

# PITTSFIELD POST

A FREE NEWSLETTER BY COMMUNITY VOLUNTEERS

"February is the uncertain month, neither black nor white, but all shades between by turns. Nothing is sure." *Gladys Hasty Carroll*

February 19, 2025

## RAISE YOUR VOICE

Katherine May, author of *Wintering* says, "We sing because we must. We sing because it lifts our lungs with nourishing air, and lets our hearts soar with the notes we let out. We sing because it allows us to speak of love and loss, delight and desire, all encoded and lyrics that let us pretend that those feelings are not quite ours... in song we have permission to rehearse.. we can console .. best of all we can sing together, whole families knowing the same songs and giving them the same meaning..."

Please join this extremely talented group of young people as they sing all of these emotions and lift our spirits. The Pittsfield Players present, "Raise Your Voice" February 20, 21 and 22 at the Scenic Theater, 6 Depot Street, Pittsfield. Tickets are available at [www.pittsfieldplayers.org](http://www.pittsfieldplayers.org) or by calling the box office at 603-435-8852, and at the door. Street parking is limited, please plan accordingly.



## Ash Wednesday Service

The First Congregational Church, 24 Main Street, will observe the beginning of Lent with an Ash Wednesday service, March 5, 7 p.m. As part of the service, there will be a time of prayer and reflection, as well as the imposition of ashes. The Rev. David Stasiak will lead the service with the addition of special music by the Chancel Choir and the JuBellation Handbell Choir. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Lent is the beginning of the 40-day season of repentance and preparation for the remembrance of the passion, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. It culminates on Easter Sunday, April 20.

Parking and wheelchair-accessible entry are available at the rear of the church building at Chestnut Street. For more information, call the church office at 603 435-7471.

## Save the Date – March 8, 2025 – Spaghetti Dinner

The Pittsfield Fire Association and Support Group will host their annual Spaghetti Supper on Saturday, March 8, from 5pm to 7pm, at the Pittsfield Fire House. Donations will be greatly appreciated and will go a long way toward helping the Support Group purchase critical supplies for our fire department. There will be spaghetti, salad, garlic bread, drinks and dessert. There will also be a silent auction and a 50/50 raffle. Pack up the family and join the fun. We look forward to seeing you!



## Pittsfield Town Crier

Would you like an event listed? Contact Andi Riel at [pittsfieldtowncrier@hotmail.com](mailto:pittsfieldtowncrier@hotmail.com) or 603-435-6346

If you are a 501(c)(3), have you heard about the Globe Community Fund? Established by the former fourth-generation family owners of Globe Manufacturing Company in Pittsfield, the donor-advised fund is administered by the New Hampshire Charitable Foundation. The fund's purpose is to enhance community well-being with a focus on the towns of Pittsfield, Barnstead, Epsom, Northwood, Gilmanton, and Chichester. For more information and an application, email the fund at [globecommunityfund@msasafety.com](mailto:globecommunityfund@msasafety.com)

**Town and School Absentee Ballot applications are available now at the Town Clerk's office.**

**Wed, Feb 19, 9am: Senior Center Breakfast Bingo** - Come have breakfast at 9am. Bingo starts at 10am.

**Wed, Feb 19, 6:30pm: The Suncook Valley Rotary Club** will meet at the Pittsfield Historical Society, Oak Street.

**Thurs-Sat, Feb 20, 21 & 22: The Pittsfield Players** "Kids Theatre Workshop" production of *A Broadway Junior Revue: "Raise Your Voice"* is coming to The Scenic Theater on February 20th & 21st at 7pm and February 22nd at 2pm! From classic show tunes to contemporary favorites, the show promises colorful costumes, lively dance routines, and powerful vocals, creating a family-friendly and inspiring theatrical experience. Purchase your tickets by visiting our website [www.pittsfieldplayers.org](http://www.pittsfieldplayers.org) or call to reserve at (603) 435-8852.

**Wed, Feb 26, 9:30-11:30am: Senior Center Game Day** - Let's play some games. Play ours or bring one to share. Come have some fun!

**Sun-Mon, Feb 23, 24, 7pm: Auditions for The Pittsfield Players'** production of "The Laramie Project" (Directed by Meggin Dail and Jeff Crowell-Gregoire) will be here before you know it! Mark your calendars for February 23 and 24 at 7 PM, at The Scenic Theater. This is your chance to be part of a powerful story that resonates with timely themes of community and resilience. For more information on auditions check out our FB event, visit our website at [www.pittsfieldplayers.org/auditions](http://www.pittsfieldplayers.org/auditions) or click the link in our bio!

**Week of Feb 24-28: Winterfest** and Winter/February School Vacation - PES PTO, Parks & Recreation, Library and PYW have some fun things in the works. Here are some of them....and more info will be coming!

**February School Vacation Trips through PYW** (Grades 6-12) COSTS are **FREE!**

**Tue 2/25:** Movie at Smitty's, Tilton (time/movie TBD)!

**Thurs 2/27:** Snow Tubing at Pat's Peak in Henniker! (11am-4:30pm)

Permission slips are available for pick up at PYW and are **due by 6pm on Friday, 2/21/25**. We hope your 6th-12th grader will consider joining us.

