

Town Manager's Report: Town Council Meeting of 06/04/2007:

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

2. E-911 Implementation: 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 on 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. Copies of the new two-sided map with an urban in-town map and a country roads map is available at the Town Office and Library. More and more people have their numbers up. If your numbers are not up, please put them up. If you have lost your numbers, we have extras available at the Town Office until they run out.

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. Public Works Projects: Paving has been completed early this year. The only road that has not yet been paved is the end of Summer Street now known as Summer Court that was scheduled. The paving is very good. Vegetation is now being cut along the roads by signs; the Department is replacing missing signing and adding some signing at spots; the Department will be doing some tree trimming themselves in Town; and the Stein Park Renovation Project, which must be completed by the end of the month, is beginning this week.

5. Water/Sewer Services: With over 60 miles of water and sewer pipes and approximately 700 gate boxes, 1400 service boxes, 500 manholes and 10 sewer cleanouts, the Water and Sewer Department can be kept quite busy. If anyone notices a manhole or box sunken or heaved in the roadway, please call Assistant Water/Sewer Superintendent Scott Noble at the Water/Sewer Garage at 487-5203 listing the road and approximate location. With literally hundreds of these items in the roadway and the difficult winters we are having now, a few of them are going to shift out of place.

6. Historical Society Project: The Pittsfield Historical Society is looking for volunteers and donations to assist them with rebuilding the cupola at the caboose and painting the caboose. The caboose needs to be re-painted after the vandalism. In order to paint the caboose, the wooden cupola needs to be rebuilt. Anyone who has carpentry skill would be welcome at the Pittsfield Historical Society to assist them with this very important project which will then allow the painting to take place. They have one volunteer. More are welcome. Anyone who would like to donate or would like more information, please contact Tom Brown at 487-4926 or Clem Spencer at 487-2408.

7. Quiet Zone on Main Street: The Federal Railroad Administration conducted an annual risk review for the Main Street Crossing and has concluded that the Quiet Zone will continue. The risk was determined to be 14,383.87 and the Nationwide Significant Risk Threshold is 19,047. This means that the train will continue to not blow the whistle coming into and leaving town at that particular crossing unless there is a danger seen, such as someone on the rail, the railroad barricades not coming down or another risk.

8. Somerset County Budget Caucuses: The Somerset County Commissioners will be holding their yearly caucuses on Monday, 06/11/2007 at 4:00 p.m. in the Commissioners' Chambers to caucus and select members to fill vacant positions on the Somerset County Budget Committee and choosing the members for the Board of Directors for the Somerset Economic Development Corporation. Pittsfield is in District 3, which means there are 2 positions available of 3 positions for town officials for our District (1 year municipal official and 3 year municipal official for the Budget Committee) and 1 term available on the SEDC.

9. Sebasticook Valley Federal Credit Union: The Credit Union is having its Open House at its new location on Somerset Avenue on Saturday, 06/16/2007 from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm. They would like to have the Mayor or his designee cut the ribbon at 10:00 am so we will need to make arrangements.

10. Fendler Park Dedication: The Dedication Ceremonies for the Barbara Fendler Memorial Park will be held at the park facilities on Saturday, June 23, 2007 from 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm. The activities will include a dedication, thanking all of the contributors, refreshments and a community forum with information on tree plantings and environmental issues. There will be time for socializing and enjoying the park facilities. The rain date is Saturday, June 30.

11. 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.

12. Pittsfield Farmers' Market: Rain or shine all Summer and Fall, the Pittsfield Farmers' Market will be in Hathorn Park until November 1 every Monday & Thursday from 2:00 pm – 6:00 pm. We have new brochures at the Town Office for anyone who is interested.

13. MCI Groundbreaking Ceremony: MCI held a groundbreaking ceremony for the Donna Leavitt Furman '41 Student Center which is the Dining Hall and Student Center expansion project at Maine Central Institute on Thursday, May 24, 2007. That was a very nice event.

14. Sebasticook Valley Healthy Communities: SVH is applying for an RFP to cover health services for the region. This is a new process set up by the State of Maine. We are on the Sebasticook Valley healthy Communities Coalition and were asked to sign a letter of support which I did.

15. Somerset County Association of Resource Providers: The Town received a small SPEP grant for underage drinking for police overtime details. This was greatly appreciated.

	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"	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 (11/03/2007 for the Fall date).