

Town Manager's Report: Town Council Meeting of 05/01/2007:

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. All numbers are supposed to be up today, 05/01/2007, on homes or mailboxes if your house is away from the road. We need your new numbers up so that Public Safety can find you as well as to help the post office, delivery companies and visitors. 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, just 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. We now have a two-sided map with an urban in-town map and a country roads map. We now have copies available for people to pick up at the Town Office and Public Library.

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 both the original 1997 Comprehensive Plan and the update to the Comprehensive Plan for the Implementation Strategies are available at the Town Office. The Update to the Plan is also available on the Town website under Economic Development.

5. Recycling/Environmental Celebration Dates for 2007:

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 at 9:00 am Starting at the Municipal Building Park Lot
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. Summer Mowing and Grounds Work Contract: The contractor intends to finish out his last year of a three-year contract for mowing and grounds work at the parks and town facilities. The Public Works Department is in charge of this contract. If anyone has concerns about the mowing or grounds work at the town facilities, please call PW Foreman John Dickson at the PW Garage at 487-6942.

7. Maine Power Options Fuel Bid Request: We sent the inventory and fuel requirements in to the Cooperative Bid so we will see what the results are later in May. This is a bulk bid so it looks like we will have an opportunity to save money.

8. MDOT 20 Year Planning Process: MDOT is holding two public meetings in this area on Maine's Transportation Future. This is part of Maine's long-range (20-year) planning process. MDOT would like your thoughts on (a) how to invest in Maine's roads, airports, rail lines, bridges, seaports, public transportation and recreation trails; (b) how we should fund future transportation needs and improvements; and (c) how the transportation system can best support Maine's economy and quality of life. The meetings will be held in Augusta at the City Center (Lecture Hall) at 3:00 p.m. on Monday, May 7th and in Skowhegan at the Community Center at 9:00 am on Wednesday, May 9th.

9. 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.

10. 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.

11. Charity Application for SPARKLE 2007: The applications for SPARKLE 2007 are available to towns to designate a project to receive a percentage of the funds raised from this Sebec Valley Chamber of Commerce event. SPARKLE will be held in November of 2007. A selection committee will select one charity from each of the 12 towns served by the Chamber. Multiple charities from one community may be chosen if each community fails to have applicants. The Chamber presented 10 charities from 9 communities with a check for \$1017 from proceeds from SPARKLE 2006. Last year we proposed the Library Restoration and Expansion Project for funding. This year, I spoke with the Swimming Pool Committee and we would like to propose the Community Swimming Pool Project for 2007 if everyone is agreeable.

12. 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.

13. 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.