**MAIN STREET IN THE LATE 1940s AND EARLY 1950s: THE SOUTHEAST SIDE**

Here is the second part of Larry Berkson’s description of Pittsfield’s Main Street. It’s a bit shorter than what he wrote about the north side. I think the reason for this is that there were fewer businesses on the south side because of the way the land sloped up from the street. Anyone who has climbed the steps to the Carpenter Library will understand why store owners preferred the north side. Read on - **Bill Miskoe**

At the bottom of Factory Hill was the Cotton Mill where my mother worked in the office. In the early 1950s the building began being used as a tannery.

Next was the “Agents House” where Pittsfield’s renowned Edward P. Sanderson was born. In the late 1940s and early 1950 it was occupied by Charles H. and Mary Young. Mr. Young ran a second-hand shop across the street, and Mrs. Young later operated a millinery store there.

Then came a building erected by Dr. Richard P. J. Tenney in 1874. It was the first home to have steam heat in Pittsfield. It was occupied by Kenneth and Ruth Burbank and family.

At the top of the hill, across from the Union Block, was the Tuttle Block, erected by Hiram Tuttle for his clothing business after the massive fire of 1873. It was occupied by Parker’s Furniture Store and operated by Clyde R. “Jack” Parker, a future Merrimack County Sheriff. There was also a dentist office on the second floor, run by Dr. Hall. Later, Fred Franzheim ran a furniture business there. His family lived upstairs. (This building burned about 20 years ago and has been replaced by the Metcalf Real Estate building.)

Next was the home of George, Sr. and Elizabeth (Sweet) Freese. He was President of Globe Manufacturing and she a devoted and long-time member of the Congregational Church. The Pittsfield American Legion Post was founded in their barn out back. This building was followed by that owned by Gilbert and Rose Danis. Mr. Danis, proprietor of the Jenny Station later owned by Edmund Stapleton and later yet by John Topouzoglou, was seriously injured in a motorcycle accident at the bottom of Factory Hill in July of 1940. After a stay in the hospital he returned home for a brief period, and then was institutionalized for the rest of his life, passing away in 1982.

The Danis Building was followed by the old John Berry Stand, built in 1818, the oldest business building in town, which was recently torn down. It was occupied by *The Valley Times* newspaper run by George Mitchell and, after his death, by his wife Hortense. The business was sold to Thomas McKoan in 1949 and the building to Joseph Cotton in 1953. There he and his wife Ruth ran Cotton’s Flower Shop.

Then came the building owned and occupied by the merchant Thomas Dustin, who operated a dry goods store across the street. It was built by the town’s famous “Uncle” John Berry. Next came Carpenter Memorial Library, a gift to the town from Georgianna (Drake) Carpenter and her husband Josiah, in 1901.

On the other side of the library building was the residence of Margaret Hook, built prior to 1826 by John L. Thordike and thoroughly renovated by Sherburne J. Winslow, Margaret’s father, in 1890.

Next came the building built by L. L. Carswell for Charles H. Carpenter in 1890. Mr. Carpenter then gave it to his daughter Clara A. Batchelder, wife of Nathaniel. Clara died in 1941 and her estate was sold to Dr. Harry Teets, who lived there from 1949 to 1959.

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Pittsfield Town Crier Andi Riel, 435-6346 pittsfieldtowncrier@hotmail.com

Friday June 18th @1pm starts the Summer season at The FB Argue Recreation Area. Summer hours are Monday – Friday 12-5pm and Saturday -Sunday 1-5pm.

Saturday, June 26, 11am In remembrance of Ruth E. Strickhart, who passed away January 7, there will be a memorial service at the First Congregational Church, 24 Main St., Pittsfield. Please join us as we celebrate the life of Ruth. Refreshments will follow in the church vestry.

Saturday June 26th, 8am to 2pm, The Greater Pittsfield Chamber of Commerce is holding their town-wide yard sale. The event is open to folks in our member towns and is free; to register and be on the map please call Louie at 603-848-1553 or email gpccnh@hotmail.com.