**Thurs, Feb 27, 10am:** "Storybook Tea Party" at the **Library**. Dress like your favorite Storybook Character and join us for Story/Character-themed tables, snacks, crafts, games, storytime. Space is limited and registration is required. Call the Library at 435-8406 to reserve your spot.

**Mon, March 3, 5pm: PHS Alumni Association** will meet at the PMHS Media Center. All PHS graduates are alumni and are encouraged to attend. We would love to see some new people at our meeting!

**Wed, March 5, 6:30pm:** "Meet the Candidates Night" sponsored by the **Greater Pittsfield Chamber of Commerce** will be held at the PMHS Lecture Hall. All candidates have been invited to attend. The public will have the chance to submit their written questions to the moderator. (Snow date is Thurs, March 6)

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**Sat, March 8, 5-7pm:** Spaghetti Supper - hosted by the **Pittsfield Fire Association and Support Group** at the Pittsfield Fire Station. On the menu: spaghetti with homemade sauce, salad, garlic bread, drinks and dessert. Cost is a donation. There will be a Silent Auction and 50/50 raffle.

**Fri, March 14: Pittsfield Senior Center Day Trip !!** Leapin' Leprachauns! It's a St. Patrick's Day Party with the O'McMurphy Brothers and the Fabulous Fiona Finely! at the Danversport Yacht Club Friday, March 14. Cost is \$131.00 . Join us for a great day of delicious food and terrific entertainment! Enjoy a traditional lunch with Corned Beef and Cabbage or Boneless Breast of Chicken with homemade stuffing, potatoes, vegetable, with dessert, coffee or tea. Gratuities and taxes included. Contact Anne at 603-435-8482 or in person at the Center.

**Sat, March 15, 4pm:** Come watch the *Sound of Freedom* at **Joy Church** and learn about Brigid's House of Hope, New Hampshire's first long-term housing program for survivors of human trafficking in New Hampshire and surrounding areas. They help support survivors and provide a safe space to heal and aid in their safe reintegration into their community. Joy Church is located at 55 Barnstead Road, Pittsfield. Everyone welcome.

**Sat, March 22, 6pm: Pittsfield Players Open Mic Night!** Calling all musicians, poets, comedians, dancers, videographers and more! Are you ready to take the stage and showcase your talent? Produced by [Tech Crew Productions, LLC](#) Sign up by **March 9** for your spot on stage and a chance to WIN a cash prize! The best part? Winners will be determined by YOU—the crowd! Our fabulous hosts won't be eligible for prizes. Bring on the competition!  
[www.techcrewproductions.com/.../artist-registration](http://www.techcrewproductions.com/.../artist-registration)

**The Pittsfield Youth Workshop (PYW)**, 5 Park Street Drop-In Hours: Mon, Tues, Thurs and Fri - 3-6pm, Wed - 1-6pm. The food pantry at PYW is stocked with snacks, beverages, mealtime essentials, and basic toiletries for PYW youth - open during Drop-In hours. Contact Zach Powers or Ashley Perron (603)435-8272 - Text at 603-234-9788.

**The Gabriel Douglas Anthony 21 Foundation** was established by Gabe's family after his death to provide roadside safety equipment to all high school-aged drivers. Please visit the website <https://gda21foundation.org> to learn more about this wonderful foundation or, more importantly, to donate. You may also contact the Foundation at GDA21 Foundation, 98 Main St., Pittsfield, NH 03263; 603-470-6927 or email [gda21foundation@gmail.com](mailto:gda21foundation@gmail.com)

**Senior Center Schedule:** Mondays & Thursdays 8am-2pm, and Wednesdays 8am-1pm. Lunch: M & TH 12pm; Bingo: M, W & TH 10-11:45am; Cribbage & Games: W 9-11am; Walking at the Center: M, W, TH 8am-1pm; Sweatin to the Oldies: M 9am; and Chair Yoga: TH 9am.

For more information, call Anne at [603-435-8482](tel:603-435-8482).

Also, the numbers for Bingo at the Senior Center are growing. We would like continue but Anne **needs help**. She works very hard to keep the center up and running. If you can help out, please call Anne at 603-435-8482. Did you know that Bingo is not what keeps the Senior Center open? Community dining does! If you would like the Senior Center to remain in Pittsfield then please show some support and have lunch at the center. In addition, we are still looking for a Meals on Wheels driver (paid position). If you are interested in helping some of the most vulnerable people in our community, then this may be the job for you. .

[Recruiting.paylocity.com/Recruiting/Jobs/Details/2756787](https://recruiting.paylocity.com/Recruiting/Jobs/Details/2756787).

**Pittsfield Youth Baseball/Softball Association Bingo**, every Saturday. Great menu along with games. All benefits the children of Pittsfield for their baseball/softball program. Doors open at 3:30pm and Bingo starts at 6pm at Circle 9 Ranch in Epsom.

