

Memo

To: Mayor and Council
cc: Department Heads
From: Pat MacQueen, City Manager
Date: October 3, 2011
Re: Manager's Report

Rt 110 Phase II Improvements Demolition

Below is a list of eleven of the properties which have been acquired by the NHDOT which will be taking bids on their demolition very shortly. In total, the State has acquired about 33 properties for the Rt. 110 Phase II improvement project. However, due to the delays caused by Division of Historical Resources, they are only able at this point to clear these eleven for demolition. After 40 years, it will be good to actually get some on the ground progress on this project.

122-124 Green Street
128 Green Street
726 First Avenue
732 First Avenue
763-765 Green Street
756 First Avenue
779 First Avenue
840 Second Avenue
838 Second Avenue
826 Second Avenue
102 Mannering Street

Land Sales

A total of 8 bids on 7 different pieces of land were received last Thursday and each placed a qualified bid with a 10% deposit. We are in the process of verifying that each bidder is current on taxes, water, & sewer and has no code/building violations. There is only one property that received a bid from an abutter across the street and we are verifying the ownership of the street.

Here are the properties that had successful bidders:

Address	Map/Lot	Minimum Bid	Winning Bid
450 Goebel St	130-391	\$3,133	\$3,133
692 Second Ave	119-449	\$7,533	\$7,801
761 Second Ave	119-405	\$5,666	\$6,010
508 Champlain St	130-325	\$2,933	\$4,105
575 Champlain St	130-374	\$2,433	\$2,500
767 Sixth Ave	110-143	\$1,400	\$1,555
522 School St	128-177	\$1,566	\$1,600
	TOTAL	\$24,664	\$26,704

The remaining six or so properties that received no bids from the abutters will now go out to bid to the general public with the same minimum bids as requested by the Council. Those are listed below:

Address	Map/Lot	Minimum Bid
818 Fourth Ave	119-468	\$4,000
360 High Street	120-273	\$6,200
288 Burgess St	131-064	\$2,133
Hillsboro St	131-045	\$2,766
Hillsboro St	131-044	\$2,900
407 Champlain	131-353	\$5,333

Fire Training in Berlin

The City of Berlin Fire Department is hosting a State of New Hampshire Firefighter I certification training program to include 216 hours from September 12, 2011 to February 15, 2012. Equipment needed for the class is provided by the New Hampshire Fire and EMS Academy and individual equipment is provided by the individual departments that have candidates attending the class. The Berlin Fire Fighter I class currently has twenty one students coming from departments all over the region at State of New Hampshire such as Bartlett, Berlin, Conway, Center Conway, North Conway, Gorham, Hinsdale, Jackson, Milan and Shelburne, and the state instructors are coming from all of the State of New Hampshire. This is an excellent opportunity for Berlin. Below I have reproduced just the first four weeks of the 24 week class curriculum:

**State of New Hampshire Department of Safety
Richard M. Flynn Fire Academy
Berlin Fall 2011 - FFI Schedule
CREF# 12-10-I-1**

Class Time: Evening 1830-2230/Weekends 0830-1700

Week	Hours	Day	Date	Class Name	Instructors	
Week 1		Wednesday	7-Sep	Program Orientation	Antonucci	Berlin
Week 2	4	Monday	12-Sep	History & Orientation	1	Berlin
	4	Wednesday	14-Sep	Building Construction	1	Berlin
Week 3	4	Monday	19-Sep	Fire Behavior FF Safety, PPE & SCBA Classroom	1	Berlin
	4	Wednesday	21-Sep	FF Rehab, Search & Rescue Classroom FF Safety, PPE & SCBA Practical	1	Berlin
Week 4	4	Monday	26-Sep	FF Safety, PPE & SCBA Practical	1	Berlin
	4	Wednesday	28-Sep		1	Berlin

BOP Conference Calls

The East Milan Road pump station is all hooked up and operating at this point. It is taking the flow from the State Prison and the minimal flow from the BOP FCI. We have been having monthly conference calls between our engineer Wright Pierce, the City and the BOP on where things stand with all the improvements to the sewer system.

Currently the final design is at about 90% completion and the plans are about to be sent out to the reviewing agencies for review and approval. The expectation is that bids will be sent out this winter and the improvements will take 18 to 24 months to complete.

Obviously, the BOP has been concerned as have we regarding our ability to handle their waste when they are up and fully operating as it has been clear that our WWTF improvements wouldn't have been complete if they had been up and operating by now as they were originally scheduled to be.

More recently, the concern has shifted to when they will be up and operating due to their budget issues in Washington DC. That is still an unknown although there is some optimism that they will be given authorization to operate in this year's federal budget. If that turns out to be true, the delay for them will have been about one year

which actually should help to align (but still not perfectly) their startup and operation over the course of a year with the actual improvements that we are carrying out to the WWTF.

I should also mention that the Value Engineering process we went through may result in savings of somewhere around \$300,000 in the improvements we make to the WWTF. This should more than pay for the cost of the exercise which was about \$58,000.

PNGTS Maintenance

Attached is a letter from PNGTS reviewing the fact that they will be performing maintenance on the pipeline during the week of October 10th. Apparently they will be venting or releasing all the gas from the pipeline in order to do the maintenance which will result in some noise and odor in the area of their valve yards on East Milan Road near the Industrial Park and new sewer pump station.

Manager's Time-keeping

Attached.