Josiah Carpenter Library invites you to stop in to view the restored portraits of Josiah & Georgiana Carpenter. Josiah Carpenter is displayed at eye level through June 24. Funding for the restoration project was received from the NH State Council on the Arts Conservation License Plate Program (Moose plates) and the Globe Community Fund.

Citizen of the Year - It’s time to nominate a person for Pittsfield’s Citizen of the Year! Many people deserve to be honored for their actions and their commitment to Pittsfield. Their activities benefit our town. However, only one can be selected for 2021. Please submit your nomination with a short note explaining why you think this person should be honored as Citizen of the Year for 2021. Nominations can be sent to Citizen of the Year, P.O. Box 173, Pittsfield, NH 03263. Nominations should be received by Friday, June 18, 2021.

Pittsfield Senior Center, Bingo is planned for Mondays and Thursdays at 10am; $1 to play. Cribbage is planned for Wednesdays at 10am. Each of these activities require calling the Center at 435-8482 to make reservations. Space is limited. Masks are still required and you’ll be asked to complete a signed waiver. Don’t forget – there are meals to go. Call 435-8482 for information – every Thursday you can pick up a hot meal or freshly made meal for “curbside pickup”.

Happy Birthday wishes to Roberta Maxfield last Monday. I hope you enjoy your special day! Happy Anniversary wishes to Cathy & Joe McHugh on Wednesday. Cheers to many more years!

Main Street ‘Continued’

The old Donald Farnham house was next, at the head of Carroll Street. It was built by Dr. Edgar L. Carr and later occupied by shoe manufacturer Frank P. Green, who donated the bandstand in Dustin Park to the town. Mr. Farnham was manager of the Canning Factory. The house was torn down in 1970 to make way for the bank building standing there today.

To its left was the Memorial School, donated in 1910 by Hiram Tuttle in honor of his daughter, who was on the Pittsfield School Board when she passed away at a very young age. It served as an elementary school until 1989 and later was occupied by the Pittsfield District Court. Its current occupant is the Pittsfield Police Department.

Then came the residence of Gilbert Paige, in early times occupied by Dr. John Elliott, after whom Elliott Hospital in Manchester was named. It was followed by the McGrath residence and then by the Alvah Robinson Place, previously owned by Sidney Doughty. Mr. Robinson just recently passed away.

Next was the Kenney Place, owned after 1956 by Robert and Eleanor Watkins. It was followed by the Warren Place, later occupied by James and Susan Derosier. The Phillip Brooks family home was next, the former home and stage depot of Jackson Freese.

The Grammar School, erected as a high school in 1889, was next. Designed by renowned architect William Butterfield and constructed primarily by Pittsfield’s Charles H. Lane, it served as a grammar school until 1989. After a period of nonuse it was rehabilitated as the town hall in 1995.

The Grammar School was followed by five single family homes, places occupied by Ruthena Brewster, Linn Dennett, Fritz Freiwald, Harry Montgomery and, finally, Natt Jones.

Thus were the occupants of Main Street in the late 1940s and early 1950s. Certainly times have changed. Most of the businesses are gone, and the single family homes have been chopped up into apartments. Most significantly, the huge elm trees which canopied the street have long since gone, dying off because of infection by Dutch Elm Disease.

(From research provided by Larry Berkson. Photo courtesy of the Pittsfield Historical Society.)

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PMHS Student Spotlight Bee House Project

My name is Hailey Asdot. I am a member of the Class of 2024. My favorite subject is Biology because it gives me the opportunity to investigate topics that interest me and I get to do “hands-on” investigations.

Why did you choose this particular investigation?

I chose to build a “bee house” because I wanted to try to create a potential habitat for local bees. I had learned about Colony Collapse Disorder in class. CCD is a term used to describe the mass disappearance of worker honey bees from the hive. The result is a breakdown of the colony and insufficient workers are present to maintain the colony. The cause of Colony Collapse Disorder is unknown and many theories have been suggested. These include the actions of parasitic Varroa mites, pesticides and even radiation from mobile phone masts. (Amateur Entomologists’ Society)

What do you hope to learn from your work?