**Pittsfield Elementary School and End 68 Hours of Hunger** are joining forces to create positive change! Are you eager to help our community bag and deliver groceries for families in need? This impactful program ensures groceries are available over the weekend. To sign your family up, go to <https://registration.end68hoursofhunger.org/> We're seeking community heroes to assist with weekly bagging and delivery every Thursday morning. To learn more, contact Mike Curtin or Kate Price at [mcurtin@sau51.org](mailto:mcurtin@sau51.org) or [kprice@sau51.org](mailto:kprice@sau51.org).

**Josiah Carpenter Library Elevator Fund** - The Fund was established in late 2024, to finance the replacement cost of the library's elevator, without using taxpayer dollars. The estimated cost is \$45,000. We are happy to announce donations, which bring the current totaled collected to just over \$5,000. All donations are greatly appreciated. Please send your check payable to: "Josiah Carpenter Library," with notation "Elevator Fund" on the memo line. Mail to: Josiah Carpenter Library, 41 Main St., Pittsfield, NH 03263. It's your library – Thank YOU!

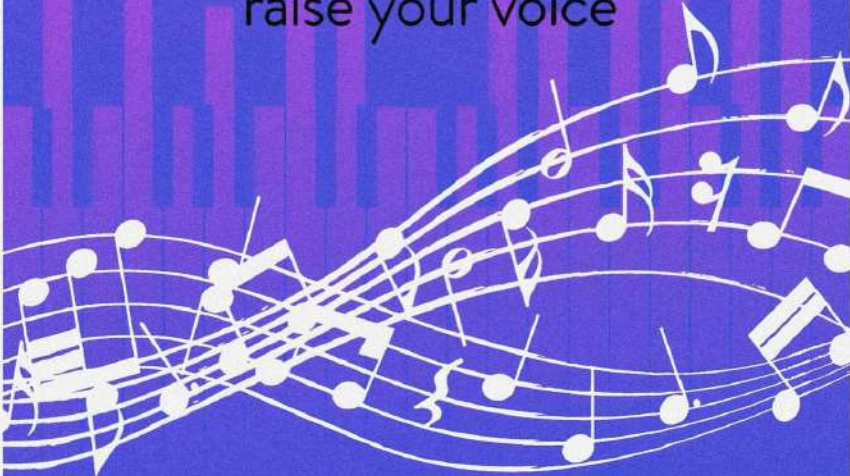
Happy Birthday wishes to Patty Houle and Traci Plante, Tues, Feb. 18; a Special Happy 21st Birthday wish to my nephew, Lucas Fries, Thurs, Feb. 20; and to Gail Gilman, Fri, Feb. 21. I hope you each enjoy your special day!

**Andrea Riel**

**603.435.6346**

THE PITTSFIELD PLAYERS  
production of

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**BROADWAY JUNIOR**  
revue  
raise your voice



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NELL BENJAMIN • JERRY BOCK • NACIO HERB BROWN • STEPHEN FLAHERTY  
ARTHUR FREED • MATTHEW GERRARD • SHELDON HARNICK • FRANK LOESSER  
ALAN MENKEN • ROBBIE NEVIL • LAURENCE O'KEEFE • BENJ PASEK  
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**FEB 20,21 at 7PM, FEB 22 at 2PM**

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**You're Invited to Read Across America Week at  
Pittsfield Elementary School!**

**Join Our Celebration as a Guest Reader!**

As a guest reader you may share a book that was a favorite of yours growing up or a favorite of a special child in your life. If you would like to read, but need a book, we would be happy to help.

If you are available to be a guest reader on **Wednesday, March 5th from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.** please email [ndavis@sau51.org](mailto:ndavis@sau51.org) or call 603-435-8432. If you would like to read at a certain time or to a certain class, we can accommodate you!

Many Thanks, Nicole Davis, Reading Specialist

**Pittsfield Post Volunteer  
Opportunity: Biweekly Email  
Newsletter & Website  
Coordinator**

Are you passionate about communications and looking to make a difference? The *Pittsfield Post* seeks a reliable, detail-oriented volunteer to manage and distribute our biweekly email newsletter, and update our website.

The prepared newspaper document will be sent to you (as part of the team) for conversion to email format. Basic knowledge of email marketing platforms, such as MailChimp or similar, and website content management, such as Wix or similar, would be helpful.

The work can be done at home and requires about two hours every other week. Training will be provided. This is an excellent opportunity to gain experience and contribute to the local news of the *Pittsfield Post*, which has been in operation for over 5 years! If interested, please contact us at [pittsfieldnews@pnhcc.org](mailto:pittsfieldnews@pnhcc.org). We look forward to hearing from you.



## Letter to the Editor

I am Dan the Stoneman.

I am running for a three year term on the  
Pittsfield Selectboard

I go where I feel I'm needed

We as a town are in a tight spot

Kinda like being between a rock and a hard place.

Expenses are up

Revenues are down

The tax payers are really nervous about where  
they will be in five years.

Some people understandably will vote for the  
town and school budgets to go down

The problem with that is its our investment  
money that gets cut

It's like eating the plough horse.

## TAX SHIFTING - TAX SHAFTING

Last December Pittsfield tax-payers got a nasty surprise. Two of them in fact.

The first was the news that the town tax rate would increase from \$25/thousand to \$30/thousand. A pretty big jump.

