

Memo

To: Mayor and Council
cc: Department Heads
From: Pat MacQueen
Date: September 21, 2009
Re: Manager's Report

Downtown 155B Orders

The northern abutter to the northern burnt out Kandel property has retained counsel and last week Andre Caron and I met with him to discuss how the joint wall between the two properties might best be handled. That attorney will be talking with the engineer also retained by this property owner about how that might best be handled in a demolition. That is the biggest unknown with cleaning up the northern property at the moment. We are applying for property specific Neighborhood Stabilization Program (NSP) funding for the clean up of these properties. That approval has not yet been received but we expect it shortly.

The southern property will be put out to bid first and be cleaned up first since it does not have these types of complications on it. Once that is clean, it can serve as a staging area for the clean up of the northern piece. We expect to have the southern piece out to bid within the next ten days.

Watson Street Demolition Bids

We had a record high of 12 bids for this demolition of the property right next to the Watson Street Pump Station. Spears Brothers from Laconia was the low bid in the amount of \$8,700

and was awarded the contract. The highest bid was \$25,000. This work should begin any time.

Notre Dame Clean Up

The clean up contractor Marcor will begin mobilization for the Notre Dame clean up probably this week. The job should be completed within three weeks removing another blight from a prominent Berlin location.

Library Court Yard

You may have noticed that the building just south of the Library has been razed and a solid foundation has been built up where that building stood. This foundation floor will be turned into a mini-courtyard with benches and an attractive architectural fence.

Brownfield Coalition

The Brownfield Coalition Committee met at NHDES in Concord and approved five sites in Berlin for Phase II Environmental studies. These sites were selected as part of our \$200k Brownfield Coalition Grant application which has been funded. The sites are St. Joseph's School, Bartlett School, 102 Granite Street, Dummer Yard and 49 Gilbert Street.

TIGER Grant Submission

The \$44.4M grant application for TIGER Funds to rebuild and properly maintain the street infrastructure in Berlin, Gorham, Shelburne, Dummer, Milan, Colebrook and Rt. 16 to Errol and Rt. 26 to Colebrook has been completed and submitted. It became quite a project toward the end taking a good bit of the City Planner's and my time to provide information to the grant writers that they needed to make the case for the grant. It was submitted on the deadline day of September 15th. Now we are proceeding to make sure that the Federal Delegation follows up with its support of the application. Keep your fingers crossed.

Rural Development Grant Submission

We are also working on finalizing the grant application to USDA Rural Development for funds to assist with the updating of the WWTF and its ancillary systems both because the plant is at an age where many of its basic systems have lived their useful life and also to be able to handle the new load from the new Federal Correctional Institution as well as normal growth. This application has to be in this month. Rural Development funding usually comes in the form of a loan and a grant. If we are lucky enough to receive a funding award, we are

hoping that we will get at least half grant and half loan as we are not really after a loan but definitely need the grant funding.

Six Year CIP and Bond Program

The six year Capital Improvement Program is going back out to Departments for another review before we bring back the proposed program to the Mayor and Council for its final review. The requirements of the two bond issues we are trying to set up have led to some significant changes in the CIP which Departments need to have the chance to look at it before things become more finalized.

NH Labor Department Inspections of City Buildings

We are in the process of having some inspections from the NH Department of Labor which is checking all of our buildings for safety hazards and those types of issues. They check to make sure we have an operating Joint Loss Management Committee and that it meets and reviews all accidents and the like.

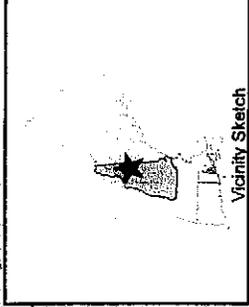
NHDOT Ten Year Plan Hearing

This Thursday at 7pm. NHDOT will be holding a public hearing on its latest Highway Ten Year Plan. The hearing will be in the City Hall Auditorium. The NHDOT 2011-2020 Ten Year Plan is available at the following website:

<http://www.nh.gov/dot/org/projectdevelopment/planning/documents.htm>

Jericho Mountain State Park Trail Map

Attached hereto is the latest map provided by Chris Gamache of the trail system as it is developed to date of Jericho Mountain State Park. You can get to this map on the City's Web Site by going to the link for Jericho Mountain State Park where the trail map is listed there in Adobe format.



Jericho Mt State Park
Head Pond Tract

To Groveton
Route 3

Jericho Lake Rd

110

To Berlin
Route 16

Mt Jasper

Mt Forest

Berlin

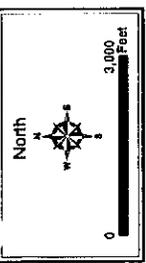
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Berlin, New Hampshire
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Sugar Mt



Legend

Jericho Mt State Park

- Jericho Mt State Park Boundary
- One Way Trail
- Shared Use-Cars and ATV's
- WMNF Boundary
- Trailhead Parking
- Pavilion/Picnic Area
- Outhouse
- Rail Road
- Contours
- Stream
- Water

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