

PITTSFIELD POST

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Our life is March weather, savage and serene in one hour.

Ralph Waldo Emerson

March 1, 2023

The Greater Pittsfield Chamber of Commerce is hosting a **MEET THE CANDIDATES** night on Wednesday, March 8 (Snow Date March 9) from 6:30-8pm at the PMHS Lecture Hall. All Candidates have been invited to attend. The format will allow each Candidate time to introduce themselves and state the reason they are running for office. The balance of the time will be a Question/Answer session. The public will have a chance to write their questions on a card and submit them. The moderator will read your question and each candidate for that position (Selectboard etc.) will have a chance to answer. The elevator at the school will be available. For more information, please text or call Louie Houle at 603-848-1553.



Would you like to read about the candidates that are running for election in March?

The Post has included the letters candidates sent to the Chamber beginning on page 6.

March 11, 2023 – Pittsfield Fire Association Spaghetti Supper



The Pittsfield Fire Association and Support Group will host their annual Spaghetti Supper on Saturday, March 11 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 to purchase critical supplies for our fire department. There will be spaghetti, salad, garlic bread, drinks and dessert, including cannoli from The Canoli Stop. There will also be a silent auction and a 50/50 raffle. Pack up the kiddos and join the fun. We look forward to seeing you!

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A FREE Movie Night with popcorn and snacks will be held at Joy Church on Friday, March 3 at 6:30pm. They will be showing "Puss In Boots: The Last Wish". Come and bring other families with you!!

Pittsfield Supervisors of the Checklist will be in session on Saturday, March 4 from 10-10:30 am at the Town Hall to register new voters and make any necessary corrections before Town and School District Election Day, March 14, 2023.

Please note: This is the last day to register or make corrections before Election Day.

The Victory Workers 4-H Club will meet on Monday, March 6 at 6:30pm at PES.

The American Legion Peterson Cram Post 75 will meet on Monday, March 6 at 6:30pm at the Town Hall.

PYBA (Pittsfield Youth Baseball Assoc)
Baseball/Softball signups will be held at the Pittsfield Community Center on Tuesday, March 7 from 6-8pm. Mail in registrations accepted through March 10. The maximum individual fee is \$50 (Max of \$125/family). Limited Scholarships are available. Please contact pittsfieldyouthbaseball@gmail.com for more information.

Pittsfield Elementary School PTO, 34 Bow St.
Pittsfield, NH 03263 adamgau23@gmail.com

The Pittsfield Historical Society will be open to the public on Sunday, March 12 from 1- 4pm. You are invited to stop by and see all the great Pittsfield Historical memorabilia and displays.

The Girls on the Run program at PES begins March 21st and will be held at PES, right after school, Tuesdays and Thursdays for 10 weeks (we will not meet during April vacation week). The program is open to girls in grades 3, 4, and 5 (girls do not have to attend PES to participate).

Registration opened February 13 and will be open until mid-March at <https://www.girlsontherunnh.org>. Contact Paulette Wolfe at plwwolfe@gmail.com or 603-491-8386 for more information.

Josiah Carpenter Library and Pittsfield Head Start have partnered to bring the next "Storywalk" "How Do Dinosaurs Choose Their Pets?" to you. Maps may be picked up from the mailbox attached to the community bulletin board on Main St. at Dustin's Park. As you return to the library on Main St. to read the last page of the story, stop in and pick up a free gift. Library hours are Mon & Thurs from 10-6pm, Tues & Wed from 12:30-6pm and Sat, 10-2pm

The Pittsfield Senior Center is hosting a St. Patrick's Day fundraiser corned beef dinner with the fixings on Friday, March 17. There will be 2 seatings at 5pm and 6pm. Please call the Senior Center at 603-435-8482 for tickets.

The Pittsfield Elementary School PTO is hosting its first "Breakfast with the Easter Bunny" and spring fair on April 1. We are seeking vendors for this indoor event; 8x8 spaces are \$35 and they are filling up fast. Breakfast 8-9:30 am. Vendor Fair 9am-2pm. Come enjoy breakfast with the Easter Bunny and visit the vendor booths; and even take a picture with the Easter Bunny! You will also have the chance to win door prizes.

The Pittsfield Senior Center and Bow Young at Heart with Royal Tours presents a trip to Stonewall Kitchen, Lunch at Warren's in Kittery, Maine and Isle of Shoals Boat Ride on Thursday, May 25, 2023. \$122.00 per person. Call Anne at 603-435-8482 to reserve your spot.

Happy Birthday wishes to Nick Tuttle on Wednesday, (March 1), to Cathie Plante and my fabulous sister-in-law, Terry Riel on Thursday. I hope you all enjoy your special day!