The second was that all of the increase for 2024 would be charged on the December tax bill. This meant that a whole lot of people got bills that were a \$1,000 or more than they had been expecting. Really hard on those who had been budgeting for an amount similar to their bill the previous year.

Tax Shifting is the cause. That's what happens when the State reduces the amount it pays towns, and the towns have to make up the difference by raising property taxes.

Over the past several years the State has reduced the rate on the Business Profits Tax and the Business Enterprise Tax. At the end of 2024 the State Interest and Dividends Tax was repealed and all collections ceased.

All three of these taxes are primarily paid by businesses or people with some wealth. The I & D tax was paid, at most, by 25% of the people who live in Pittsfield. They got a nice tax reduction. Everyone got a property tax increase. That's Tax Shifting.

It will continue to happen for as long as voters elect legislators who are determined to reduce state government and the revenue it generates.

Pittsfield has been voting this way, by a large majority, for several years now. Until the town stops doing this and begins to vote for its own best interest, Tax Shifting and Tax Shafting are going to continue.

Bill Miskoe



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### Cooks Corner Salmon Piccata

It occurred to me that we haven't featured a fish recipe in quite some time. This Salmon Piccata is simple to make for a healthy weeknight meal, but it's also a deliciously elegant meal to serve to special guests. I normally prepare this salmon with mashed potatoes and steamed green beans or broccoli on the side. Be sure to put out some lemon slices, too.

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| ¾ cup chicken broth                          | 2 garlic cloves, minced      |
| ¼ cup dry white wine                         | 3 TBSP capers                |
| 2 TBSP flour, divided                        | 2 TBSP butter                |
| 4 (6 oz) skinless, center-cut salmon fillets | 1 TBSP lemon juice           |
| Salt & pepper                                | 2 TBSP chopped fresh parsley |
| 1 tsp olive oil                              |                              |

In a small bowl, whisk broth, wine and 1 TBSP of flour until smooth; set aside. Place remaining 1 TBSP flour in a shallow dish. Season salmon with salt & pepper, then dredge in the flour.

Heat oil in a large skillet over medium-high heat. Add salmon, cook, flipping once, until browned on both sides and nearly opaque throughout, about 2 to 3 minutes per side. Transfer to a plate, cover loosely with foil and keep warm.

Reduce heat to medium. Add garlic and cook, stirring constantly, until fragrant, about 30 seconds. Now stir in broth mixture and cook until thickened, 2 to 3 minutes. Add capers, butter, and lemon juice, and cook, stirring vigorously until butter has melted and sauce is creamy. Season the sauce with salt & pepper to taste. Remove from heat.

Transfer the fish to serving plates and top with the sauce, then sprinkle with the chopped parsley.



- ANSWERS:
- 1 HEART ON JACKET
- 2 EYELASHES
- 3 NOSE
- 4 HAND POSITION
- 5 BOTTOM OF BOOT
- 6 HAT POMPOM
- 7 SNOWFLAKE
- 8 SCARF STRIPES
- 9 SCARF
- 10 EYES
- 11 SEAM ON PANTS
- 12 BOOT TOP
- 13 HAT STRIPES
- 14 CHEEK FUR

FIND THE 14 DIFFERENCES.

## SB2 Makes a Difference

I have attended traditional Town Meetings in Pittsfield since 2006. The meetings were long, always on Saturday, and had at most 113 participants. Since many attending were more personally involved, such as town employees, discussions and voting were sometimes very awkward. Many voters did not appreciate voting for salaries and discussing pay raises when everything was in public. Five voters could ask for a secret ballot, which made the process longer and added pressure to these voters. In 2018, several secret votes by ballot were requested, and the five voters were singled out for their efforts, being asked to stand up, making it difficult to ask again. It took two years to get the town to vote for the SB2 form of town government! Since 2019, 300 – 700 voters have weighed in on the budget items, including participation by absentee ballot, which is not an option for the traditional meeting. After reviewing the votes during SB2, I see that the town has gotten everything they requested! Except in 2024, Article 3 – Municipal Budget asked for \$5,740,068. The default of \$5,174,784 was approved by 8 votes (189-197). The selectmen did a great job running the town with the lower amount. So good that this year, they are requesting \$5.52 million. Less than their original request for 2024! I respectfully conclude that SB2 makes a difference.

Respectfully submitted by Clayton Wood

To the Editor:

With the upcoming municipal elections next month, the voters of Pittsfield have an opportunity to reclaim their voice in participatory democracy. Your Selectboard unanimously urges everyone to support a vote on Article Two of the town warrant to re-establish the traditional town meeting form of governance. The promises of SB2 have failed to materialize and today far fewer participate in the process, while uninformed voters wrestle with the cumbersome and confusing multi-page warrants in the few minutes it takes to cast a ballot. In town meetings pure democracy thrived, with citizens participating in every step of the process: proposing articles, debating issues, offering amendments, sharing their perspectives, and achieving compromise. True democracy at work. Since the adoption of Mayflower Compact over 400 years ago, the New England town meeting has stood as a bastion of citizen involvement not seen since the ancient Greeks invented the concept. Senate Bill 2 robs the people of that privilege. It offers little more than the hope that voters will support warrant articles and programs they do not realistically take part in shaping. Pittsfield was created and has been sustained one town meeting after another, neighbor meeting neighbor, working with their elected officials to go forward for the common good. Neighboring towns like Allenstown are attempting the same reclaiming of the town meeting. Now is the time to join them and gain back Pittsfield's birthright.

