SOMERSET COUNTY WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT TEAM (SWDT): The Somerset team will met at the Pittsfield Town Office on Thursday, April 09, 2009 from 2:00 pm – 4:00 pm in the Council Chambers.

The next REGIONAL ENERGY FORUM, sponsored by the Pittsfield Recycling Committee, is scheduled for Tuesday, April 14, 2009 at 6:00 p.m. at the Vickery School Gym. We have an expansive group registered already for tables and displays. Agenda was read.

THE 13TH ANNUAL TRADE SHOW AND COMMUNITY FAIR FOR THE SEBASTICOOK VALLEY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE will be held at the Warsaw Middle School Gym and Cafeteria on Saturday, May 02, 2009 from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm.

The next REGIONAL JOB FAIR FOR SOMERSET COUNTY, sponsored by the Ken - Som County Transition Team and the Town of Pittsfield, is scheduled for May 27, 2009 from 3:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. at the Warsaw Middle School Gym and Cafeteria.

The PAUL E. BERTRAND COMMUNITY POOL COMPLEX GRAND OPENING is scheduled for Saturday, June 13, 2009 at 10:00 am at the Complex. The Town Manager passed out invitations and thank you cards.

4. PUBLIC HEARINGS/OLD BUSINESS:

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

Town Manager's Report: Town Council Meeting of 03/17/2009:

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

2. 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.

3. 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.

4. 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.

5. 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.

6. Notice of Public Sale: We have good news in that the Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale and required statutory 60 day period expired without redemption on 214 Somerset Avenue. This means that the former Tax Acquired Property on Somerset Avenue, 214 Somerset Avenue can now be put out to Public Sale. Notice of Public Sale read.

In addition, the Town received an insurance payment from MMA for a little over $13,000. We had insured the building for its assessed value. We did not know as we were not in possession, if the policy would actually pay and they did.

7. Somerset County Budget Process: The County Commissioners are holding the caucus and selection of members to fill positions on the Somerset County Budget Committee on Monday, March 23, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. in the Commisioners' Chambers.

8. Pittsfield Water and Sewer Users Very Important Survey: As a utility user in the Town of Pittsfield, you will receive a very important survey in the mail. Olver Associates, an engineering firm, will be tabulating the results. The Town is planning improvements to our older infrastructure. Many grant programs or low interest loan programs require that the Town conduct an income survey of utility users. We ask that you return the survey by March 31, 2009 to the Town Office by mail or in person. The survey and its results are very important to the future of the Town and our ability to upgrade the water and/or sewer system. Any questions, please contact the Pittsfield Town Office (487-3136). Thank you so much for completing this survey.

9. Lighting Makeover Contest Entry for the Pittsfield Community Theatre: The Theatre Manager and I quickly entered the Theatre into the Lighting Makeover Contest for CMP to see if we could win $2,500. The lighting would really make a large difference in the theatre.

Finance Committee: The Finance Committee met tonight. The main focus was on the investment of capital reserves and trust accounts. The Committee came to agreement on an institution they would like to select and it will be discussed later on the agenda.
Ordinance Committee: The Ordinance Committee met briefly tonight. The main purpose of the meeting was for an update on the request made by CMP to the Town. CMP has requested the Planning Board meeting scheduled for April 2009 be rescheduled to May 2009. CMP also agreed to send a representative for a Q&A session on April 8, 2009.
Recycling Committee: The Recycling Committee met on March 4, 2009. Talked about the representatives that will be attending the Energy Forum. Discussed the ad for the Rolling Thunder along with set up and teardown, refreshments and door prizes.

6. NEW BUSINESS:

a. ***ORDINANCE 09-05:*** (To be set to public hearing on 04/07/2009) That the Town Council hereby ordains to accept all tax year payments of Andrea Chamberlain, including interest and lien costs, for the property at 331 Beans Corner Road (Map 017, Lot 055-001), the Town having acquired said property as a result of automatic foreclosure of a 2005 property tax lien,