Happy Anniversary Wishes to Norman & Mary-Ellen Tuttle on Monday, March 6.

BINGO SATURDAYS 6PM
To Benefit **KIDS FIRST**
Pittsfield Youth Baseball Association
IBEW Local 490
48 Airport Road
Concord
DOORS OPEN AT 3:30 PM
www.facebook.com/pybabingo

School Board Update

Pittsfield School District had a busy month in February. This update will recap both the February 2nd meeting as well as the February 16th meeting.

At our February 2nd meeting, we heard from Ms. Vary, Director of Student Services, on the number of students identified with a disability receiving support through an IEP or a 504 in our district. Ms. Vary was kind enough to include a breakdown of disabilities by services provided (PT, OT, Speech, etc.) Additionally, the Board heard from Mr. Wiley about the happenings at PES and Mr. Wiley shared behavioral data with the Board. The Board appreciates this information and is grateful to the building-level administrators for their transparency with this data. Mr. Hamilton filled the Board in about the happenings at PMHS. The Board was pleased to hear that the 7th/8th grade after school tutoring program, that is funded by Title I monies, has been a success thus far. The students who are attending are doing well and the staff report great investment from students. Finally, the Board heard from Superintendent Lane about the budget process and planned for the Deliberative Session for the school district, which was held the following Thursday, February 9.

The Board had our second meeting of the month on February 16th. At this meeting, Ms. Vary presented information about Medicaid and billing to the Board. We appreciate Ms. Vary's reports and her willingness to inform our community about special education law and services. Mr. Lane provided more information about Medicaid reimbursement. Additionally, Mr. Lane shared his plan for hiring for open teaching positions for the coming school year. The Board is pleased that Mr. Lane is taking a proactive approach to filling openings with quality candidates.

Due to February break, we will NOT meet on Thursday, March 2. Our next meeting will be Thursday, March 16th at 5:30 in the PMHS library. We hope to see you there. *Molly Goggin*, mgoggin@sau51.org (please note the email change for the district) 603-387-1396.



The State House session was February 22-23 with surprises.

On the 22nd, HB639 for legalizing and regulating cannabis passed overwhelmingly (234-127). This bill takes marijuana to a fully regulated business, like alcohol and tobacco. Unfortunately, the bill would open the door to ALL other drugs, methamphetamine, fentanyl, heroin, cocaine, etc. Therefore we voted against it. To become law, it would have to pass in the Senate, and the Governor would have to sign it. If a clean cannabis bill comes to the floor, we will revisit it.

HB272 to increase chartered public school per pupil funding passed (318-11). The education committee support was bipartisan, with a recommendation to pass (19-1). Clayton testified at the public hearing on this bill and was impressed by bipartisan support.

HB57 attempted to raise the state's minimum hourly wage, currently at \$7.50 to \$15.00 by 2025, and was killed (186-183). The labor market is establishing the rate. Local businesses are already at, near, or above \$15/hr.

HB191, which would repeal a prohibition on a state agency operating a voluntary firearm "surrender and destroy" program was killed (237-121). If anyone needs to "surrender" a firearm, any local gunsmith will be willing to do it for them, including destroying it! The owners may be surprised at how much their weapons are worth!

Now for the BIG surprise. On the 23rd, the majority moved to the Democrats. Democrats took the opportunity to remove certain bills that were tabled at the session on Feb 14. These bills could now be voted on. HB430 will require a parent to send their student to a public school for at least one year to qualify for the EFA program. Forcing a parent to send a child to a school they do not want makes no sense and will result in higher education costs to the state.

That the house decorum was not up to its standard during the next few hours is an understatement. The Democrats passed several energy bills that took away money from the consumers, resulting in higher monthly electricity bills.

Cyril testified in favor of America's favorite modern sporting rifle and against HR8 asking congress to ban commonly used firearms. It was defeated. Sincerely,
Representatives Clayton Wood and Cyril Aures



Cook's Corner Cajun Shrimp Linguine

It's Mardi Gras season! Here's a fun and tasty dish to help you celebrate the spirit of New Orleans. Once you get the chopping out of the way, this pan of deliciousness comes together quickly. You can adjust the amount of the Cajun seasoning and the cayenne pepper up or down, depending on your personal 'hot meter'. I like to serve this colorful dish with a nice cool salad on the side and cornbread muffins with sweet butter and honey. Bon appetit. Laissez Les Bons Temps Rouler! *MP Christakos*

- 6 oz whole grain linguine or fettucine
- 1 & ½ tsp salt-free Cajun seasoning
- 1 to 1 & ½ lb large shrimp, peeled and deveined
- 2 TBSP vegetable oil, divided
- 1 cup chopped onion
- 1 cup chopped green bell pepper
- ½ cup thinly sliced celery
- 1 TBSP plus 1 tsp chopped fresh thyme
- ½ tsp Cayenne pepper
- 5 cloves garlic, minced
- ¾ tsp kosher or coarse salt
- 2 bay leaves
- 1 (14.5 oz) can diced tomatoes, do not drain
- ½ cup Half & Half or heavy cream

Cook pasta according to package directions. Reserve 1/3 cup of the cooking water, then drain the pasta. Keep warm.