J.C. Allard  
Selectboard

### The Value of SB2

Having SB2 in Pittsfield has been a welcomed change from the traditional town meeting. I have experienced an uncivil and humiliating town meeting before SB2, proving the very fact that SB2 is needed!

It is a tough thing to vote in public when you have an unpopular choice. Having SB2 in our town so we can vote in private makes a good deal of sense. As much as I like traditions there comes a time when something better comes along and you don't want to stick to the old "just because."

There is the argument of a lengthy time in the voting booth. If you do your due diligence an easy lookup on the town website will take care of that. By reading and going over each article and jotting down your vote you can make quick work of voting.

VOTE NO ON ARTICLE #2

Respectfully, Sharon Matras



**House Session 6 Feb 25**

Democrats and Republicans were in striking agreement on Sanctuary Cities. **HB511**, a bill relative to federal cooperation with immigration authorities, surprisingly passed in a vote of 351-5! **HB71**, prohibiting the use of public buildings and schools for housing aliens, passed, 211-148. There was concern about the state losing federal funding, but no one wanted state buildings to be used this way.

Two Election Law bills passed the floor vote. **HB67** passed overwhelmingly with a voice vote, making the current pilot program for accessibility to voting machines for the disabled permanent. **HB340** also passed and defines what would be considered electioneering by public officials that would sway a voter. An amendment protected colleges and institutions by allowing them to conduct public opinion polls or surveys.

Regarding property and leasing, **HB60** passed, 217-139, allowing landlords to terminate a residency lease at least 6 months in length with a 60-day notice. **HB444** requires an owner of a multi-family home to provide notice of selling the property with at least a 60-day notice and passed, 263-144.

**HB78**, requiring a person to have a domicile in the district where they serve as county commissioner, passed, 325-30. This bill fixed an anomaly in Strafford County.

Regarding energy, a commission to estimate the state's projected climate damage costs and determine the best ways of recouping such costs failed by a vote of 149-207. This process singled out oil, gas & coal companies regardless of their efforts! New Hampshire depends on such fuels, especially during the winter! **HB189** defines "clean energy," and the 10-year energy strategy to include new technologies, small-scale nuclear energy, renewable energy, and fuel diversity passed, 206-148.

Transportation changes covered were **HB13**, requiring a new driver's license transfer when they fail to become a resident within 60 days or their state driver's license expires, passed, 206-147.

**HB140** with autism spectrum disorders, establishing a volunteer "blue envelope" program to help with communications, and **HB259** increasing the number of handicap license plates and placards that may be issued.

**HB83**, increasing the minimum age for sports betting from 18 to 21, failed, 140-215; and **HB328**, establishing a charitable game oversight commission, passed by voice vote.

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**House Session 13 Feb 25**

**HB127** allows for 10 miles of trail in the Pittsburg, NH area near the Connecticut River Headwaters to remain open from 30 Sept thru Columbus Day. Republicans were in favor as it is part of 1,100 miles of connecting trails in the northern area. Pittsburg has much to gain from this 10-mile stretch as such brings large numbers of tourists, revenue to the town area and the 1,100 miles of connecting trails are already open thru Columbus Day. Vote Y 198 to N 180.

**HB174** would have allowed utility terrain vehicles (UTV) weight increase from 2,000 lbs to 3,500 lbs. The additional weight, if allowed, would allow for electric vehicles which are considerably heavier than gas powered UTVs. Republicans supported this legislation however democrats ironically voted to defeat the measure, Y 188 to N 190, not allowing electric UTVs.

**H203** would have required everyone to wear a personal flotation device, (PFD), life jacket, while on NH waters from November 15 to May 15. Imagine having to wear a PFD all winter long while ice fishing or in a boat after ice out. The vote was defeated, 162-215, along party lines.

A rules suspension was requested to terminate the Magistrate in Manchester who put an individual back on the street after he stabbed another person 9 or more times with a knife. The vote of Y199 to N 176, it failed as a 2/3 majority vote was required.

**HB238** if passed would have given choices for people to join or not join a union. After much discussion & wrangling, the Republicans and democrats teamed up to defeat the Right to Work legislation, 180-200.

**HB55** repealed the Selective Service Compliance Act on an overwhelming voice vote.

**HB64** extending hiring preferences for military members and their spouses to state and private businesses, passed overwhelmingly on a voice vote.

**HCR38** is a resolution asking Congress to rule in NH's favor concerning the Portsmouth Naval Shipyard, Piscataqua River & Portsmouth harbor are within NH's borders and not Maine's, as disputed. This will provide income tax relief to NH residents working at the facility. The vote of Y 250 to N 123.

