



Pittsfield Town Newsletter

Website www.townofpittsfield.org

Winter 2010

Town Board Meetings:

7:30 PM at the Town Hall

Feb. 9th Tue

March 11th Thur.

April 13th, Tue

May 11th, Tue

June 8th, Tue

July 13th, Tue

Town Planning

Committee

Meets at 6:00 PM at the Town Hall before each Town Board Meeting.

NEW Para-Medic Rescue

Board Meetings

1:00 pm, 4th Monday of each month at the N.E.W. Rescue Squad Building in Pulaski

Tri-County Fire Dept Mtg

7:00 pm, 4th Tuesday of each month at the Fire Dept. Building

Citizens are encouraged to attend all meetings

Farmland Preservation is Now Working Lands Initiative

The Farmland Preservation program has been in existence for many years. It allowed farmers a tax break on agricultural lands. For several years the state has been looking at a way to rework the program to encourage farmers to keep agricultural lands from being rezoned and developed out of farming use. During the summer of 2009 the legislature added to the 2009-2011 budget bill an amendment which scrapped the old Farmland Preservation Program and instituted the Working Lands Initiative.

This new program has several ramifications. First it mandates that the county prepare a farmland preservation plan. Part of this plan will be a comprehensive review for the Town to determine which lands will remain agricultural for the next 15 years and then rezoning to meet that plan. The most controversial part of this change is that the Town will be required to collect from the land owner a "Conversion Fee" for every acre that is rezoned out of agricultural zoning. With the way the law was past, this fee collection took effect as of January 1st of this year. This fee that the Town has to collect and turn over to the state would be \$621 per acre.

There are many questions about this program and even in December when the county planning agent was at a Town meeting he did not have answers from the state for some of the issues.

The Town will be holding a special meeting on **March 16th at 7:00 pm at the Town hall** to answer questions and seek input on this issue. **If you have land that is or live next/close to agricultural land you are encouraged to attend this meeting.** This comprehensive rezone will affect many landowners. The county planning agent will be in attendance. Invitations will go out to our local state representatives also.

Until that time I will include on page 2 answers to a couple of the most common questions and a website address for further information.

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**Working
Lands
Special
Meeting**

**March 16th
7:00 PM**

Town Hall

Attention Dog Owners: Dog and Kennel Licenses Due April 1st

Dog and kennel owners that are currently registered will receive their license renewal application by mail. This form is also available for download on the Town web-site (www.townofpittsfield.org) or you may request the form from the Town treasurer. Be sure to submit current copy of Rabies vaccination certificate along with the proper fee: **male/female \$10.00 or neutered/spayed \$5.00**. Town of Pittsfield ordinance requires a kennel license when 4 or more dogs are kept. **Kennels fees are \$50.00 and \$5.00 for each additional tag after 12 dogs**. Checks should be payable to the Town of Pittsfield. Purchase your license **before April 1st** to avoid the **\$10.00 late charge** that is added to the above cost (late fee does not apply to someone moving into the area or if this is a new dog).

PLEASE mail and include a stamped self-addressed envelope to receive your tag.

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Snowmobile Ordinance

The Town Planning committee will be looking at a suggestion to restrict the use of snowmobiles in some parts of the Town. Namely the residential areas along Pittco, Oakhill, and Greenfield. Your input would be greatly appreciated.

Answers to Common Working Lands Questions

For further information visit <http://workinglands.wi.gov>

Can the local government rezone property out of a farmland preservation district in the first few months 2010? Would the affected landowners need to pay a conversion fee?

A comprehensive rezone could be completed within the first few months of 2010 to adjust farmland preservation zoning ordinance maps. It would be best for comprehensive zoning ordinance revisions to be completed after the scheduled update of the county Farmland Preservation Plan to reflect current land use. A local government's farmland preservation zoning ordinance must be consistent with the county Farmland Preservation Plan. The property owners who are zoned out of farmland preservation districts as part of a comprehensive zoning ordinance map revision are not subject to paying the conversion fee.

Can we keep those property owners in the program who want to stay in, and take out those property owners who don't want to stay in? Can this be a voluntary program?

No. landowners cannot choose whether to be part of a farmland preservation zoning district. When a local government designates certain lands to be part of a farmland preservation zoning district, that designation should be based on objective criteria. Such criteria could include, for example, the location of existing agricultural land, the type and productivity of the soil, the topography of the area, or the existing sewer and water utilities.