Heat a large skillet over medium high heat. Combine Cajun seasoning and shrimp in a bowl, toss to coat. Add 1 TBSP vegetable oil to the skillet, swirl to coat. Add shrimp to the pan; cook for 2 to 3 minutes or until shrimp are done. Remove shrimp from pan and keep warm. Wipe the pan clean with paper towels.

Add remaining 1 TBSP of oil to the skillet. Add onion, bell pepper, celery and 1 TBSP of the thyme; cook for 5 minutes, stirring occasionally. Add cayenne pepper and garlic, cook for 3 minutes. Add reserved pasta water, salt, bay leaves and tomatoes, bring to a boil. Reduce heat and simmer for 5 minutes or until slightly thickened. Discard bay leaves. Remove pan from heat. Add the Half & Half, stir well to combine. Now add the shrimp and the pasta, stir well. Return the pan to the heat and cook for about 1 or 2 minutes or until heated through. Sprinkle with remaining fresh thyme.

Pittsfield Post Readers

While reading the last few issues of the Post.....I can really appreciate Dan Schroth's tenacity and passion, and his care for the environment, our town and our world.

Over the past 30+ years, I have come to appreciate and understand Dan in a way that I never thought possible. Dan and I don't always agree and when that happens, we talk to each other and work it out, sometimes even having a laugh or two.

There are those who think and believe our climate changes and the world's natural resources are *not* being impacted by humans and the choices we make. And there are those who think these perspectives, and mainstream scientific evidence are 'hogwash', smoke and mirrors and unfounded.

This is all well and good; people have differing views. As we saw most recently with COVID 19, there will always be those who choose to not believe in or support mainstream science and the facts presented to them.

I suggest that even IF our climate situation was not a 'situation' and our world's natural resources were perfectly endless, would it not still be worthy for all of us to live within this world responsibly, respectfully and with conscience?

Dan, I wholeheartedly support your efforts and passion for the betterment of our world!

Donna Keeley

YOU ARE INVITED TO A

Meet & Greet

FOR SCHOOL BOARD CANDIDATES

3-year term: Sabrina Smith
1-year term: Sarah Marston Duval

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 1, 2023
6:00pm-7:00pm
Masonic Lodge/PYW Building

When in Earth's history did weather not change?

If you tell a lie long enough somehow it becomes truth. Modern doomsayers have been predicting climate and environmental disaster since the 1960s. They continue to do so today. None of the apocalyptic predictions with due dates as of today have come true:

"Already too late: Dire famine forecast by 1975" (Los Angeles Times in 1967).

"Everyone will disappear in a cloud of blue steam by 1989" (New York Times, in 1969).

"Scientists predicts a new ice age by 21st century" (The Boston Globe in 1970).

"America subject to water rationing by 1974 and food rationing by 1980" (Redlands Daily Facts in 1970).

"U.S. scientists see new ice age coming" (Washington Post, in 1971).

And the list goes on and on. But somehow this time will be different, and the 'experts' of today will suddenly be correct in their new predictions of eco-doom and eco-disaster? Not. *Lester Baker*, New Durham NH

Stock Market Numbers for Fun

Helium was up.
Feathers were down.
Paper was Stationery.

Fluorescent tubing was dimmed in light trading.

Light switches were off.
Elevators rose, while
escalators continued
their slow decline.

Caterpillar stock inched up.

Mining equipment hit rock bot to m

and

**Climate FACTS:
Our Atmosphere is**

The Real Science

Gas	Percentage
Nitrogen	78%
Oxygen	20.9%
Argon gas	0.9%
Other gases	0.17%
Carbon Dioxide	0.03%

Oxygen. We need it.

Argon gas

Other gases

Can YOU find the tiny 0.03% sliver left for our Carbon Dioxide?

Clue: If this were an Apple Pie, no one would take that piece!

This is not Rocket Science but people don't know it unless they study it. Better yet, they should learn it in school. *Submitted by K. Holmes*

Has anyone been trying to convince us to shrink our Carbon footprint??
It's a miracle that plants can survive on such a small slice of the atmosphere!! 0.03%



Join • Connect • Learn

Daily literacy building activities to share with your child.

1 WRITING

Using masking tape, write your child's name in large letters on the floor. Trace each letter by walking on it or by pushing a toy car.

