

## **City Council Work Session February 20, 2017**

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

Others present included Community Development Director Pamela Laflamme, City Clerk Elaine Riendeau, Rick Treiss, and Barbara Tetreault *Berlin Daily Sun*.

Mayor Grenier opened the meeting at 6:30 p.m.

### **Fire Alarm System Standardization**

Ms. Laflamme reported that in order to meet the requirements of the City's purchasing ordinance, a resolution is proposed for standardizing components of the fire alarm system. Once passed, the design build will meet the standard of the purchasing ordinance. The resolution is up for first reading this evening.

### **Non-Public Session**

At 6:40 p.m. Councilor Rozek moved with a second from Councilor Higbee to go into non-public session per RSA 91-A:3 li(d) Land Matters. So moved, the motion carried unanimously by roll call.

At 7:30 p.m. Councilor Nelson moved to come out of non-public session; Councilor Higbee seconded and the motion carried unanimously by roll call.

Councilor Rozek moved to seal the minutes until the issues have been disposed of, as releasing them would render the action taken ineffective; Councilor Higbee seconded and the motion carried.

### **Team Rubicon**

Rick Treiss explained to the Council that he had made a proposal for Team Rubicon to do a training exercise in Berlin where a tax deeded, blighted building would be demolished. (Team Rubicon is a group of military veterans who provide emergency response in disasters.) In reviewing the properties, there is not one, at this point, that would be suitable. The team can provide the equipment and personnel to do the job; however they would need help with removing debris and brining in soil and loam.

Mr. Treiss indicated that he created a concept document and when the right property comes up, a scope of work will be developed. The group will do a professional job and restore the lot to city standards. In response to a question about cost and liability, Mr. Treiss stated that the Team would rent the Heritage Park as a base and the City would be asked to help with coordination of dumping of debris and hauling dirt to the property. The group is fully insured. Mr. Treiss will continue to check with the City to see if there is an appropriate property for demolition. The team will do some work at Lake Umbagog working with Fish and Wildlife

There being no further business in work session, Mayor Grenier moved on to the Regular Meeting at 7:55 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,  
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