I hope that local bees discover and colonize my design of a bee home and if not, I hope to be able to brainstorm what changes I could make to attract the bees to it. Hailey Asdot

Josiah Carpenter Library Summer Reading Program

Tails and Tales will be offered from June 21 through August 17. Please visit the library to pick up a full program description and reading log! In person activities will be offered at the library, the town pool, Drake Field, and throughout downtown. Story Hours for families of pre-school age children will take place at the town pool @ 10am on Thursday mornings. Activities for school age children will be provided at the Drake Field recreation program on alternate Wednesday mornings. Take and make activities will be continuously available at both the library and the town pool. Each week a different animal will be placed somewhere in the downtown area – animals will be announced on Facebook and in the Town Crier: find the animal, visit the library and earn a raffle entry! Every three weeks a picture book will be posted for the community’s reading pleasure as they walk through downtown. Maps showing the locations of the reading sequence can be picked up on Main Street at the Dustin Park community bulletin board.

Page Turner Animal Adventures Virtual Summer Library Program will be offered continuously on the library's page of the Town's website www.pittsfieldnh.gov We hope you enjoy the 21 video activities that include musical performance, picture book read along, craft demonstrations and visits with authors, illustrators bee keepers and more! The themes for Animal Adventures are farmyard friends, fish tales, pet pals and celebrity critters.

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To my constituents in Pittsfield,

Last week, the House met to vote on all Senate bills. My committee passed all its bills, mostly without comment. I spoke on SB 105, defending our position to not add state song #11; the amendment passed 350-25 and the bill passed on a voice vote. However, we were unsuccessful in adding the anti-vaccine passport section to SB 155 – Representative Roy from Deerfield spoke in favor, as did I; another representative and Representative Allard spoke against; it failed, 182-193. Representative Klose voted in favor. I understand the desire not to restrict business operations, but in this case, it conflicted with people’s rights to medical privacy and self determination – and that was more important to me. The rest of SB 155, as amended by my committee, passed on a voice vote. Other bills that have generated constituent emails include SB 61, right to work, which failed 175-199; I voted for it, but Representatives Klose and Allard were opposed. SB 141, eliminating the state “gun line”, passed 197-180, with all of us voting in favor. Without debate, we passed SB 3 and SB 101; SB 3 made the federal PPP forgiven loans not taxable to New Hampshire businesses and SB 101 almost doubled (from $50K to $92K) the threshold for filing a business profits tax return. Both will help our businesses, since the PPP grants were spent on keeping businesses alive during the shutdown, and a higher filing threshold means that fewer businesses that don’t owe tax will need to bother filling out the tax forms. **Representative Carol McGuire, mcguire4house@gmail.com 782-4918**

Select board review June 8, 2021

I’ll include some of our recent meeting info as well in this review. Life and business have every minute of my time the last few weeks with no time for writing.

The board wants to recognize and thank Laurie Houle for her dedication to putting flags on the grave of every veteran buried in Pittsfield’s cemeteries by Memorial Day. It’s a big job that she tackles every spring.

We met with Donna Keeley relative to her group’s experimental butt buckets and dog baggie dispensers which were placed around town last year. There is a long-time ordinance within the downtown that requires people to pick up their dog’s waste and take it with them so that innocent pedestrians don’t have to constantly dodge the piles that so many pet owners seem happy enough to simply leave where it drops. The bags got used quite a bit, but even with people being provided the means to do what is right, many still couldn’t manage to finish the task and take the bag home for disposal, instead piling them on top of the cigarette butt buckets. New ideas were discussed. We also discussed the future of the Main St. lot that had the cellar hole we filled in last fall. We can either keep it and use it for some type of garden or other aesthetically pleasing use, or sell it to gain tax revenue from development. Nothing is off the table at this point, so anyone with strong feelings about it is still welcome to contact the select board, to be heard. **Carl Anderson**

Dan Schroth, Carolyn Davis, Sonia Noyes, Rachel Nadeau, and Corine Miller.

To the Good Citizens of Pittsfield:

Sure feels good to have survived the pandemic, and we are able to get closer to each other. Such was the case on a Friday afternoon not too long ago. It all started when my brother Joel asked me for my help to move something heavy, and there might be pizza. Be there at 3:30.

