

**City Council Work Session
January 17, 2022**

Present were: Mayor Grenier, Councilors Eastman, Remillard, Morgan, Berthiaume, Higbee, Rozek, and Theberge. Councilor Otis was absent.

Others present: Interim City Manager Pamela Laflamme, City Clerk Shelli Fortin, Fire Chief James Watkins, Police Chief Daniel Buteau, Cpl. Dennis Gale, Robert Theberge, Peter Morency, Lori Korzen, Steven Korzen, Micah Bachner, Amber Bachner, Stuart Light, Denise Morency, Kem Rozek, Roland Berthiaume, Theodore Bosen, John Seabury, Richard King, Kathy Trumbull, John Trumbull, other members of the public, and William Carroll, Berlin Daily Sun.

Mayor Grenier called the meeting to order at 7:02 pm.

Settlement Recommendation from Corcoran Consulting Associates

Interim City Manager Pamela Laflamme advised the Council that Berlin Dairy had filed an abatement for the dairy property at 1011 Main Street and the restaurant at 1826 Riverside Drive for tax years 2020 and 2021. Corcoran Consulting Associates did sit down with them to come to an agreement. The abatement request for the property on Main Street was dropped, and they agreed to an amount abated of \$3,012 for 2020, and \$3,062 for 2021 for the Riverside Drive property.

Councilor Remillard moved, with a second by Councilor Higbee to approve the settlement recommendation from Corcoran Consulting Associates for the Berlin Dairy Co. property at 1862 Riverside Drive for tax years 2020 and 2021. So moved, the motion carried. Councilors Eastman and Rozek abstained.

Historical Marker Sign on York Pond Road

Interim City Manager Pamela Laflamme advised that there has been a request to install a historical marker on York Pond Road to mark Betty Brook, which was named for “Betty” Beth Richardson, daughter of Alva and Mildred Richardson, and the first white child born in the WMNF. Alva Richardson was a US Forest Guard working in the WMNF. The Division of Historical Resources has approved the application, but since the sign will be on WMNF land in Berlin they also require Council approval. The sign will be erected by the state.

Councilor Remillard moved, with a second by Councilor Morgan, to approve the request for a historical marker on York Pond Road to mark Betty Brook. So moved, the motion carried.

Other

Interim City Manager Pamela Laflamme advised that Resolution 2022-02 has an amendment to the RSA number, and Resolution 2022-03 has an amendment in the last paragraph, where New England Family Housing was incorrectly named and should read TKB Properties, LLC. This will require a formal amendment during the regular Council meeting.

Being no further business in work session, Mayor Grenier recessed until 7:30 pm for the regular meeting.

Respectfully Submitted,
Shelli Fortin
City Clerk

*Minutes are unofficial until they have been accepted by the City Council by motion.