

however, no one has been able to fit their building on the developable footprint. The Town Manager noted we were working with 8 active businesses, 3 of which wanted to commit to Pittsfield last fall before the economic crisis. At this time, everyone is waiting to see happens with our economy. Having this Resolution on the books would allow us to move quicker if a grant is obtained or allow us to work on this project in phases.

**VOTE: UNANIMOUS AYE**

**Tabled from the 02/17/2009 Town Council Meeting:**

**RESOLUTION 09-26:** Resolved that the Town Council Authorize the Town Manager to Execute the Assignment and Assumption of Lease and Landlord Consent for high-speed internet services subject to approval of the Town Attorney.

Motion by **Deputy Mayor Jordan** and seconded by **Councilor Chale** to remove Resolution 09-26 from the table.

The Town Manager noted two messages were left for the company and we did not hear back.

Councilors have two issues they are contemplating on this request. First, the documentation on the financial and technical capability of the new or proposed merged company needs more details such as a financial report, verification of the technical capability if there are issues at the water treatment facility, municipal building, etc.

Second, the Councilors were concerned that this agreement does not have a lease payment for the use of the water tower. This is no longer to be a small operation to make sure that the Town has some sort of high-speed internet. This is proposed to be a larger operation than that from 2001 when this all began.

Motion by **Deputy Mayor Jordan** and seconded by **Councilor Chale** to table Resolution 09-26.

**VOTE: UNANIMOUS AYE**

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

**Town Manager's Report: Town Council Meeting of 03/03/2009:**

**1. The FYI Folder:** The FYI Book contains the following items this week: LIST READ

**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 Appeals. We have found someone for the 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](mailto: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. Federal Stimulus Funding for Highway Projects – MDOT List of Projects:** MDOT released its list of projects, which includes Pittsfield. One is a project that we have listed on our BTIP request forms in the past: See MDOT List.

**6. Census 2010:** There are promotional items that the Town can do to help make sure that everyone is counted. The Census is important to the Town as it is part of the basis for funding formulas, grants, and economic development. See Book

**7. Town Training Calendar:** The Town will be presenting Personal Protective Equipment Hazard Assessment Review Training and Bloodborne Pathogens training for applicable employees/departments on Friday, 03/20/2009 at 10:00 am and 6:00 pm here at the Town Office.

**8. Federal Stimulus Funding for Airports – Pittsfield Municipal Airport:** There is federal stimulus funding for airports and we are on the list for the potential. Caleb and I should meet on this as soon as possible to see if it is do-able.

**9. GCS 1 Year Anniversary:** We have been invited to Global Contact Services' 1 year anniversary and open house on Tuesday, 03/17/2009 from 1 pm – 2 pm. The company will be having refreshments, an employee appreciation drawing and other activities.

**Finance Committee:** The Finance Committee met today, from 4:30 pm until 7:00 pm. There were interviews conducted with 4 financial institutions. It has been narrowed down to two companies with some questions. There will be a meeting next week and will make a suggestion for the 03/17/2009 Council Meeting.

**Ordinance Committee:** No Report.

**Recycling Committee:** No Report.

## 6. **NEW BUSINESS:**

- a. ***RESOLUTION 09-28:*** Resolved that the Town Council Accept a donation up to \$4,000.00 for the Pinnacle Ski Slope (G/L #1-131-00) for a gas fireplace inset; waive the bid policy for the purchase of said gas fireplace inset; and authorize the Pinnacle Ski Club Board of Directors to accept a quotation to not exceed \$4,000.00.

Moved by **Deputy Mayor Jordan** and seconded by **Councilor Baker** that Resolution 09-28 be adopted.