Library Trustee

Good evening. For those who do not know me, I am Sandra Adams of Pittsfield, NH. I was pleased to be first elected as a Library Trustee for the Josiah Carpenter Library on March 14, 2017, and have been serving as chair for the Trustees for the past five years. Today's board consists of Ann Marie Chapman, most recently elected in March of 2022, and Leslie Schuster, elected in March of 2021, and me. Together with Library Director Melissa Babcock, I feel we make an effective team. Ann Marie, our secretary, has been capturing the details of our meetings, taking accurate minutes with wonderful precision, and seeing that they are posted on the town's website. Leslie Schuster has transitioned into the treasurer role, and is reliable, conscientious, and trustworthy. I enjoy working with Melissa and these two trustees, who not only share great ideas and insights, but have a fun sense of humor, all of which translates into accomplishing a lot and at the same time, having fun.

Melissa is a dynamic and creative director, with boundless energy and organizational skills. Under her direction, the library is buzzing with activity and is a warm and welcome place for old and young alike. I also wish to include how much the Trustees appreciate the Children's Librarian, Heather Preston, who has developed and continues to develop diverse and educational programs that have been fun-packed, well-received, and well-attended. She is a terrific addition to the competent and dependable staff at the library.

All in all, it is an honor and a privilege to be a member of the Library Trustees and share in the great things that are being accomplished. *Sandra Adams*

Select Board

My name is Gerard LeDuc. I am 67 years old married man. My wife is Jane LeDuc. We have been married for 31 years. I am a life long citizen of Pittsfield New Hampshire. Other than the years I served in the US NAVY. I am currently Commander of our towns American Legion Post. I am currently the school Moderator. I am also your current town Selectman. In total I have served in our town government for 32 years.

I am currently seeking reelection for another 3 year's term also your town selectman. In all my years of serving our town needs I have learned a lot. So I have learned to listen to everybody before making a decision. I read a lot of books of leaders who taught me to understand our town needs first. Over my own needs.

I want to thank the Greater Chamber for hosting this event. Where our citizens get a chance to put a face to the names. Who they will be voting for on election day. I would thank you for listening to me. I would like your vote as your selectman on March 14, 2023. Hope to see you there. *Gerard A. Le Duc*

Zoning Board, Mike Cabral

I'm running for a second term on the Zoning Board of Adjustments where for the past 2 years I have served as the Chairman of the Board. As the chair and as a member I strive to try and keep up with state training and regulations to make sure every filing brought before the Zoning Board is treated fairly and equally. I hope to continue to serve the Town of Pittsfield to the best of my ability.

About me, I served almost 22 years in the Active Army where my first 11 years I served as a cook. The military changed my job to a Chemical, Biological, Nuclear, and Explosive expert and assigned me to a Bomb Disposal unit for my last 11 years where they cross trained me to be a Bomb Tech. I retired in 2013 completed disabled after serving numerous combat tours around the world. Originally from Cape Cod Massachusetts, I decided to move to New Hampshire and asked a realtor to find a wonderful place to live. After a while I was shown Pittsfield in 2016 which I fell in love with and moved here and stayed. *Mike Cabral*



School Board, One Year Term (Vote for One Candidate)

My name is Adam J. Cote and my wife, Katie, and I have been residents and homeowners of Pittsfield for over seven years now. We have four children, with three currently enrolled in the Pittsfield school system and our fourth starting Kindergarten in 2025.

I was a financial advisor and a mortgage loan officer for over 18 combined years. This gives me the knowledge, professional expertise, and experience that has benefited the school board and will continue to benefit the school board. As of Summer of 2021, I transitioned out of secular employment and became the Senior Pastor at Merrimack Valley Church in Epsom NH which is an Assemblies of God affiliated church in good standing both as a pastor and as a church.

As a current Pittsfield school board member, my desire is to continue being on the Pittsfield school board for at least another year term. With this prior experience on the school board, I have learned the processes, verbiage, documentation, and relationships that are vital to being a profitable board member, and I look forward to another year of growing in that maturity and expertise as a board member.

My desire it to keep the PES and PMHS school open and active for the Pittsfield community. During my current term, I voted against closing PMHS and outsourcing our students to other districts, as I felt it was not financially advantageous and would also cause a detriment to the social aspects of this community. As an ending statement to my vote, I encouraged the community and the school administration to "give it a go." To give these two schools 3-5 years of hard work and commitment, not just by the current school administration, but with the Pittsfield community as a whole. I believe that PES and PMHS are moving forward on the right track to sustainable improvement for years to come.