**March 11, 2025**

**7 am to 7 pm**

**Pittsfield Middle High School**

**23 Oneida Street**



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[www.pittsfieldnhcommunitycenter.org](http://www.pittsfieldnhcommunitycenter.org)

## Meet the Candidates

The Greater Pittsfield Chamber of Commerce is hosting the annual "Meet the Candidates Night" on Wednesday, March 5 at 6:30pm, in the Pittsfield Middle High School Lecture Hall. (snow date is Thurs., March 6). The public is encouraged to come with questions for the candidates. The format of the event will be: each candidate will have a few minutes to introduce themselves, and then questions (from the public, submitted on index cards to the moderator) will be asked of each candidate. Mark your calendar to attend this important event.

To the good citizens of Pittsfield, NH:

My name is Arthur St. Laurent and I live at 211 Dowboro Road, Pittsfield, NH 03263. I was born and raised in the town, went, and graduated from Pittsfield High School, the class of 1981. I left the town for several years when I was married, but I returned. I'm now a business owner with a business in Pittsfield. Art's Ammo and Firearms is located right here in Pittsfield.

Right after High School I proceeded in a law enforcement career in the City of Franklin. After a couple years in Franklin Police Department, I had the great opportunity to enter the Pittsfield Police Dept. as a part-time patrolman. From a part-time, my career grew to full-time. During my full-time career I was promoted to corporal, then acting Chief of Police for a period. My acting police position changed when the town hired someone for the Chief's position, and I again became a corporal, until I was promoted to sergeant and I retired shortly after that.

The town of Pittsfield has always been my hometown; I want again to serve it in a manner that I hope I can help it. I strongly believe that the town needs to serve its people, which sometimes is a difficult thing to do. I will work, listen, and explain why I do what I do. I'm a strong believer that we need to work as a team to better the town, with the bottom line being a huge factor. I learned quite a lot in this town as a police officer and acting Chief. I learned budgets and how to manage them. I believe that we should be running this town as a business, maybe not to make money like a normal business but the citizens of this town are our customers and should have the best service for the money they spend.

Thank you for taking time to read this. I hope for your vote for Selectman for a three-year position. If you have any questions, please call me at 603-765-2941 or shoot me an email at [astlaurent457@metrocast.com](mailto:astlaurent457@metrocast.com)

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I am Paul W. Colby, and I am running to fill a 3-year term on the Select Board. I have been a resident of Pittsfield for 36 years. I have served on the Planning Board and Fire Department, holding the rank of Captain, and as an elected Fire Ward. Additionally, I have served the Town of Pittsfield as an employee as the Code Enforcement Officer and the Welfare Director.

My municipal government experience spans 40 years. I have held positions as a Fire Department firefighter/inspector, Code Enforcement Officer, Welfare Director, Land Use/Planning Director, an Emergency Management Director. As an employee for 14 years with the Town of Nottingham, I also was the backup to the former town administrator, assisting with budgeting. I hold a certificate from the Primex Leadership Academy. Additionally, I was employed in the medical field for 5 years as an administrator overseeing maintenance and development, both locally and nationally. In these positions I oversaw budgets in excess of 20 million dollars.

Why do I wish to be a member of the Select Board? First, I feel it is a duty to serve within the town you reside to help make your community a better place for all. We need to look at spending wisely and holding people accountable for monies used in the departments.

I believe that with my many years of experience I would be a good fit as a member of the Select Board. I welcome the opportunity to further discuss my experience and desire to serve the Town of Pittsfield.

Paul Colby  
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#### “THE DAN SCHROTH THAT I KNOW”

As most of you know, Dan Schroth is a candidate for the office of Selectman of the Town of Pittsfield. Many of you have had the experience of observing Dan in his numerous roles on behalf of the Town of Pittsfield and in support of worthy organizations. Not being a Pittsfield resident, I am seldom involved in any meaningful way with progress taking place in Pittsfield. My association with Dan is that he has been a long term employee and friend to all of us at American Calan, located in Northwood. Some of you may know that our principal business is to develop innovative agricultural equipment that is used in the United States and many foreign countries. Dan is closely tied to whatever goes on in our small company. Dan wears many hats, all of which require dedication and responsibility. I am pleased to tell you that the entire crew consider that Dan is the driving force in lifting our spirits each and every day. I for one can say that when we have really difficult problems Dan never lets me down and always helps me to find a way through the problem of the day. No one that has run into Dan would suggest that he is in any way lacking when it comes to enthusiasm, leadership and above all a good sense of humor. During the design and construction of the Frank Lyman Park, we all followed with great interest the progress that was contributed by many. In playing a leadership role in the park construction, Dan always seemed to be able to convey to his fellow volunteers the importance of working steadily toward a common goal of excellence regardless of the obstacles. When you have a chance to work shoulder to shoulder with a person, you come to know what kind of stuff they are really made of. Dan's honesty, character and humility is second to none. Dan leads a very simple life from a monetary standpoint but gains absolute fulfillment from helping others. Beneath the metal hat and country hair cut is a man that steps to the beat of a different drum. Through hard work, diligence and good judgment he and his wife Nancy have carved out of the woods a lovely homestead that is impeccably neat and a credit to their community. It is this type of “help yourself” attitude that Dan wants to preserve for other young people that will follow. You may not agree with all of the solutions to issues that Dan is a proponent of, but take it from me you can rest assured that if given a chance he will do his best to work with others, no matter what their views, to make good things happen in Pittsfield.