Source: "**Rezoning Conversion Fees: Frequently Asked Questions**" worksheet, Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade, and Consumer Protection

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Questions Concerning the New Recycling Bins

There have been some continuing questions regarding the Town's decision to move to the new recycling bins. I hope the following information will answer some of the most common questions. First we need to lay some background information.

The Town is mandated to provide to each property with a residence a "recycling program". The disposal of this material is coordinated through the county. Previously we had supplied each residence with small bins that were collected by Deyo Disposal twice monthly. This program required separation of paper from all other materials. The county recently converted to a single stream system that did not require separation of the paper. While they were not requiring a single stream program the writing was on the wall that it eventually would. The Town Board took advantage of the opportunity to lock in a price for service and carts that was below what others were being offered. I am not aware of another community that paid less than we did as many of our neighboring communities paid \$60, \$70 and even \$80 per cart. The town would have eventually had to have moved to this process of recycling and for the advantage of the greater good the board decided to do so now. When it came to paying for the carts the board could either take the funds from the general funds or bill it directly to each residence as a special assessment. Either way the residents would be paying for the cart. The board moved to do the latter.

So with some background in place to specifically answer some questions:

"Since when has it become the practice of the Town of Pittsfield to assess property owners for Property of the Town of Pittsfield?"

Local governments unfortunately have to at times take actions that directly affect individual property owners that incur costs. The Town gets all its funds from taxes so at times the decision has to be made as to whether to bill the owner of the property through a special assessment or all property owners in the Town (by use of the general taxes). The Town has historically done special assessments for spraying of gypsy moth infestations and (through the sanitary district) billed owners for the Town owned sewer system in front of their property. The fire sign installation was also done with a special assessment. In that situation the option was offered to pay the bill before hand or have it put on the tax bill as a special assessment. The majority of people left it as a special assessment. With that fact in mind (while it may not have been the most palatable option for some) the board felt that the special assessment was the most appropriate way to pay for these carts.

"Does ownership of this cart ever revert to me as the property owner? If so, does the Town then come to my residence and remove the stencil that says "Town of Pittsfield"? What happens if and when we sell the property? Are we allowed to remove the cart as part of our personal property or does it have to remain as part of the real estate?"

The cart is and (for your advantage) will be owned by the Town. The advantage to Town ownership is that the Town is also responsible for maintenance of the cart. If the lid breaks or the wheels fall off the Town has a contract through the recycling carrier for maintenance of the carts. The property owner does not have to pay for those repairs. The stencil as well as the serial number on the cart are there for those situations where either accidentally or mischievously the cart ends up somewhere other than where the Town has assigned it. The best suggestion I can make is to see this cart as being assigned to your residence the same as the fire number sign. If you sell or move the cart stays with the residence that it is assigned to.

Hopefully this will answer some of the most common questions. As always if you have further question please feel free to contact any member of the board.

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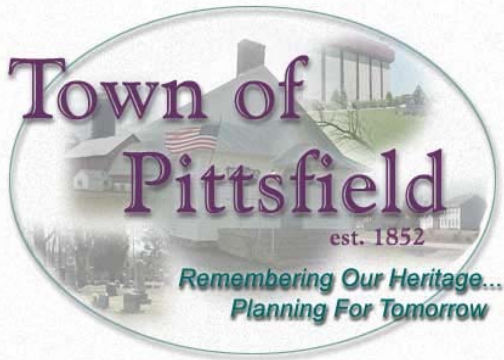
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- Building Inspector and Permits: 822-4312
- Assessor Robert Demuth: 468-3081
- Humane Off. Chris Bezio: 822-3427
- Deyo Disposal, Recycling Vendor: 1-800-498-5808

2010 PITTSFIELD RECYCLING SCHEDULE

County C and EAST of C 1st and 3rd Mondays	County C and WEST of C 2nd and 4th Mondays
Feb. 1 & 15	Feb. 8 & 22
March 1 & 15	March 8 & 22
April 5 & 19	April 12 & 26
May 3 & 17	May 10 & 24
June 7 & 21	June 14 & 28
July 5 & 19	July 12 & 26
August 2 & 16	August 9 & 23
Sept. 7 & 20	Sept. 13 & 27
Oct. 4 & 18	Oct. 11 & 25
Nov. 1 & 15	Nov. 8 & 22
Dec. 6 & 20	Dec. 13 & 27



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