I arrived at 3. Joel and his good wife Karen had quite a bit of food in the kitchen. Three pizzas, sausages, candy and nuts. Joel told me he had a tough week, he’s tired, how about we eat first, relax and do the work later. Just waiting for a few people to show up who are going to help. When the ladies showed up I grew suspicious. Corine, Caroline, Elaine, Rose, Sonia and Rachel made me a beautiful quilt with my connections to Pittsfield stitched in. When they draped it over me while sighing and then standing around for a picture I felt like a king. **Dan the Stoneman**

Thanks for Supporting Seniors and 4H

For the past 4 months, I’ve been collecting donations for the folks who receive Meals on Wheels. I would like to thank everyone who donated, as it helped a tremendous amount. My goal was to bring a smile to the face of at least one senior who could really use it. I’d like to think we were successful, and thank you for making that happen. Thanks, **Jeremiah Chapman**
Barnstead Farmers’ Market
Bigger & Better Than Ever!

It’s officially Summer! The Barnstead Farmers’ Market opened this past weekend. We spoke with Lori Mahar, Chairperson for the Barnstead Area Community Farmers’ Market group (NHBACFM), a non-profit organization that supports local farmers and small businesses. This year will be their 6th season and promises to be their best summer yet.

In addition to the farmers’ market on Saturday mornings from 9am -12, at the 96 Maple Street location, the group is also hosting a farm stand at Black Dog Farm located on Province Rd, across Route 28 from Duane’s, Thursday and Friday evenings and Sunday mornings.

The market has typically had about a dozen vendors, but this year there will be 19 vendors during the full season and another 8 vendors for half season booths. Farmers and businesses across the region, including William Walsh, Director of the Lakes Region Community College Culinary Arts program. Mr. Walsh will be there Saturday mornings serving up tasty baked goods through his company, Pretty Baked, along with a variety of coffees. There will be a number of bakers at the market, and several vendors selling local beef and pork products, along with farmers selling a wide range of fresh produce and craft items.

Black Dog Farm generously offered space to the Farmer's Market Group, and the organization invested in building a new farm stand at the Black Dog Farm location. The grand opening for the farm stand is June 25 from 4:00 pm to 8:00 pm. In addition to all of the great products, there will also be live music at the farm stand on Friday evenings and at the Farmers’ Market on Saturday mornings.

There are also summer long series of special events and activities planned. A few include: Strawberry Festival (June 26); 4th of July Celebration (July 3); Kids Business Day (July 10); and Blueberry Festival (July 31). Visit their website at www.barnsteadfarmers.weebly.com

The Farmers’ Market participates in the NH Food Stamp Program. MP Christakos

In My Opinion…

We are continuing to accept submissions that express your opinion about local issues. We have decided to highlight the submissions as "In MY Opinion."

The Post looks forward to being the medium by which you are able to express your opinions.

Guidelines:

- Submissions should be 300 words or less, clear, concise and related to Pittsfield.
- For print consideration, your submission should be received by noon on Friday and should include your name and address.
- The Post reserves editorial rights to reject, cut and edit.
Pursuant to the 2020 passage of the following warrant article submitted by petition, "Are you in favor of instructing the Pittsfield School Board, to in good faith, investigate and pursue viable options for tuitioning all students grades 9 through 12 to another high school(s) and to cease educating all high school students in Pittsfield?”,

The Pittsfield School Board authorized a Tuition Study Committee to conduct research and report its findings back to the Board. This Executive Summary - and the presentation to follow - constitute 10 months of work across 5 subcommittees by 7 members of the community joined by Interim Superintendent, John Graziano.

Key Findings by Subcommittees
What Pittsfield High School Offers in Comparison with Other Districts
One subcommittee studied Pittsfield High School in depth, while a separate subcommittee gathered information across several criteria to compare Pittsfield with seven other high schools that have expressed an interest in accepting Pittsfield students.

