

THE SAME OLD PITTSFIELD **OR IS IT?**

The statement that nothing changes in Pittsfield is the furthest thing from the truth! The Economic Development Committee would like to introduce you to the real Pittsfield.

Within the past six years at least 15 companies have moved into, or opened up in Pittsfield:

Liberty Machine - (Builds or refurbishes boilers) Moved from the Manchester area.

Sage Wellness - (Provides spa and therapeutic massage).

Life's Little Pleasures - (Makes dry soup mixes, dips, rubs, etc.) This is their second shop. The other is in the Manchester area.

Atlantic Safety Products - (Distributes latex gloves around the country) Moved from Massachusetts.

Legacy Medical Solutions - (Manufactures titanium surgical kits, parts and equipment)

Luckern Steel - (Steel fabrication) Set up business in a vacant building on Broadway.

INOFAB - (Steel fabrication of entrance awnings to hospitals, hotels, etc.) Moved into the empty pallet company building off of Broadway.

Jitters Café - A Main Street fixture for almost six years.

Pro Point - (Building restoration company) Purchased the Union Block and is in the process of renovating it.

Family Dollar - Built new store where Twin M grocery store used to be.

Epping Well & Pump - Opened a second store on Main St. The other is in Epping, NH.

Silva Threads - Opened a shop on Carroll St.

Molly's Tavern - Renovated outside and inside of 32 Main St. However, due to business issues had to close its doors. But, it is now a quality location for another business to move into.

Mike's Meats - Retail located at what was Heath's Flower & Gift Shop.

In addition to these new businesses, several have expanded:

Darrah Enterprises - (Landscaping, etc.) Built a large structure on Barnstead Rd.

Osborne Transportation - Moved from Barnstead Rd to Rt 107 across Rt 28, expanding the business.

Barry Podmore, Inc. - (Manufactures micro parts for medical, electronic and computer equipment) Their building and employment has doubled in size.

Kentek - (Manufactures laser safety equipment) They moved from Elm St to the empty Eclipse building on Broadway St. It has been totally renovated.

Noble Spirit - (Buys and sells rare coins and stamps) The owner moved from his residence to a underutilized building on Concord Hill Rd.

Rustic Crust - (Manufactures flatbread pizza and sauce) Due to the fire that leveled the original building a new, larger, up-to-date building was built, expanding their capacity.

New England Mechanical Overlay (NEMO) - Built a large facility on Barnstead Rd. They recently purchased the

previously state owned property adjacent to them and plans on building a welding school for their employees (with possible expansion to include non-employees).

The physical appearance of Pittsfield is also changing:

A Public Works salt and sand shed was built at the town gravel pit off from Dowboro Rd. (Long term plan is to move all of Public Works operations to that location).

The exposed foundations at 14 Depot St. have been removed and a gravel parking area is now there. (After approximately 15 years as a safety issue).

The burned out building at 7 Depot St. has been torn down. That unsafe structure had been there for approximately 20 years.

The unsafe house at 79 Tilton Hill Rd (tax deeded) was removed last year.

A walking trail was created behind the elementary school by a boy scout as his Eagle Scout project. (Hopes are that a trail running from the Babe Ruth Baseball Fields on Tilton Hill Rd will be created to connect with this one).

Highway directional signs have been placed at various locations on Rt 28 and corresponding signs in town provide directions to Pittsfield restaurants.

A grant enabled the building of a children's playground at Drake's Field.

The town received grant money for a Safe Routes To School project. Next year a statute-compliant sidewalk will be constructed on Tilton Hill Rd (from Catamount Rd up to Berry

Ave) and along Berry Ave up to the PMHS, and from Berry Ave down to Bow St. Along with this project Berry Ave will be rebuilt and paved.

Finally, a couple of significant events have and are occurring: The Conservation Commission made a donation to Bear Paw (a conservation organization) that resulted in the completion of their fundraising efforts for the creation of a several hundred acre conservation area next to Wild Goose Pond. The area encompasses land in Strafford, Barnstead and Pittsfield. As a result Pittsfield has become a member of this organization. Another result is that property owners on or near Wild Goose Pond are in the process of having their land designated as a conservation easement.

The Beautification Committee, Pittsfield Historical Society, Hanging Flower Basket group (lead by Donna Keeley), and Police Station and Town Hall flower/plants continue to beautify Pittsfield.

The Economic Development Committee (EDC) sponsors quarterly All Board and Committee Forums. These are designed to improve communications between board and committee members. They also have important discussions on Pittsfield's downtown, Rt 28 development, expansion of water and sewer, broadband capacity and accessibility, etc.

The public is ALWAYS invited to attend. The next one is scheduled for Saturday, September 19th. Stay tuned for more information.

The EDC has been working hard to make a difference in Pittsfield. Much of what we are striving to accomplish takes a lot of time researching information, and contacting people and businesses. Our committee now has only five appointed members. We are all volunteers making sacrifices for the town we love. There are currently four vacancies. If you want to help us in our mission to “promote and improve the economic quality of life for the citizens of Pittsfield” we urge you to join us in making Pittsfield a place where young and old want to live. Please attend our next meeting on Wednesday, August 13th, 6:30pm at the town hall. You can also email the chairman at chipper@myfairpoint.net.

Pittsfield is on the move.

Sincerely,
Pittsfield Economic Development Committee