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My name is Sabrina Smith, and I am campaigning for a Pittsfield Board of Selectman seat. I was born and raised in the farmlands of central San Juaquin Valley, experienced working in production factories after high school graduation before attending a trade school for my Cosmetology license and becoming a United States Navy wife traveling the World serving my country including during 9/11.

My husband and I chose New Hampshire as a place to settle down, buy a home, and raise our family close to 20 years ago. We have five children ranging in age: Three successful public-school graduates and our youngest daughters currently attending Pittsfield Middle High School. While raising our five children I've balanced working full time as well as volunteering my time at public schools, churches, military bases, local libraries, and town governments within the United States.

I hold a BA Psychology w/minor in Child and Adolescent Development, and I am the current sitting Secretary on Pittsfield's Budget Committee. While living in our little town of Pittsfield I have experienced working as a paraprofessional at Pittsfield Middle High School in the Special Education Department, school bus driver for Epsom Central, Josiah Carpenter Library as the Patron Services librarian, and have had the pleasure of being your Pittsfield Town Minute Taker for the Selectmen, Planning Board, and Zoning Board of Adjustment (ZBA) meetings.

I am running as a Selectman because over the years I have noticed a lot of politics over the people not just in Pittsfield, but across this beautiful state. I plan to bring more businesses to Pittsfield, push for construction on smaller one-bedroom homes (not more apartments) for Seniors and lower income families, as well as making sure the State of New Hampshire is held responsible for their mismanagement of State funds over the years.

Pittsfield is a 51% poverty-stricken town with 47% Special Needs students that has been ignored by New Hampshire for decades now and the State can no longer squeeze blood from the turnip of taxpayers while continuing to cut State funds for public education. My life has been devoted to serving children/families within the many communities I have lived in, and I would love nothing more than the opportunity to bring that same love of service to Pittsfield and become a voice for you. Please feel free to reach out to me via email and let me know your concerns.

Thank you for your consideration,

Sabrina Smith

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To the Citizens of Pittsfield,

Hello! I'd like to take this opportunity to introduce myself to you. My name is Holly Brown and I am running for the position of Library Trustee. Over 30 years ago, I began my teaching career as a library assistant in the elementary school in Newport, NH. Following that, I worked as an elementary school teacher in Newport until my retirement in 2015. At that time, I moved to Pittsfield and held the position of Library Circulation Assistant. Following Carol Grainger's retirement, I worked as the Children's Librarian. Health issues forced me to give up my position as Children's Librarian, but I remained active in the library by joining the Friends of the Library group, and eventually became President of the group.

When the opportunity arose to run for Library Trustee, I felt it would be a perfect opportunity for me to continue my commitment to supporting the library. I feel I have the ability to work effectively and responsibly as a team member and I am open minded and willing to learn the various aspects of the position of Library Trustee.

The library is an important part of a community. It provides free access to books and digital resources, classes and community connections, a place for learning, research and engaging in social opportunities. The library is a place that brings the community together. It would be my honor to serve our library and the community of Pittsfield in the capacity of Library Trustee.

Thank you,  
Holly Brown

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I am running for Zoning Board of Adjustment because I have served as an alternate from 2024/2025. I also served as a full member for second half of 2024 for a member who became a Selectman.

I am a new resident to Pittsfield in 2022. Both my husband and myself retired from Westchester, NY and bought the old Argue/Adams house on Fairview Drive. We are currently bringing the home back to its historical heritage and property management of eleven acres. Both ourselves and our adult children hope to enjoy it for many generations to come.

I have the time and energy to be involved in our community. I am on the Budget Committee, Pittsfield Food Pantry, Mead and Read Book Club, and a parishioner at Our Lady of Lourdes church.

Pittsfield is a wonderful community and should maintain its status in such a matter as to protect its residents and land and continue to flourish for years to come.

Eric R. Nilsson  
36 Watson Street, Pittsfield, NH 03263

I would like to inform the citizens of Pittsfield that I will be running for the 1-year term for School Board on the March 11, 2025, election. I have been in the town of Pittsfield for many years and many of you may know me from the Fire Department, where I serve our community in that role. I have been a selectman in the town for multiple terms and have had to make some tough decisions both looking forward to our future and restructuring job descriptions and personnel in the past. I have had children in the school system in the past both which have graduated and are living their lives.

I have been on the School Board for the past 6 months, having been appointed when a vacancy opened. I have worked with the Board and staff to bring transparency to what is happening at the school and in our district. My focus in the coming year would be to work with school leadership and set a high bar for education and administrative performance while creating improved value to the taxpayer. Working on the budget line by line can be tedious but is a necessity.

I am looking forward to seeing you all on March 11th when you cast your vote. It would be my pleasure to serve all the Students and Citizens for another year!

Thank you

Eric Nilsson

Molly Goggin  
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My name is Molly Goggin and I am running for re-election to the School Board for a 3-year term. I have lived in Pittsfield for the past 19 years and I believe in our town and schools. I hope to continue to give my time to our School Board to help support our schools, affect meaningful change for students, and build community support for public education.

