

## **Town Manager's Report: Town Council Meeting of 11/05/2014:**

**1. The FYI Folder:** FYI Folder which contains items that come in between the Town Council Meetings has the following this evening: Several Code Enforcement Letters.

**2. Langlais Art Trail includes Pittsfield:** The Town of Pittsfield is part of the Colby College Langlais Art Trail. Colby College is producing a state-of-the-art interactive map, which will serve as an extensive guide to Langlais works across the state of Maine. The launching of the Trail recognizes a state-wide art community that was created through the Kohler Foundation and celebrates the collaborative efforts to recognize this influential artist. The Town will receive a copy of *Bernard Langlais*, a copiously illustrated 250-page monograph on the artist, with essays by Hannah W. Blunt, Diana Tuite, Vincent Katz, and Leslie Umberger. This monograph is produced in conjunction with the Museum's retrospective exhibition this summer, opening July 19<sup>th</sup>. The scheduled launch date of the Langlais Art Trail was July.

**3. Spirit of America Foundation Tribute:** The Spirit of America Foundation has thanked the Town of Pittsfield for presenting the Spirit of America Foundation Tribute for outstanding community service during National Volunteer Month and advising about the recipient Dr. Thomas Pierce. The event hosted by Somerset County officials is on Thurs., Oct. 23 starting at 6:00 PM in the Superior Court Room of the Somerset County Building (41 Court St, Skowhegan).

For your info, these local winners will be honored at the ceremony: Beverly Breau (Palmyra), Don Chute (Detroit), Stacey Desrosiers (St. Albans), Family Fun Day (Bingham), Marita Farrar (Ripley), Maryanne Gawlinski & Joseph McCarthy (Starks), Michael Golden (Solon), Merrill Greene (Athens), Dorothy Harmon (Jackman), Hartland Historical Society, Brenda Hogate (Cornville), Garwood & Irma Howell (Harmony), Elwin Matthews (Norridgewock), Mercer Methodist Church, Thomas Pierce (Pittsfield), Sterling Reed (Moose River), Stephen Ruell (Canaan), Stephanie Thibodeau (Fairfield), Shirley Whittemore (Skowhegan).

The Town achieved the Maine Spirit of America's Gold Distinction for efforts helping volunteerism!

The Town Manager showed the plaque for the Municipal Building and the Nominee's plaque that would be sent to Dr. Pierce.

**4. Persis Smith Community Read:** The Pittsfield Public Library is holding its 2014 Persis Smith Community Read in November featuring three programs based on the book "We Were the Kennedys" by Monica Wood. Thursday, November 6 at 6:30 Monica Wood will read from and discuss her book, then speak about the research and writing of her memoir. Thursday, November 13 at 4:00 librarian, Holly Williams, will lead a book discussion. Tuesday, November 18 at 4:00 Helen Peppe, author of "Pigs Can't Swim", will do a presentation on memoir writing followed by a pot-luck supper. Copies of the book can be obtained from the public library. Readers are welcome to attend any or all programs of interest.