I believe, with your vote of confidence in me this term, that I can be a profitable and helpful school board member for the Pittsfield school district. Thank you for your consideration. *Adam J Cote*

School Board, One Year Term Tara Cabral

I'm currently running for the 1-year School Board Member position at Pittsfield Middle High School. Over the years I have volunteered for many projects with the school system and all over Pittsfield helping with my children. I know the school system both Elementary, Middle and High School as well as special needs since all my children have been thru from K-12. I hope to help in keeping parents' rights and do what is best for the children, so they have a safe and educational environment. I hope everyone remembers me for all the volunteering and not the current rumors. Also, I hope to serve to the best of my ability for the Town of Pittsfield.

I'm from Pembroke, New Hampshire, moved to Pittsfield around 1999 and been an integral part of the community since. If you have any questions come to candidate night I'll try my best to answer the Town of Pittsfield voters questions. *Tara Cabral*

School Board, One Year Term

Hey Everyone, my name is Dan Schroth aka Dan the Stoneman. I am a product of Pittsfield and I am looking for a 1 year term on the School Board.

I live up on Clough Road with my wife Nancy with a great extended family. I am trying to get on the School Board so I don't get bored and so I can work on challenges that we all face. I believe in the 1/10th rule. That is, for every .1 degree of planetary warming we will face new problems and challenges; 1.5 increase over the last 120 years; .03 now, every 3 years =.1 every decade. So when our kids start high school, by the time they graduate, another .03, that's bad!

Chief Dan George, a Native American, lived in two cultures. His grandfather caught him killing fish for fun. He told him 'the fish are your brothers, they will feed you when you are hungry, you must respect them'. I have spoken, *Dan the Stoneman*

Planning Board

My name is Richard "Rick" Anthony and I am excited to announce my candidacy for the 3 Year Term on the Pittsfield Planning Board. I look forward to working with the current board members to help keep the Town of Pittsfield and citizens moving forward in a positive direction through the use of the current Master Plan and Land Use Regulations.

For those of you who do not know me, I have lived in Pittsfield basically my entire life. I graduated from Pittsfield High School and attended Keene State College where I received a degree in Sports Medicine. I have taught Physical Education for 36 years, the last 29 here at Pittsfield Middle High School. I am married and raised two children here.

I believe that my experiences as a long time community member and as a leader on various committees and boards have given me the skills to be a positive addition to the current Planning Board. I have served as a teacher/Leader at PMHS for the past 20 years and I am currently the Co-Chairperson of the Unified Arts Team, Co-Advisor of the Student Council, and sit on the PMHS Site Council. Outside of school I have been President of the New Hampshire Soccer Coaches Association, Vice President of the New Hampshire Athletic Directors Association, and currently sit on the New Hampshire Soccer Officials Association. These varied leadership experiences have made me the ideal candidate for the Pittsfield Planning Board.

I will educate myself on the Pittsfield Master Plan and the Zoning Ordinance and will listen to the constituents to make informed and fair decisions. I want to make sure that we examine and update the Master Plan and Land Use Regulations as necessary to make sure it is working for the constituents and the town.

Thank you for your consideration of this important position on the Planning Board.
Richard Anthony

School Board 3 Year Term (Vote for One Candidate)

My name is Sabrina Smith and I am announcing my candidacy for a 3-year term on the School Board. I currently hold a BA in Psychology with a minor in Child and Adolescent Development and also carry a wealth of personal background knowledge in various types of family dynamics that give me a unique and fair perspective in most any situation.

Our family purchased a home here in the summer of 2006 and although we were both commuters at the time, we fell in love with the quiet little town of Pittsfield. After retiring as a hairdresser, I have gotten to know many of you from my time over the last 15 years working as a para educator at PMHS, school bus driver for Epsom Central, PES PTO Secretary, librarian at Josiah Carpenter Library, and also your town minute taker transcribing minutes for the Select Board, Planning Board, and Zoning Board of Adjustment meetings.

I am in support of student-centered learning approaches to education not only because I was a student who fared better through non-traditional schooling, but also because both of my older children were a part of this learning approach since its beginnings in 2008. My oldest daughter graduated in 2013 and is currently a successful RN in Florida. My oldest son graduated in 2014, served 6-years in the Air Force as a Meteorologist, and is currently attending UNH for a degree in Physics/Astrophysics.

I have recently stepped down from my previous two job positions in town to focus on the education of my youngest daughters in 7th and 5th grade. I have been attending School Board meetings regularly and would appreciate you giving me a chance to fill the 3-year term on the School Board. I will be writing in Sarah Marston Duval for the 1-year term and together we are working to schedule a Meet & Greet with voters in the upcoming weeks once a location has been finalized. *Sabrina Smith*

School Board 3 Year Term (Vote for One Candidate) Helen Schiff

“Common Sense Leadership”

Why the School Board, why now...because I have the skills & experience needed to serve in the position I am seeking.

