

5. **REPORTS: TOWN MANAGER, FINANCE, ORDINANCE & RECYCLING COMMITTEES:**

Town Manager's Report: Town Council Meeting of 02/17/2009:

1. The FYI Folder: The FYI Book contains the following items this week: NONE

2. Board/Committee Openings: There are just a few board/committee openings available: Board of Assessment Review, Housing Revolving Loan Committee (RE Background) and Board of Health. Anyone who is interested in serving on one or more of these boards/committees, please contact the Town Clerk at 487-3136 or clerk@pittsfield.org

3. The Welcome Table Opening: The Welcome Tables will be open on Fridays from 10:30 am – 2:30 pm at the First Universalist Church at 6 Easy Street. The volunteers are serving a free lunch every Friday for all looking for a warm place, warm food and warm friends.

4. Dog Licenses for 2009: Licensing is now overdue for your dogs. All dogs over 6 months old need to be licensed. This is so that we can have a record of your dog in case it gets loose and we can get animal back to you or contact you to come get your dog. Rabies certificates need to be up to date or still effective. Late fees are now being added per State law requirement.

5. Somerset County Bicentennial Planning Committee Report: Notice Read

6. Federal Stimulus Funding Submittal for Sludge Removal Project:

The Town Manager noted she spoke with DEP today regarding the proposed federal stimulus funding that may be coming to the State of Maine from the federal government. Specifically, DEP has listed the Sludge Removal project at the Wastewater Treatment Plant as one of the possible projects that would compete for federal stimulus funding. The State may receive around \$30 million dollars and the amount of projects that have been initially mentioned are many millions more.

Stimulus funds may be in the form of a loan with 0% interest, a small interest rate such as 1% or 2% or some principal forgiveness, or a combination thereof.

We were just notified of this and the paperwork with the options and our answers must be submitted this Thursday in time to be filed before 02/23/2009.

Bill Ball contacted the Town and advised with the Federal Government and State DEP requirements for a shovel ready project, that there are 2 options from the study that could meet those requirements;

- a. Solar Drying (without time for any type of small scale project)
- b. Mechanical solids removal and mechanical dewatering.

Kirk Ball is here this evening to discuss this with the Council further. I advised Acheron that we would need to discuss this at the meeting before the Town applies for any funding. This would be a filing to compete for the funds, it is not the approval to apply for a loan as we do not know what we would be eligible for until all the projects are ranked.

Kirk Ball stated applicants would need to show that their projects would be ready to be bid in June of 2009. The process that comes to the forefront with the time constraints is the mechanical dewatering process. The application is due on February 23, 2009. It will be sent requesting the full monetary amount needed, and if the full funds are not obtained, we could still remove a portion of sludge. The Town Manager noted a long-term plan would need to be put in place to avoid this problem in the future. Councilor Fotter noted that sewer rates would have to go up again to fund these projects. Mr. Ball stated that Acheron would be responsible to file all paperwork to DEP as the engineer must file these applications. The consensus of the Council was to put our best plan forward as this project must be done and is at least 15 years overdue.

Finance Committee: Met briefly tonight before the meeting. Talked about finding a new financial institution for the Town funds. This topic will be discussed later on the agenda.

Ordinance Committee: No Report

Recycling Committee: At the last meeting the Committee discussed the upcoming energy forum. The key speakers were discussed. There will be a speaker to talk about common sense tips for homeowners, a speaker to talk about recycling and organic farming and a speaker from the natural resources council. The booths that will be available at the forum were also discussed.

6. **NEW BUSINESS:**

- a. **ORDINANCE 09-03:** (To be set to Public Hearing on 03/03/2009) That the Town of Pittsfield Town Council hereby ordains the tax anticipation note borrowing for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2009 on the following terms:

Ordered that, pursuant to Section 5771 of Title 30-A of the Maine Revised Statutes, as amended and the Ordinance adopted on the date hereof, the Town Treasurer is hereby authorized and empowered to borrow money from time to time during the fiscal year ending December 31, 2009 in the principal amount or amounts not exceeding \$550,000 at any one time outstanding, in anticipation of the collections or receipts from taxes, by the issuance of tax anticipation notes of the Town, each of which notes shall be designated "Town of Pittsfield 2009 Tax Anticipation Notes." All of such tax anticipation notes, and any extensions, renewals or replacements thereof, shall be signed by the Town Treasurer and countersigned by at least a majority of the members of the Town Council, shall be payable on or before November 3, 2009, out of money raised by taxation during the fiscal year ending December 31, 2009 shall bear interest payable at maturity at a rate determined in the manner as approved by the Treasurer, and shall contain such other terms and provisions, not inconsistent herewith, and be in such form, as shall be approved by the officers signing the same, whose approval shall be conclusively evidenced by their execution thereof, and