

Town Manager's Report: Town Council Meeting of 03/20/2007:

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

2. New Reserve Officers: The Police Chief advertised for additional reserve officers to supplement the police force. Summer is coming and the Town becomes much more active. Some years, he has not received many applications. This year, we were fortunate to receive several applications from candidates that they taken the 100 hour pre-service training. Nathan Allen Johndro and Stephen Locke will join the Police Department as reserves after completing an in-house training program. I spoke to the Police Chief about having them introduced at an upcoming Council Meeting.

3. Temporary Part-time Library Assistant: While Holly is on leave, the Library will need some assistance. The Librarian is accepting applications with a deadline of April 2, 2007 for the following help: 11-12 hours per week starting the end of April for 6-8 weeks. Monday 2:00 – 6:00 p.m.; Tuesday 2:00 – 6:00 p.m.; alternating Fridays 2:00 – 6:00 p.m.; and Saturdays 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Responsibilities: General library duties include assisting patrons, circulation, shelving library materials. Pay: \$7.25/hour. For more information, contact Lyn Smith at 487-5880.

4. E-911 Addressing Letters: Letters have now been sent to all households with the new E-911 addresses. The Town has worked in conjunction with the U.S. Postal Service and the State of Maine E-911 and GIS Offices over a multi-year period to complete this project. E-911 matches a physical address with a telephone number and this information is displayed on a computer screen to dispatchers. With each letter, the Town opted to purchase and enclose numbers to be placed on everyone's houses and businesses. For the rural section of Town, those numbers should be put up by 04/01/2007 and for the urban section of Town, the numbers should be up no later than 05/01/2007 in accordance with the Town's Ordinance. We encourage anyone who can put their number up sooner to do so. You should start changing your address now and over the next few months. Remember, the Post Office will deliver your mail up to 1 year from the date of your notification, so you have time to use up your checks, letterhead, etc. With your next order, order the items with your new address. Kleinschmidt Associates is completing a new map for the Town which has all of the new street names. When this is available, we will announce it, put a copy of the maps on the web site and copies around Town for people to pick up.

5. 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.

6. Pittsfield Area Parks & Recreation T-Ball, Baseball & Softball Sign Up: For those who missed Sign –up due to the weather on March 17, there will be a second sign up on Saturday, March 31st at the Pittsfield Municipal Building in the Council Chambers from 9:00 am to 12:00 noon. T-Ball is for Ages 5&6; Farm League is for Ages 7&8; Little League is for Ages 9 through 12; and Softball is for Ages 9 through 12. The cost is \$15 per child with a family registration maximum of \$45.

7. Recycling/Environmental Celebration Dates for 2007:

Sunday 04/22/2007

Earth Day

Set Nationally each year

Earth Day Activities are scheduled with the school(s) to fit in with their classes and vacation calendar

Sunday, 05/20/2007 -

Arbor Day Week

3rd full week in May*

Saturday, 05/26/2007

Weekday Activities are also scheduled with the school(s)

Saturday, 05/26/2007	Arbor Day Park Activities	Saturday of Arbor Day Week
Saturday, 05/26/2007*	Trash to Treasure Day	Established locally to match Arbor Day Activities
Saturday, 10/27/2007	Make A Difference Day	4th Saturday in October Set Nationally each year
Saturday, 10/27/2007*	Trash to Treasure Day	Established locally to Match Make A Difference Day Activities
Wednesday, 11/08/2007 – Wednesday, 11/15/2007	National Recycling Week “Maine Recycles Week”	Set each year

*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).

8. 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.

9. Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day: In conjunction with the Kennebec Council of Governments and the Town of Skowhegan, the Town of Pittsfield will offer a Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day on Saturday, October 6, 2007. Details will be available this summer on times, sign-up, etc.

10. 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.

11. 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.

12. 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.