

designed New York's Central Park and also the Emerald Necklace, which is a famous group of parks around Boston.

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

**Theatre Committee:** Ann Mathews announced that this may be her last report to the Town Council as the Theatre Committee is meeting tomorrow to elect officers. She asked if there is a reason that the Theatre does not have a gap account. (TM: This is on the agenda for tomorrow night's Theatre Committee review). She also asked why the Town Council approved raises for the Theatre Manager and Assistant Manager without notifying the committee. (TM: The pay adjustments to include cost of living and wage adjustments were approved for all town employees to make the town more competitive with pay rates in our size communities as well as the surrounding communities.)

## **C. TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT**

1. Don Chute will be presenting certificates at the first Town Council meeting in February to the top businesses in town for recycling to recognize their accomplishments. Don will also be presenting options for dump stickers at the second Town Council meeting in February.
2. The new Town Office hours are Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday, 8:00 am to 5:00 pm, closed on Wednesdays.
3. Kiwanis International turned 105 years old today. While our club is not that old, we congratulate the Greater Pittsfield Area Kiwanis Club on their years of service to the community.
4. The Maine Department of Transportation has asked the abutting towns to send a letter approving the renaming of the Sibley Pond Bridge to the "William Harris Memorial Bridge" this week. The Town Manager asked the Council to think about whether they would like her to do this.
5. Special Election for a Councilor for District 2: Since the vacancy in the Town Council is more than 6 months before the regular election which is in November when Councilors are elected, the Town Council will have to call a Special Election within 60 days of that vacancy to fill that seat. This means to call the election, not to hold the election which would be very difficult due to all the timeframes. The Town Clerk was asked to determine the schedule with all of the steps which includes having the absentee ballots available 30 days prior, etc. She has determined that the Town Council may wish to hold the special election at the same time in order to save the cost of a separate election. The Town Manager asked the Town Councilors to think about whether they wanted the special election in May or if it could be matched up with the June primary. This item can be addressed at the next Town Council Meeting in February.

## **7. NEW BUSINESS:**

**RESOLUTION 20-12:** Resolved that the Town Council accept the proposal of Harris Computer to add the MOSES module to our TRIO service to support Inland Fisheries and Wildlife (IF&W) processing for the sum of \$420.00 and authorize the Town Manager to execute the Contract.

Moved by Councilor Bolster and seconded by Deputy Mayor Donahue that Resolution 20-12 be adopted.

**VOTE: UNANIMOUS AYE**

**RESOLUTION 20-13:** Resolved that the Town Council accept the proposal of Harris Computer to upgrade the TRIO service from Access to SQL for the sum of \$2,649.95 and authorize the Town Manager to execute the Contract.