I was born in Brooklyn, New York. I am a first generation American. My interest in serving on the school board stems from my family instilled love of education. I come from a long line of Russian (now Ukrainian) farmers! educated in the New York City school system. At 16 I started attending Fashion Institute of Technology, SUNY. I owned a garment import agency from 1985-1999 during which time I made over 80 trips to the far east to negotiate prices, quota, contracts, and letters of credit with the China National Import / Export Corporation. In 1999 I started selling in the FinTech industry. I was widowed in 2001. In 2003, I was offered a management position in New Hampshire to work with Citizens Financial Group which I did until 2012. I continue to sell Fintech services covering Northern New England.

I bought my home in Pittsfield in 2005. I've been involved with town boards and committees since 2006. I've served on Budget Committee 2007 – 2023. While on the Budget Committee, a big part of our time is spent reviewing the school budget line by line. Over the years, I have had many questions for the SAU Superintendent. If you have attended any of those meetings, you know I am VERY PASSIONATE ABOUT THE QUALITY of education the students at Pittsfield schools are offered, the class size, *the ratio of SAU and Administrative personnel to number of students*. I have voted against the school budget numerous times as a protest regarding the percentage of raises for SAU personnel versus lower percentage raises for teachers. I have expressed my views many times supporting boys & girls school sports. I have had many children stay with me at different times and I know life is not so easy for many of our students – as in many other towns in 2023 America. We need to promote Parent / Teacher / Student communication. Talk, listen, action, follow up.

I believe I can bring a fresh perspective to the school board. If elected, I would work with the other board members to focus on getting the district operating to **REBUILD COMMUNITY TRUST!**

Our schools should offer jobs that provide compensation that will attract & keep the best, brightest and most qualified educators in New Hampshire. These educators are with your children every day, every hour of school. Other than the students, who at the school is more important than the teachers? To accomplish that, we'll need to consider eliminating **redundant positions**. Let's look at unnecessary expenses in the SAU. We need to evaluate what purpose these expenses serve for the betterment of your child's education.

Let's design Capital plans and strategic goals within specific time frames. I would ask our town Capital Improvement Planning committee to help the school board set a path to our future. We owe the taxpayers of Pittsfield student performance scores worthy of their investment. In business, the term ROI “Return on Investment” is used to measure success or failure. Let's do the same for our SAU. *** **Apartment / Home Renters** – you also pay property tax, 2/3 of which funds the school. How? Your landlord bases a portion of your rent on the property tax they are assessed and include that in your monthly rent. You have an equal vote as any homeowner.

I have experience being a member of a union, MEBA (Marine Engineers Benevolent Association), and a shop steward. I would love the opportunity to negotiate the next teacher's contract. I would be an impartial participant. This is a key to attracting and keeping highly qualified educators.

Volunteer experience: President Par-Troy Chapter of Cancer Care, Inc. Fundraising Chair Tri-State Chapters of Cancer Care, Inc. *Helen Schiff*

Town Treasurer

Hello, my name is Donna Stockman and I am requesting your support again, in the upcoming election, for the position of Town of Pittsfield treasurer. I am a resident of the Town of Pittsfield and have lived here for the last 28 years. I grew up in Pittsfield, attended the schools of Pittsfield, before marrying and moving to Barnstead, where I raised three sons, Rodney, Robert and Ryan. I now have seven grandchildren and one imported exchange student from Spain.

I retired from Merrimack County Sheriffs Office seven years ago, after 25 years, as a communications specialist, (police dispatcher), for 20 towns. At the same time, I was employed part-time by Chichester Police Department and the welfare department, for 19 years. I am currently employed part-time for the Town of Pittsfield Police Department where I have been employed for 9 years. Prior to my service to police work, I was a volunteer with Center Barnstead Ambulance for 11 years, became an EMT instructor, CPR instructor, and the crew chief of the ambulance squad. Then I was lucky enough to become a full-time paid fire fighter/ambulance attendant at Center Barnstead. While employed there, I attended New Hampshire Technical Institute, and achieved my Associates degree in emergency Medicine. I owned and operated Suncook Valley Ambulance (next to Clarks Grain Store) for 4 years. My greatest interest has always been my family and giving back to the community.

The treasurer position, looked like the perfect opportunity, to start getting involved with the town once again. As I am getting into the golden years, I was looking for a position that I could stay active with the town, yet not have to get up in the middle of the night. I felt that this position, would keep my mind active, had no responsibility of handling cash, and would be giving back to the community in a minimal way.

