

Town Manager's Report: Town Council Meeting of 01/02/2007:

1. The FYI Folder: The FYI Book contains the following items this week: Read List

2. Curbside Recycling: The 2007 Curbside Recycling Brochures were in the Rolling Thunder today as an insert. So if you have not already pulled out your double-sided colored insert from the 01/01/2007 edition, please do so. If someone did not receive a copy, we have extras at the Town Office.

3. Moosehead Cedar Log Homes: READ Open House Invitation attached.

4. Time Warner Cable Update: Time Warner's customer service numbers and contacts are as follows: Citizens requiring special assistance with a customer service issue, can e-mail either Shelley Winchenbach at shelley.winchenbach@twcable.com or Mike Edgecomb at michael.edgecomb@twcable.com with the appropriate customer contact information. The new statewide toll-free customer service numbers for the public to use are: 877-596-5366 or 800-833-2253. The Town has also posted these numbers on the front page on the Pittsfield website at www.pittsfield.org.

5. Proposed 2007 State Valuation: The Town's proposed State Valuation for 2007 as set by the Maine Revenue Services Property Tax Division is \$215,100,000 which is an increase of \$21,650,000 from the 2006 State Valuation or an increase of 11.19%. That is a large increase for the Town of Pittsfield from all the commercial and residential development. State Valuation is used to determine the amount of County Tax the Town is assessed, affects the School Assessment and the amount of State Revenue Sharing that the Town receives.

6. Serve New England: Serve New England is a food cooperative for people who volunteer their time. A new chapter has been opened in Waterville. The goal of the organization is to promote volunteerism in the community. To qualify, people need to volunteer at least 2 hours a month. In return for volunteering in the community, people can purchase a good quality food package large enough for 4 or 5 meals for only \$22. The web site is www.servenewengland.org. People can sign up on-line.

7. Remembrance Park: We have purchased pressure treated lumber to renovate the park bench, picnic table and trash receptacle at Remembrance Park this winter. Come Spring, there will be an upgrade to the facilities.

8. Federal Aviation Administration Capital Improvement Plan: The Town received word this week that all of the projects that we have submitted are listed in the Federal Capital Plan for Pittsfield. Specifically, we have been approved to go forward to submit a grant application for the Fiscal Year 2007 for the Airport Remove Obstructions project in an amount of \$115,000. This is on top of the Vegetation Management Plan for \$113,810. The other projects listed to go forward on are:

2008 Rehabilitate Apron – Phase I \$150,000

2009 Rehabilitate Apron – Phase II \$660,000

2110 Expand Apron \$400,000

All paperwork needs to be filed. So we need to get the two current airport grants underway right now for the Vegetation Plan and the Removal of the Obstructions. All the projects in the plan for Pittsfield total \$1,438,810.