

Town Manager's Report: Town Council Meeting of 02/20/2007:

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

2. 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.

3. 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. The Warrant will be on the Council Agenda for March, 2007.

4. Sale of Used Town Equipment: The Town has sold the surplus utility poles at the Public Works Garage. The surplus meter boxes are still for sale. People can bid by completing a form at the Town Office. In addition, on March 2, 2007, we will have all of the Town's surplus used computer equipment out for best bid. Interested parties can review the equipment at the Town Office.

5. Standard & Poor's Rating: The Town's bond rating of BBB/Stable was affirmed by Standard & Poore recently. The update is available in the Town Office for anyone who is interested in reviewing it.

6. 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.

7. 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. People can sign up on-line.