

MAYOR'S REPORT

AUGUST 7, 2014

Wow!! The 5th Annual Jericho ATV Festival was a resounding success! The festival, by early reports, nearly doubled in participation from last year. I spoke to many people from outside the area who were truly astonished at how the Berlin/Gorham area welcomes and promote the sport of ATViing. The motels in the area were mostly full, eating establishments were lights out busy. Law enforcement personnel executed the right touch of allowing folks to enjoy themselves without allowing others to ruin the fun for all. At the risk of forgetting someone, I want to thank the folks of the Androscoggin Valley ATV Club, the full of energy "Chamber Gals", the Berlin Main Street Program and all of the local and state officials who spent countless hours planning, directing, and helping make this a very unique activity. The Ride The Wilds organization also had a big hand in promoting the Jericho ATV Festival, and this was a great way for Dick Huot to step away from full time employment at Tri-County CAP who played a big role in the evolution of this event. Want an encore? Riverfire is only a few weeks away, so I am very grateful for the efforts of all of the members of the Androscoggin Valley Chamber of Commerce, particularly the tireless "Chamber Gals"...

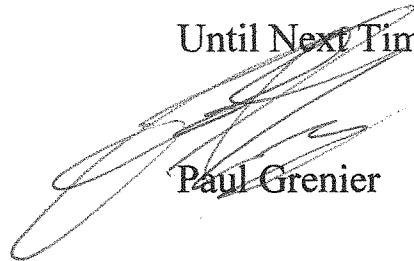
Although no announcement has been made officially on the future of Gorham Paper and Tissue, my conversations with state officials indicate that there is a lot of work going on behind the scenes, both here and in New York. I have pledged to GPT the City of Berlin's CDBG economic development grant funds allotment and hope the continued support of the area communities stay true. GPT is important to our communities, let's hope that a solid business plan is developed and implemented. It's been a painful 20 months for suppliers and vendors, let's hang in there a bit longer.

Burgess Biopower is now operating at full, uninterrupted capacity for just about a month or so. That's great to see and now we may be able to entice other business ventures to co-locate on site. Cate Street Capital is doing everything it promised Berlin they would do in operations. I am very happy and proud of the business relationship Berlin has with John Halle and

all the folks at Cate Street Capital. They are first class neighbors and corporate citizens here in the Androscoggin Valley.

We are nearing the end of the construction project on upper Hutchins Street. The folks who live between the Twelfth Street Bridge and Bridge Street will have a very nice road and walkway. We are planning, for next year, the lower part of Hutchins Street from Bridge Street to Napert Village. If you drive by the Notre Dame Arena, you will see the beginning stages of the facade/roof project by A.R. Couture Construction of Berlin. Once completed, we expect to use up to 25% less #2 fuel oil annually. Presidential Insulation Systems, a division of Presidential Pest Control, is doing the work to essentially make the whole front of the building "airtight". I want to publically thank Dick, Jen and Mike from Presidential and Sonny and Claude from A.R. Couture for working with us to help make this project come to life. Of course, we still need community support from any individual or business to help offset construction expenses. Any amount will help, and the checks can be amde out to Notre Dame Arena Lobby Project; PO Box 338, Berlin, NH 03570.

Until Next Time,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Paul Grenier', is written over the printed name.

Paul Grenier