Across every category, Pittsfield offers fewer absolute academic and extracurricular opportunities for students than the other districts, although this varies on a per-student basis after controlling for differences in school size. Pittsfield pays its teaching staff, on average, far less than the other districts, has a lower percentage of experienced teachers, and has a lower percentage of teachers certified in their respective subject areas. Pittsfield's starting teacher salary ($31,213.00) in 2019-20 was ranked 152 out of 154 districts statewide, resulting in a high staff turnover rate. Student outcomes are almost universally at the lower end and are often significantly poorer than all others in the comparison. Pittsfield also has a far higher percentage of economically disadvantaged students and a significantly higher percentage of special education students than the comparison districts.

For Pittsfield students who have come up through the elementary and middle school, Pittsfield High School provides continuity and familiarity with other students, families, educators, and the community in general. Pittsfield educators and community members take great pride in the variety of student supports - in school and out - that they offer or leverage, and town pride in school sports teams is high.

With the increased availability of online content and instruction from multiple sources, some students may also find academic success regardless of the location of a brick and mortar school.

Socioeconomic Considerations
Winchester, NH, is very similar to Pittsfield in terms of population and town valuation, and we believe it is also the only town in the state to have closed its own existing town high school to tuition its students to another high school in a different district (Keene). Closed in 2006 due to concerns about a high tax rate and the underperformance of its high school, Winchester serves as a useful case study. Contrary to the town's hopes and expectations, the local education portion of the tax rate has increased exponentially again in recent years, and it has been higher than Pittsfield's rate for the last three years. Winchester voters recently slashed the school budget by $1 million+. Because the costs of its high school contract with Keene must be honored, however, all cuts were made at the K-8 level. In addition, Winchester eliminated all bus transportation for high school students to and from Keene. (NH state law does not require a district to provide transportation for high school students).

While some residents expressed nostalgia and regret at losing their local high school, the vast majority expressed the belief that the quality of the education and the number of opportunities available in Keene was better than Winchester could provide on its own. A number of trade-offs in terms of distance, barriers to participation, and loss of a small town school were also cited by residents.

Tuition Contracts
Tuition contracts typically contain several major elements that must be carefully considered, including: tuition calculations, rental charges, special education costs, transportation, policies on services, definition of eligible students, representation on school boards, term (length of contract), provisions for early termination, and dispute resolution.

By definition, a tuition agreement means that the sending district has less control over the policies and the costs of educating their students. Of special interest are policies and costs for educating special education students (of particular concern, given Pittsfield's high percentage of such students and the significantly higher contract costs typically assessed for this population), the cost and increased time required for transportation, whether a receiving district will accept any and all Pittsfield high school students, length of contract term, and sending district voting/voice in the receiving district's decisions, including obligation of capital costs for expanded/renovated
facilities. If there is more than one sending town, the contract should be explicit about any consequences for Pittsfield if one of the other towns severs or fails to renew its contract.

While a larger school may offer economies of scale, the fact that virtually every other comparison district pays its teachers a significantly higher salary may negate some of those perceived savings in tuition costs.

**Budget and Facilities Considerations**

An analysis of the cost savings of closing Pittsfield High School and the resulting funds that could be applied to a tuition contract suggests that a tuition contract may not reduce, and may in fact increase, the tax burden on Pittsfield taxpayers. The expenses for several shared positions and line items are currently split between schools, resulting in less than 100% in cost savings. While a sample analysis demonstrated marginal cost savings based solely on tuition of regular students, these savings will not cover the additional expenses associated with special education, transportation, and rental charges.

Careful attention should be paid to terminology. Per student tuition costs, for example, are very different from the average Cost per Pupil. The latter represents, with certain adjustments, current expenditures from all funding sources (local, state and federal) associated with the daily operation of schools, including operating expenses, tuition, equipment, construction, interest and non-K-12 expenditures and then divided by the Average Daily Membership in Attendance (ADM-A). The statewide average for Cost per Pupil in 2018-2019 was $19,806.50.

The costs associated with re-purposing the current Pittsfield High School building will largely depend on the nature of that re-purposing and the extent to which modifications or repairs might be required by code for that use.

