

Memo

To: Berlin City Council
From: Jim Wheeler, City Manager
Date: 10-3-2016
Re: City Manager's Report

1. Please help us recognize a deserving Berlin resident who has given their time and talent for the benefit of youth in the community by nominating that person for the Gus Rooney Award. [Applications](#) are due to the Recreation Department by November 9th.
2. Route 16 Update – Sargent Construction is planning to pave the base course of a completed section of the road this week. Jay Poulin will be here next week to provide a full update.
3. The Fire Chief has issued an initial notice of a pending 155B action to the owner of 609 Third Avenue.
4. We have received and are reviewing three “Smart Start” contracts from Eversource for energy efficient lighting upgrades at the Fire Dept., Library and City Hall. I expect to bring these contracts to the City Council with a recommendation next week.
5. All overhead doors at the Public Works Garage were upgraded over the last month. Personnel doors were upgraded over the last several weeks. All of the upgrades will improve energy efficiency.
6. The NH Retirement System Board of trustees recently certified employer rates of contribution to the [NH Retirement System](#) beginning July 1, 2017. The rates are as follows:

GROUP I	Pension Percentage	Medical Subsidy Percentage	Total Employer Percentage
Employees	11.08%	0.30%	11.38%
Teachers	15.70%	1.66%	17.36%
GROUP II			
Police	25.33%	4.10%	29.43%
Fire	27.79%	4.10%	31.89%

7. October is Domestic Violence Awareness month and as you may recall, the City participated in the “No More” campaign last year. We have hung the “No More” banner at the tennis courts on Glen Avenue and we are encouraging employees to wear purple on Thursdays to bring about awareness and an end to domestic violence in our community.
8. As part of the 10 Year Celebration of the Neil and Louise Tillotson Fund several free community events have been organized:
 - Free Artist Gallery Exhibition on October 20, 5 to 7 pm at WREN Makers Studio on Main Street
 - Free Public Skate on October 23, 2 to 4 pm at the Notre Dame Arene
 - Free Cup of Coffee White Mountains Café and Book Store on October 25, 7 to 9 pm

A full schedule including other area events is accompanies this report.