

**Bike Rodeo put on by Kiwanis:** The Pittsfield Area Kiwanis Club will hold a bike rodeo on Saturday, May 9, 2020 (more information to follow such as time and location).

**48<sup>th</sup> Annual Central Maine Egg Festival Week:** Our 48<sup>th</sup> Egg Festival will be held on Monday, July 6 – Saturday, July 11, 2020 including the **Kiwanis Karnival** on Wednesday, July 8 – Saturday, July 11, 2020

## 5. PUBLIC HEARINGS/OLD BUSINESS:

**ORDER 20-04: (Tabled)** Ordered that the Town Council amend the Transfer Station/Recycling Center User Fee System effective 06/01/2020 for all users and start selling the new stickers on 05/01/2020.

Moved by Councilor Billings and seconded by Councilor Logiodice to remove Ordinance 20-04 from the Table.

**VOTE: UNANIMOUS AYE**

Moved by Councilor Billings and seconded by Councilor Collamore that Order 20-04 be adopted.

**VOTE: AYE: Mayor Donahue,  
Councilor Billings, Councilor  
Logiodice and Councilor Collamore.  
Nay: None  
Abstained: Deputy Mayor Bolster**

**RESOLUTION 20-29: (Tabled)** Resolved that the Town Council Approve the Request for Proposals to replace the sidewalk along Connors Avenue and behind the Municipal Building and authorize the Public Works Foreman to seek bids for same.

By consensus, it was recommended that this item remain tabled until the project is fully developed.

## 6. REPORTS:

### A. COUNCIL COMMITTEES:

**FINANCE:** The next meeting is on Thursday, March 12, 2020 at 5:00 pm.

**ORDINANCE:** The next meeting is on Wednesday, March 11, 2020 at 6:30 pm.

**RECYCLING:** The committee is discussing combining Arbor Day and Earth day for tree planting with several groups to increase interest.

### B. BOARD AND COMMITTEE UPDATES BY TOWN COUNCILORS AND MANAGER

### C. TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT

1. Agenda items for the next meeting on Tuesday, March 17, 2020 will include holding a public hearing on the Ordinance to issue a loan for the paving and other capital projects in the amount of \$706,000 which is the same as we did last year. That will allow \$500,000 worth of paving. The Finance Committee will be meeting on March 12th to review the list of roads recommended to be paved. The Excavator Lease-purchase as well as the purchase of a backhoe will be coming up at the next meeting. We will also be

working on the RFP for Paving which will come to the Council next month as well as reviewing proposals for two smaller truck purchases authorized for bid at the last Council Meeting.

2. The new Town Office hours are Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday, 8:00 am to 5:00 pm; closed on Wednesday. We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause. This is being done to allow for more time for work and projects as we cannot afford to go back to the total number of employees that we had years ago. This will allow more efficiency and effectiveness. In addition, the Town has been open more hours than any town office around and more hours than most town offices in the state.

3. We held the March 3 Presidential Primary and Special State Referendum Election which was surprisingly busy – it was steady all day which was excellent. Our results were posted on the webpage as follows: Approximately 800 residents voted. The Democratic vote was 102 for Biden, 79 for Sanders, 63 for Bloomberg, 41 for Warren and the others had single or no votes. The Republican vote was 285 for Trump. The referendum question received 292 Yes votes and 495 No votes. The next election will be on Tuesday, June 9, 2020 for the State Primary and the Special Town Council District 2 seat. Nomination papers will be available on March 16 and will be due back by April 27 for that seat. The General Election will be held on November 3.

4. The Democrats 2020 Caucus will be held on Sunday 03/08/2020 at the Pittsfield Town Office, 112 Somerset Avenue. The doors open at 1:00 pm. Frank Geagan who organizes this reminds us that Daylight Savings Time starts on Caucus Day. Remember to spring forward!

5. The Energy RFQ had two responses so we will be reviewing these over the next few weeks.

6. Board/Committee Vacancies: Airport Committee, Appeals Board, the Board of Assessment Review, the Cemetery Trustees, the Economic Development Committee, the Housing Rehab Loan Committee, the Pool Committee and the Recycling Committee.

7. Pittsfield Community Theatre: We love our theatre and need to have people support the theatre by filling the seats. As you know the Theatre is closed on Tuesday and Wednesday evenings and generally has matinees on Sundays. The Theatre conducts regular evening movie showing and holds many special events. The next special event is on April 25, 2020, starting at 7:00 pm- Delicious Drag Divas. Tickets are \$10 and admittance is for those over 15 years of age. On Friday we are showing the movie Bad Boys; the following Friday it will be the Call of the Wild; and after that the movie will be Downhill. The Theatre is looking for volunteers to help out during movies as well as cleaning before the movies. If interested, you can apply online on the Theatre website.

8. The regional meetings have started up which includes the Kennebec Regional Development Authority (KRDA) and the Kennebec Valley Council of Governments (KVCOG). KVCOG's Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy Meeting will be held on March 10<sup>th</sup> at which time we will learn about the 2020 Census & Your Community. Our speaker will be the *Partnership Specialist Field Division/New York Regional Census Center, U.S. Census Bureau*

## 7. **NEW BUSINESS:**

**ORDINANCE 20-01:** (To be set to Public Hearing on 03/17/2020) That the Town of Pittsfield hereby ordains the borrowing of up to \$706,000 to finance costs of the paving of public roads and capital improvements in the Town, and in order to raise said amount, general obligations bonds and/or notes shall be issued in a total aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$706,000 and the Treasurer and the Mayor shall determine the date, maturities, denominations, interest rate or rates, place of payment, paying agent