

## **Town Manager's Report: Town Council Meeting of 02/06/2007:**

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

**2. Curbside Recycling:** The regularly scheduled pickup for Wednesday, 01/31/2007 was cancelled due to the breakdown of Palmyra's truck. The parts are on order but it will be a few days before they are received. Please use the Recycling Bin at the Town Office or go to the Transfer Station. We apologize for any inconvenience that this may cause.

**3. Garden Tour to Benefit the Library:** The Pittsfield Community Garden Club will sponsor a Garden Tour on Saturday, July 14, 2007 to help raise funds for the Library Restoration and Expansion Project. The Garden Club has 12 gardens that will be available, including two homes that will be open. More details will be available in the near future.

**4. Sebasticook Valley Chamber of Commerce Annual Banquet:** The Annual Meeting for SVCC is scheduled for Thursday, 02/15/2007 at the Millennium in Palmyra. The event starts at 5:00 p.m. and is usually over around 9:00 p.m. The 2007 proposed slate of officers and directors, awards, recognition, and reports take place at the meeting as well as a social hour, dinner & silent auction to raise funds.

**5. Notice to Dog Owners:** The 2007 Dog Licenses are available. If dogs are not licensed additional fees will accrue. A valid Maine Rabies certificate and, if applicable, a certificate of spaying or neutering is required for licensing. Please notify the Town Office at 487-3136 if you no longer have your dog. Under the State Law, the Town is required to issue a warrant for unlicensed dogs. This will require a late fee of \$25.00 per dog.

**6. E-911 Updates:** The Town is pleased to announce that the Rural Routes portion of the E-911 new addresses have been completed. Letters are in the process of being sent out now, some have been sent out to the rural area and others will be sent out shortly. The numbers are being placed in the envelopes and some numbers are on back order and have not arrived. The new addresses will be in effect on April 1, 2007. The Post Office has a letter included in the Town's letter which explains that they will continue to deliver the mail with the old address for a period of time. The Postal Service is still working on the in-town portion of the E-911 addresses and this will be completed soon.

**7. 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](mailto:shelley.winchenbach@twcable.com) or Mike Edgecomb at [michael.edgecomb@twcable.com](mailto: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](http://www.pittsfield.org).

**8. 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. 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](http://www.servenewengland.org). People can sign up on-line.

**9. Welcome to New Businesses:** This evening we will be signing certificates of Welcome to two new businesses: Town Tavern which will be opening in a few weeks and Heidi Ann's Flower Shop at the corner of Main and Central Street run by Ann Duncombe.