

## ***Looking back at a year of accomplishments in Pittsford***

Each December, I take time to reflect on the successes and challenges of the prior year in an effort to prepare for the year ahead. I am proud to say that 2010 was a year of significant accomplishment in Pittsford.

One significant achievement was receiving an Aaa bond rating by Moody's Investor's Services – a bond rating service that determines the credit quality of the issuer (similar to how an individual receives a personal credit score). Aaa is the highest rating that can be earned by a municipality and taxpayers benefit tremendously from this excellent rating. Specifically, a high rating translates to low interest rates on bond sales. I am proud that Pittsford continues to be one of the highest fiscally ranked towns in New York State.

In 2010, the Town of Pittsford also introduced new recreation software to residents, called RECTRAC. This new software has helped the Town streamline services and keep in line with the most up to date technology so that residents receive the best services available in a timely and efficient manner. The most notable change was that the Town now offers one centralized location for booking rooms and fields. We have received tremendous positive feedback on this software and staff has been pleased with its many benefits.

Another major success was that, despite enormous mandates passed on to all municipalities from the State of New York, the Town Board was able to keep the town tax rate flat (approximately \$2.73 per \$1,000 of assessed property value). Pittsford's property tax rate remains among one of the lowest in Monroe County. It is one of only seven towns, out of 19 in the county, with a tax rate below \$3.00 per \$1,000 of assessed property value.

For me, the most exciting accomplishment was the Town of Pittsford spearheading the formation of a 10 community health care trust. This trust will save participating communities millions of dollars over the next 3 years. This partnership was a great effort by local leaders who worked in a bi-partisan manner to reach a result that was in the best interest of taxpayers. I look forward to the completion of this endeavor and feel a strong sense of pride that it has all come together.

Reflecting on 2010, I am very pleased with Pittsford's accomplishments and I look forward to 2011. I would be remiss if I did not thank the hard work and dedication of all those who work for the Town of Pittsford. I am fortunate to have some of the most talented and dedicated staff who are committed to making Pittsford the very best place to live and raise a family.

As always, I am happy to discuss any aspect of 2010 in more detail. Should you wish to reach me, please contact me at [bcarpenter@townofpittsford.org](mailto:bcarpenter@townofpittsford.org) or stop into Town Hall.