So, its been three years, and I haven't received a pink slip yet, so I am hoping that means I am doing an ok job. My mentor Roberta Maxfield, and back-up, go-to person, has been there through all my trials and tribulations. She has agreed to back me up for another term.

Again, I ask for your support at the voting booth, and I certainly would appreciate it. *Donna Stockman*

Trustee of the Trust Funds

Hello, my name is Steve Keeley, I recently learned that no one had submitted their name for the Town of Pittsfield Trustee of the Trust Fund vacancy, to be voted on in Pittsfield on March, 14. This came about after I spoke with Scott Brown, whose Trustee of the Trust Fund term ends this March. After hearing about what the Trustees do for our community, I decided to submit my name as a **Write-In** Candidate for the position. I believe it is important to give back to the community and this position will allow me to do that, in a meaningful way.

I have lived in Pittsfield with my wife Donna for 30+ years and am the owner and President of Keeley Painting Company, a Commercial/Industrial contracting business with a staff of 25.

I hope you will consider me for this position and **'write-in'** Steve Keeley for Trustee of the Trust Fund **on March 14th!**

Sincerely, *Steve Keeley*

School District Treasurer

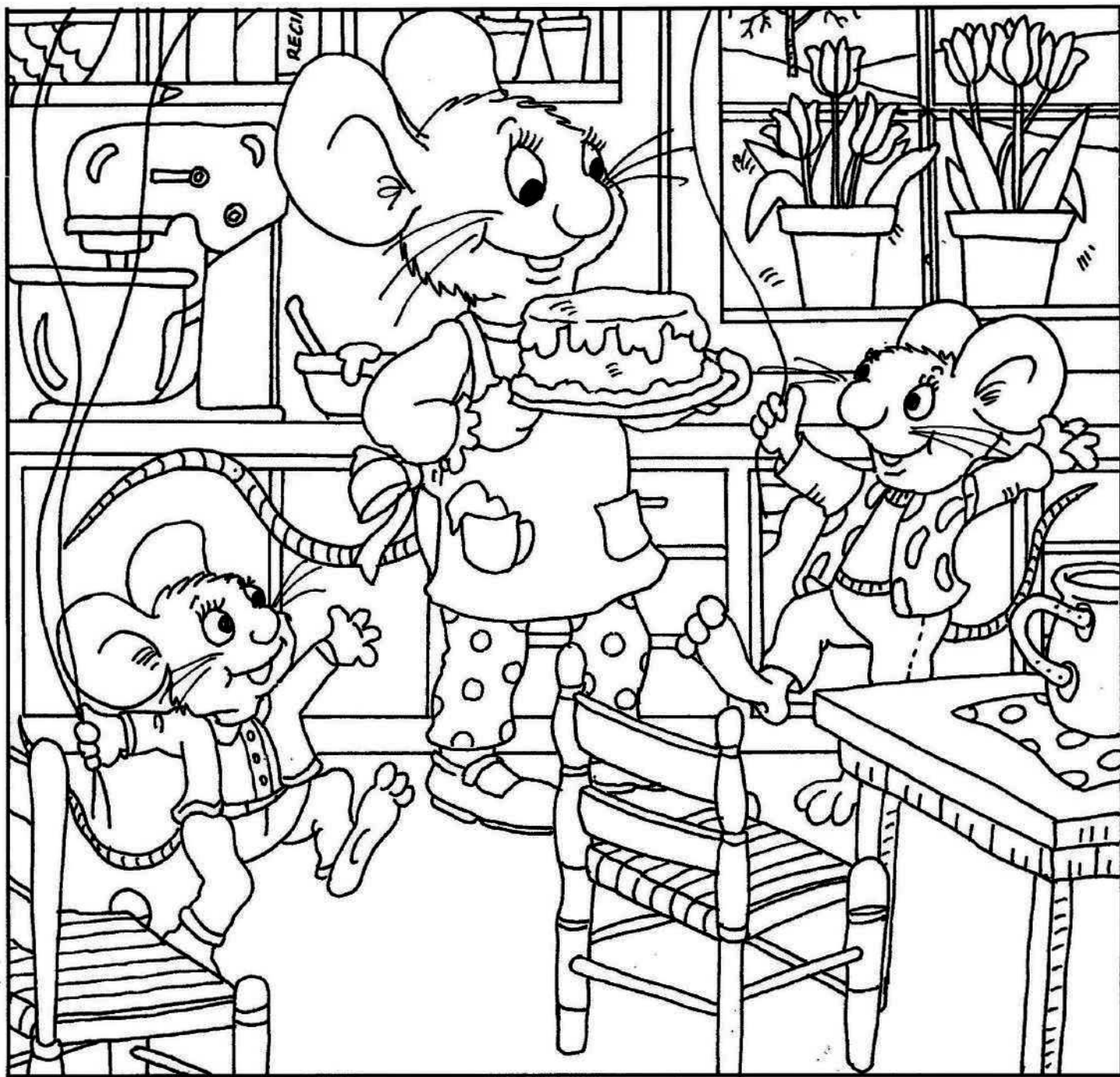
When I learned that no one had signed up to run for School District Treasurer I contacted the current Treasurer, Roberta Maxfield, to learn the requirements of the position. After our conversation I decided to run as a write-in candidate for District Treasurer.

