



City of Berlin
NEW HAMPSHIRE

In the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand Seventeen

A RESOLUTION authorizing an application to the USDA Rural Business Development Grant Program for \$30,000.00 for technical assistance to determine the scope and feasibility of installing infrastructure in the downtown area to melt snow on streets and sidewalks in the winter months.

Resolved by the City Council of the City of Berlin as Follows:

Whereas, there is grant money available from the USDA Rural Business Development fund; and

Whereas, there are many benefits to having a snow melt system for streets and sidewalks in the downtown area including the economic benefits of having better access to city businesses during and after snowstorms, and

Whereas, if found to be feasible, the project would improve safety in our community, generate greater customer and sales volumes, reduce vacant lots on Main Street, and help increase wellness in our community as residents will have a safe and easily accessible walking area during the winter months, and

Whereas, the downtown is in need of inventive new ways to attract and retain commercial development; and

Whereas, there are two possible options for an affordable energy source for the snowmelt system: using waste steam generated from the Burgess Biomass plant and having a City-owned cogeneration plant which could be fueled with wood chips from the hundreds of forested acres owned by the City.

Whereas, upon approval, the City Manager is authorized to receive said grant and the grant proceeds are hereby appropriated for the purpose of the grant; and

Whereas, all grant proceeds shall be deposited with the City Treasurer and that any additional use of these funds beyond the scope of work as listed in the application shall require prior approval of the City Council.

Now Therefore Be It Resolved by the City Council of the City of Berlin as Follows:

That, the City Manager is authorized to apply for a USDA Rural Business Development Grant \$30,000.00 for technical assistance to determine the scope and feasibility of installing infrastructure in the downtown area to melt snow on streets and sidewalks in the winter months, and the City Manager is authorized to execute any documents which may be necessary to effectuate the USDA contract.

This Resolution shall be in full force and effect from and after passage.

PASSED: Feb 20 2017
Date

APPROVED: [Signature]
Honorable Paul Grenier, Mayor

ATTEST: [Signature]
Elaine Rierideau, City Clerk

A True Copy, Attest [Signature]

City Clerk
Berlin, NH
Date 2.21.17