

September 26, 2016

Work Session

Present were: Mayor Grenier, Councilors Otis, Remillard, Gentili, Morgan Allain, Higbee, Rozek, Nelson and Theberge

Also present was City Manager James Wheeler.

Mayor Grenier opened the meeting at 8:35 p.m.

Request for 5K Race Fundraiser

Council members reviewed a letter from Patricia Rincon who asked to hold a 5K Breast Cancer Benefit/Fundraiser in Berlin to benefit Jolinda Hawkins. The race will be held October 22, 2016 from the Berlin Armory to the VFW from 1:00 to 2:00 p.m. Councilor Rozek moved with a second from Councilor Theberge to authorize the race as proposed. So moved, the motion carried.

Other

Councilor Rozek was disappointed that WMUR provided no media coverage of the RZR event but for a 20 second spot after the event occurred. He suggested that their presence be requested ahead of time in the future. Councilor Gentili commented that, for such a large event, there was no trouble. He added that he heard nothing but good comments.

Health Department Assessment Review

The Council reviewed a [Power Point presentation](#) prepared by Simione that assesses options for the visiting nurse program in the Health Department.

In summary, the Council asked for more information. The Mayor asked for the Fiscal Year End financial performance for the last 10 years. He asked us to estimate what the cost impact of Option 2 would be on the general fund (funded from taxes) and he asked us to provide the patient census for the last 10 years.

Most of the discussion was back and forth on the merits of implementing the Simione recommendations for Option 1 vs. pursuing Option 2 or 3. There was discussion on how the health care environment has changed over the last 30 years. There were references to the last time this issue was discussed in 2012. No decisions were made. The Council asked if we could create a link to the Simione presentation so that they can review it and digest it further.

Finally, the Mayor commented on how he believes the Berlin Health Dept. is the preferred home health provider in the area.

Councilor Rozek moved to adjourn; Councilor Remillard seconded and the meeting ended at 9:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Susan Tremblay
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