I have served on the Board as an appointed and elected member for the past 4 years. In addition to my service on the School Board, I have been a public educator for the past 22 years: serving as a high school English teacher, a literacy specialist and a middle school reading and writing specialist in the Gilford School District. I have two MEds as a Reading and Writing Specialist as well as in Curriculum and Administration.

Outside of my experiences in the classroom, I am the mother of 3 students in the Pittsfield School District in 10th, 6th and 4th grade. My husband is also an educator with a background in special education and administration. We are proud to call Pittsfield our home and we believe in the potential of our town, our schools and our community.

As a School Board member, I have served on the negotiations committee with the Union to successfully reach a Collective Bargaining Agreement twice. I've worked closely with the NH School Funding Fairness Project, bringing a presentation to Pittsfield about the public school funding crisis in our state and working on a budget exercise to draw to light just how unfair our funding systems currently are. I have posted articles in *The Pittsfield Post* to inform and reach out to community members to try to encourage more involvement in our meetings.

It has been a great learning experience to serve on our School Board. I look forward to using the insights I have gained from my previous service to further our school district's mission and to continue to build stronger schools and a stronger community.

I hope you will support my candidacy and that of my fellow School Board members, Sandra Adams and Eric Nilsson, who are also up for re-election. Thank you for your consideration.

Sandra J. Adams  
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I am announcing my candidacy and seeking your vote for one of the 3-year terms for School Board on the March 11, 2025 ballot. My roots in this school district date back to signing my first teaching contract as Pittsfield School District's first Reading Specialist when our students were housed in three buildings: the Memorial School, the Grammar School, the High School, and within 6 years, housed in the Locke Building on Barnstead Road, due to having "outgrown" the space available. The district has undergone massive changes since the days when my own children, now grown-ups with families of their own, attended those schools. Now I have grandchildren who have either graduated or are currently attending Pittsfield Middle High School, so you may say I continue to have a vested interest and devotion to the academic success for ALL students in all subject areas across the board in our school district. I have been honored to serve on the School Board for a little over 3 years, having been appointed in 2021, and then elected in March of 2022. In addition to adopting a fiscally sound budget, our main function is to ensure that the school district is responsive to the values, beliefs, and priorities of the community while managing the school in accordance with state and federal laws. I believe that the current board has worked through some issues and challenges and as a team, we have become even more dedicated as a result. We have improvements to make as we forge ahead, and I would like to be one of the team of dedicated members to promote the betterment of the education of our students. I encourage you to cast your vote on March 11th for someone who is interested in what is best for our students and their educational achievement while also representing the taxpayers. It is OUR students, OUR community, that I wish to represent as a member of the Pittsfield School Board.

I would appreciate your vote on March 11, 2025. Thank you.



## WINTERFEST 2025



February 24th-28th

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**Carnival Games**

**Bingo**

**Tea Party**

**Food and Drinks**

**Arts and Crafts**



# MARCH



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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	<b>Senior Center Hours</b> Monday & Thursday 8am - 2pm Wednesday 8am - 1pm		<b>Food Pantry</b> Mon. 1am - 2pm 4pm - 6pm Thurs: 11am - 2pm (603)435-7300			
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
	<b>6:30pm</b> Victory Workers 4-H meeting, PES <b>6:30pm</b> American Legion, Town Hall	<b>9-11am,</b> Diaper Pantry, First Cong. Church	<b>6:30 pm</b> Chamber of Commerce "Candidates' Night" <b>6:30 pm</b> Rotary Club, Hst. Society <b>7 pm</b> Sun. Valley Sno-Riders meeting	<b>5:30pm</b> School Board meeting, PMHS Media Center <b>6pm</b> ZBA meeting, Town Hall		<b>8:30 - 9:30am</b> Joy Church Free Community Breakfast
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
<b>1-4 pm</b> Pittsfield Historical Society Open House	<b>7pm</b> Greater Chamber of Commerce meeting <b>7:30 pm</b> Josiah Carpenter Library: Mead and Read Book Club meeting	<b>7am - 7pm</b> Town & School Dist. Election <b>6pm</b> Selectboard meeting, Town Hall <b>6pm</b> Parks & Rec meeting, Community Center	<b>4pm</b> Community Development Com. meeting, Town Hall <b>7pm</b> Sun. Valley Sno-Riders	<b>5:30 pm</b> PES PTO meeting, PES <b>7pm</b> Planning Board meeting, Town Hall		<b>4 pm</b> Joy Church sponsors "Sound of Freedom"
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
	 <b>5:30pm</b> Community Supper, Congregational Church	<b>6:30pm</b> Friends of the Josiah Carpenter Library, meeting	<b>9:30 am</b> Library Trustee meeting <b>6:30 PM</b> Suncook Valley Rotary Club, Hist. Society	<b>5:30pm</b> School Board meeting, PMHS Media Center		<b>6pm</b> Pittsfield Players, Open Mic
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
		<b>6pm</b> Selectboard meeting, Town Hall	<b>4pm</b> Community Development Com. meeting, Town Hall	<b>7pm</b> Conservation Commission meeting, Town Hall		
30	31					