Through my previous experience as a member of both the School Board and Budget Committee I understand the role of the Treasurer to monitor the finances of the School District. I am familiar with the scope of the district's budget and am comfortable with spreadsheets and bank statements.

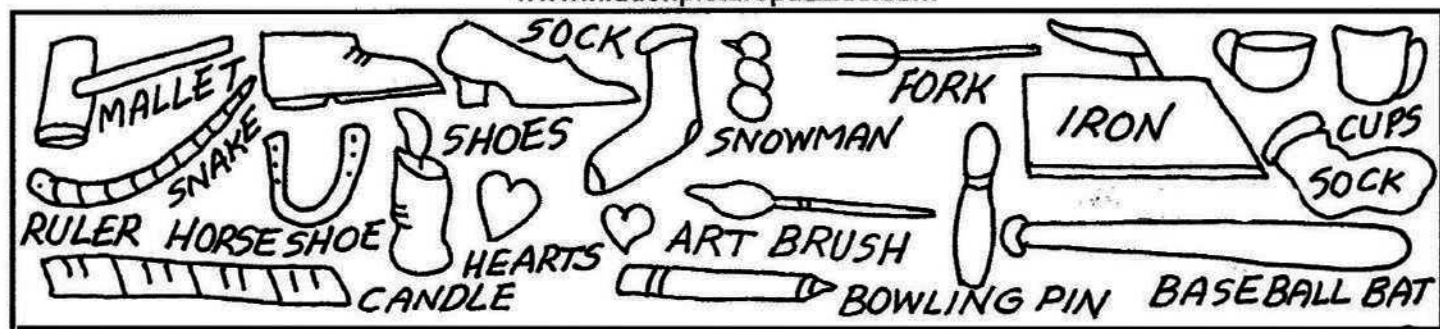
Please consider me for this position, and write-in Leslie Vogt for School District Treasurer.

Leslie Vogt

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**Town of Pittsfield, NH
Employment Opportunity
Minute Taker**

The Town of Pittsfield is accepting applications for a minute taker who will transcribe the minutes of various board meetings, including the Board of Selectmen, Planning Board, and Zoning Board of Adjustment.

Attendance at the meetings is not required, providing a remote-work opportunity with flexible hours! The successful candidate will have excellent transcription and writing skills, possess strong attention to detail and organizational skills, and have the ability to produce minutes of meetings effectively for timely submission.

Please submit a Town of Pittsfield employment application, which can be downloaded from our website at: <http://www.pittsfieldnh.gov>, together with a resume to cmarston@pittsfieldnh.gov or by mail to: Town of Pittsfield, Attn: Town Administrator, 85 Main Street, Pittsfield, NH 03263. Position will remain open until filled. *The Town of Pittsfield is an Equal Opportunity Employer.*

**Request for Bids
Town of Pittsfield, N.H.
Cemetery Maintenance**

The Pittsfield Cemetery Trustees are seeking bids for the seasonal maintenance of the following cemeteries:

- Floral Park Cemetery – Barnstead Road – Map U4 Lot 34
- Quaker Cemetery – Berry Pond Road – Map R42 Lot 13
- Berry Cemetery – Catamount Road – Map R22 Lot 4

Bids may be submitted for one or all of the listed cemeteries. The maintenance of each cemetery will be considered separately, as they have been maintained by three different contractors in past years.

Work includes spring leaf and debris cleanup and removal; mowing; weed-cutting and trimming along the various walls and vaults; trimming around markers; pruning of ornamental shrubs; and fall leaf and debris cleanup and removal. Floral Park Cemetery requires up to three to four mowings per month during the growing season and other months when needed. The Quaker and Berry Cemeteries are smaller and require monthly mowing upkeep.

The successful bidder shall maintain the insurances required by the State of NH for the scope of work that is agreed to and shall be in compliance with all applicable state and federal laws governing labor and safety while performing the contracted work. Previous experience maintaining cemeteries is preferable. References may be required upon request.

Interested contractors should submit a bid proposal by Friday, March 10, 2023 at 2:00 p.m., to the Town Administrator, Cara Marston, via email cmarston@pittsfieldnh.gov or 85 Main Street, Pittsfield NH 03263.

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