting of 10/20/2015:**

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

**2. Small Business Saturday:** November 28, 2015 is Small Business Saturday – a day to celebrate and support small businesses and all that they do for their communities. Please shop at a small business on November 28 and all year round.

**3. SVH Upcoming Events:** SVH held its Annual Community Health Fair on October 17, 2015 in the MCI Wright Gym which was a great hit. SVH also has courses and classes for Heartsaver CPR; Heartsaver First Aid; and Take the Next Sep to quit tobacco in October. More materials available on the Seabasticook Valley Health website and the Town of Pittsfield website.

**4. Proposed 2016 State Valuation:** The proposed 2016 State Valuation has come in at \$247,400,000 million for the Town of Pittsfield. Our Assessor William VanTuinen indicates that for the period of time utilized, this is a reasonable valuation for the Town of Pittsfield.

**5. General Guide to Consumer Fireworks Use:** The Town found a very nice handout when researching the fireworks law due to a citizen's concern. The handout was forwarded to the Town Councilors, placed on the Town's website and being distributed in the Town Office. It will also be taken over to the Library. The best item about this is that the Police Chief has made copies for the officers to hand out when citizens call in issues regarding consumer fireworks so this is a very good communications tool. The handout is very clear about the requirements of the law.

**6. Somerset County Spirit of America Ceremony:** Beverly Rollins will be honored along with the other Somerset County Spirit of America honorees on Wednesday, October 21, 2015 at 6:00 pm in the Superior Court Room of the Somerset County Building. Councilors are invited to attend. The Mayor and Town Manager are attending.

**7. Posting Town Farm Property for No Hunting and Trapping:** Due to the school activity on the Town Farm Property also known locally as Peltoma Woos, the Police Department has posted the property for no hunting and no trapping. The students will be on a nature and wildlife walk. As noted in the Comprehensive Plan, one of our projects was to have the students be able to utilize the natural beauty of this property as an outdoor classroom for their school classes. The classes will not be going out during the official hunting season, which starts at the beginning of November, however, do have one more walk that has been re-scheduled to this week due to rainy weather last week. The students are accommodated by their teachers, other school personnel, parents and town employees.

**8. SECURETHECALL.ORG:** The Somerset District Attorney's Office has teamed up with SECURETHECALL.ORG to obtain reconditioned cell phones for crime victims. The phones are received by the organization, wiped clean of data, repackaged and sent to Somerset County at no cost. These phones are inactive and can be used to call 911 only. For more information, please contact the County Administrator at 858-1812.

**9. Halloween with the Pittsfield and Detroit Fire Departments:** The Fire Departments would like to welcome area youth to stop by the Pittsfield Fire Station on Middle STREET ON Saturday, October 31, 2015 to celebrate Halloween. The doors will be open to trick or treat starting at 5:30 pm until 9:00 pm for children of all ages. The firefighters will be handing out candy, popcorn and other goodies on that evening. Pittsfield Fire will be serving its famous doughboys and Detroit Fire will be serving ice cream sundaes while supplies last. So come and hang out with the local fire departments on Halloween

**10. Maine Townsman October 2015:** MMA conducted a review to find the most unique resources and properties in communities. Pittsfield was chosen as the community with the most curious and unique properties – for our Community Theatre, Pittsfield Railroad Station and the Pinnacle Ski Slope. This is a great article with a whole page about the Town.

