City Council Work Session January 16, 2017

Present were: Mayor Grenier, Councilors Otis, Remillard, Gentili, Theberge, Rozek, Nelson and Morgan Allain; absent was Councilor Higbee

Others present included City Manager James Wheeler, City Clerk Elaine Riendeau, Barbara Tetreault *Berlin Daily Sun*.

House Bill 119

Mr. Wheeler reported that he drafted a letter supporting House Bill 119 which he will hand deliver to the House Finance Committee. The bill authorizes funding of the State Aid Grant program for water and waste water projects that were done in six communities. Berlin has two projects: the Nelson I & I Project and the Waste Water Treatment plant project. Bill Hounsell and Dave Bernier will be testifying as well. Councilor Theberge moved with a second from Councilor Otis to authorize the City Manager to sign the letter in support of HB 119 and to testify on the City's behalf. So moved, the motion carried.

Jericho Wind Power

Mr. Wheeler explained that Jericho Wind has a Pilot agreement with the City where they pay twice per year on a prescribed schedule. Above and beyond those payments, the city would get more revenue if they hit certain productivity benchmarks. The proposed amendment to the agreement would have the benchmarks measured on a specific date and June 15 of the following year works because they have to submit a calculation based on revenue. Councilor Rozek moved to approve the amendment to the Pilot Agreement with Jericho Wind LLC as proposed; Councilor Morgan Allain seconded and the motion carried.

Non Public Session

Councilor Morgan Allain moved with a second from Councilor Otis to go into non-public session per RSA 91-A:3II (d) Land Matters. So moved, the motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Councilor Rozek moved with a second from Councilor Theberge to come out of non-public session. So moved, the motion carried unanimously by roll call.

Councilor Rozek moved with a second from Councilor Nelson to seal the minutes of the non-public session until the City Manager sees fit, as releasing them would render the action taken ineffective. The motion carried unanimously by roll call.

Respectfully Submitted, Susan Tremblay Administrative Assistant