

Town Manager's Report: Town Council Meeting of 03/06/2007:

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

2. Comprehensive Plan Update: Copies of the update to the Comprehensive Plan for the Implementation Strategies are available at the Town Office. We also have copies of the original Comprehensive Plan from 1997 in case anyone would like a set. The Update to the Plan will be available on the Town website under Economic Development.

3. Sebasticook Valley Chamber of Commerce: The Chamber is exploring opportunities for all of the towns in the chamber area – 12 communities – to obtain some TV advertising for the region and the businesses in the Chamber. The Strategic Plan Committee is working ideas to promote the region. One that we are exploring now is a map of the SV with recreational opportunities, historical buildings, festivals, trails, antique routes, etc. for tourism. This is not only to bring people into the region but also for our citizens to stay in the area for their vacations and enjoy assets which the Towns have basically right in our own backyards.

4. Recycling/Environmental Celebration Dates for 2007:

Sunday 04/22/2007	Earth Day	Set Nationally each year
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Earth Day Activities are scheduled with the school(s) to fit in with their classes and vacation calendar

Sunday, 05/20/2007 - Saturday, 05/26/2007	Arbor Day Week	3rd full week in May*
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Weekday Activities are also scheduled with the school(s)

Saturday, 05/26/2007	Arbor Day Park Activities	Saturday of Arbor Day Week
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Saturday, 05/26/2007*	Trash to Treasure Day	Established locally to match Arbor Day Activities
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Saturday, 10/27/2007	Make A Difference Day	4th Saturday in October Set Nationally each year
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Saturday, 10/27/2007*	Trash to Treasure Day	Established locally to Match Make A Difference Day Activities
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Wednesday, 11/08/2007 – Wednesday, 11/15/2007	National Recycling Week “Maine Recycles Week”	Set each year
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*Trash to Treasure Days: In case of inclement weather on the scheduled date, the day long event will be held the following Saturday (06/02/2007 for the Spring date and 11/03/2007 for the Fall date).

5. 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.

6. 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 not 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 20, 2007.

7. Sale of Used Town Equipment: The Town has surplus used computer and office equipment out for best bid available at the Town Office. Interested parties can review the equipment at the Town Office.

8. 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.

9. 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.