

Town Manager's Report: Town Council Meeting of 04/03/2007:

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

2. E-911 Addressing Letters: Letters were sent to all households with the new E-911 addresses. The Town 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. We encourage everyone to have their numbers up as soon as they are able. 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 has finished the new maps for the Town which have all of the new street names, there is an urban in-town map and a country roads map. When these are printed up, we will announce it, put a copy of the maps on the web site and copies around Town for people to pick up. Show copy of map.

3. Reminder for police issues: If there is an emergency, call 911. If you are calling in a police complaint, please call the regular police number of 487-3101 and relay the issue. The Police voice mails should not be used for filing police complaints. With a rotating schedule and days off, it may be 2 or more days for a police officer to check their voice mail. Complaints need to be answered right off so they can not be left on the officers' voice mail.

4. 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.

5. 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 - Saturday, 05/26/2007	Arbor Day Week	3rd full week in May*
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).

6. Earth Day: To celebrate Earth Day and remind everyone of its importance all year round, we have Earth Care A to Z tips and Celebrate Earth Day Wildflower Mix seeds free for everyone to pick up – they are available at the Town Office, Public Library and the Transfer Station.

7. Highway News: Street sweeping was scheduled for this week. Once we get past the last snow, this is the Highway Department's first priority. Crosswalks will then be painted and our 4 new pedestrian yield crosswalk signs will go up on Somerset, Hartland and Main Street down by MCI.

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.

Time Warner has filed notification with the Town that the company intends to renew its cable franchise pursuant to the Federal Code. The contract expires 12/01/2009. They are invoking the federal law which requires that we enter good faith negotiations with them.

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.