**Public Input Session**

On May 8th, 2021, the Tuition Study Committee held a public forum to present information and solicit feedback from the community. Many comments from community members related to concerns about special education, the ability of a receiving district to accept all Pittsfield students now and in the future, the extent of participation and “voice” in decisions (by Pittsfield students and Pittsfield residents), whether another district is the best solution to address the root cause of poverty in Pittsfield, a caution that we need to know the total potential number of Pittsfield students (including those currently home schooled or in private schools), and how online education might alter assumptions and opportunities.

Residents also asked that people “think outside the box” to consider hybrid options, rather than the duality of simply choosing between Pittsfield and another district. Articulating and researching such options, however, was beyond the scope and charge of this committee’s work.

**School Board Review June 3, 2021**

The Board was pleased to start with a NHSBA training by Barrett Christina. He presented the roles and responsibilities for NH School Boards and provided further opportunities and resources to support our work.

The Tuition Study Committee presented their Executive Summary. The Board is grateful to this group for their dedication to this task for the past 10 months. Adam Gauthier expressed that the Board will begin further discussion on the group’s findings at our next meeting.

Matthew Clemson is the new student representative from Site Council. He reported that the Site Council participated in a protocol, like the Board completed, about the NEASC report. We look forward to Matthew's perspective and student voice at our meetings moving forward!

Danielle Harvey and Kathy LeMay shared information about technology usage. Additionally, they shared details about PES end of year events. The Board would like to congratulate Danielle Harvey on being awarded the 2020 Dennise Maslakowski Education Award at the 2021 EDies Award Ceremony!

Mr. Hamilton shared some of the many successful projects presented at the 9th Annual Exhibition of Learning. He also reported on the Family Information Nights hosted the previous week. Further, Mr. Hamilton reported on the outstanding numbers of students and families who participated in Student-Led Conferences this Spring. 90% of PMHS seniors participated! Mr. Hamilton wanted to highlight the outstanding achievements of 3 PMHS students who recently took their AP exams in Microeconomics, AP Government and Literature/Composition. Congratulations to these students for their work on these challenging courses and exams!

Dr. Graziano is working on forming a committee to audit and review the District’s current policies. Additionally, Dr. Graziano spoke about more opportunities to become involved in the fight to improve school funding. *Molly Goggins*
Cook’s Corner
Paul’s Seafood Chowder
Special thanks to Paul Gregoire for sharing his classic recipe for Seafood Chowder. This is a lovely slow cooker rendition that is easy to pull together. Add warmed crusty rolls or oyster crackers and you’re good to go! Paul, thank you very much for sharing your treasured recipe with us. Bon appetit!

3 cups milk
3 cups Half & Half
3 cups clam juice
1 stick of butter (for the roux)
1 cup of flour (for the roux)
1 large red potato with skin, diced
4 strips bacon, cooked & diced
1 red onion, diced and sauteed in a little bacon fat
1 lb cod or haddock
½ lb scallops
½ lb raw shrimp, peeled (keep refrigerated until ready to use at the end)
Worcestershire Sauce – a dash
Old Bay Seasoning – a dash

In a stock pot, heat the milk, Half & Half and clam juice until just boiling, then lower the heat.
Meanwhile in another pot, for the roux, heat the butter until melted, then slowly add the flour, a little at a time, whisking constantly over medium low heat, until the flour and melted butter are thoroughly combined.
Add the milk mixture and the flour roux mixture to a slow cooker bowl, whisking vigorously to combine.
Season the fish and scallops with salt & pepper and a little Old Bay Seasoning. Add the fish & scallops to a lightly greased baking dish, add about ¼ of water. Cover with foil and bake / steam in a 350 degree oven for about 15 to 20 minutes.
Saute the diced potato in a skillet with oil or butter for 8 minutes until the potatoes are browned.
Transfer to the slow cooker. Cook the bacon in the same skillet until cooked and crisp, reserving 1 Tbsp of the bacon fat. Add the cooked bacon to the slow cooker bowl. Now add the diced onion to the skillet with the bacon fat and cook for 5 minutes. Add the cooked onion to the slow cooker bowl.
Add a little Worcestershire Sauce to the slow cooker bowl. Give everything a good stir, then cover and cook on LOW for 3 & 1/2 hours. Check the chowder for desired consistency – now add the shrimp. Cover the slow cooker and cook for another 10 to 15 minutes.
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