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Pam Laflamme, Berlin City Planner
Mayor Paul Grenier, Berlin City Council

RE: Letter of intent to serve on BIDPA

Dear Pam, Mayor Grenier and Berlin City Council members,

I am writing this letter to inform you of my intent to ask to serve on the BIDPA committee. Former Mayor Dick Huot informed me that the BIDPA committee does allow members of neighboring communities to serve on the BIDPA board. In my many conversations with Mr. Huot we often discussed economic development in the Androscoggin valley and that I felt that economic development should be approached with both of the Berlin/ Gorham communities pursuing economic development together as both of our economies are so completely intertwined that although we are a city and a town with two different governments in reality we are one community with a six mile long main street from the Town & Country Motor Inn to White Mountain College.

I am a former selectman for the town of Gorham and have served the community in some elected position since 1980. I am currently chairman of the Gorham Planning board and serve on the newly formed Gorham Economic Action Team. I served three terms as selectman served on the budget committee and served 25 years on the Gorham Library board of trustees. I served on the Library board in Gorham when the new Library was built. Interesting when I was chairman of the Gorham Public Library board of trustees, I was also working part time as a librarian at the Berlin Public Library under Denise Jensen. I am also currently serving the town as one of the Commissioners to North Country Council and serve North Country council as a member of their Board of directors. I am also the Gorham representative to the transportation advisory committee. I also served the state of NH on the Rt. 2 and Rt. 16 studies during Governor Shaheen's terms as governor.

I believe that my experience in public life and my experience as the former manager of ServiceLink give me insight into the economic potentials of our communities and the region. I hope you will consider my request to serve both communities on the BIDPA Board.

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