

# Memo

**To:** Berlin City Council  
**From:** Jim Wheeler, City Manager  
**Date:** 04-18-2016  
**Re:** City Manager's Report

1. On April 9, a Rabies Clinic was held at the Recreation Center. Debbie Patrick made herself available to register dogs and with the help Elaine Riendeau, they registered 122 dogs in 3 hours.
2. We received a thank you letter from Jules Chaloux who has had work done to his home through the Neighborhood Revitalization Program. Mr. Chaloux is expressing his gratitude for the Program; the letter is attached.
3. HB 1219 will change the penalty amount assessed to tax deeded properties repurchased by the former owner from 15% of the assessed value to 10% of the assessed value. If the property is the former owner's principal residence, the penalty will not apply.
4. On April 6, 2016 the Governor and Council unanimously approved a grant award to the City in the amount of \$500,000 for the purpose of providing funds to the Coos Economic Development Corporation to assist Capone Iron Corporation North Woods Inc., with its machinery and equipment purchase project.
5. The Police Department Statistics for February of 2016 are attached.
6. The FAA has sent notice that they are approving the land release of seven acres of airport land along the river. This transaction started in 2011 when Bob Chapman put in a request to the Berlin Airport Authority. Luckily he is a very patient man and this sale is set to go forward. The purchase price of the land is \$65,000.
7. Attached is an e-mail from Dany Bernard, a very appreciative trucker from Canada who was trying to make his way to Milan Lumber. He was caught up in the old section of Route 110. As it turns out, Paul Blais saw him pulled over on the side of the road realized he was lost. Paul guided him onto the right road and the rest is documented in the e-mail thank you from Mr. Bernard.
8. A letter of thanks went out to the newspaper from Terry Letarte on behalf of the City and area youth thanking Anthony Horne and his band BuRne who held a concert at the Chalet on April 2nd to benefit the Berlin Recreation Hockey Program. The Recreation Department was also the recipient of a foosball table donated by Cindy Morin and members of St. Barnabas Church.

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9. Patty Chase has informed me that she will execute final tax liens on unpaid 2015 property taxes and sewer bills beginning on Wednesday of this week. Impending Tax Deed notices for unpaid 2013 taxes will go out on April 25, 2016 and tax deeding will occur on May 26, 2016.
10. The majority of the trees on the East Milan Road BIDPA property were cut as of last Friday. Hicks Logging will take approximately another week to process the logs and remove them from the site.

Dear Mr. Wheeler

This is Jules Chaloux I would like to say thank you very much for the work that was done on my home. My wife and I were trying to figure out how we were gonna get a new roof put on, and the smoke detectors plus the new front door.

We greatly appreciate it from the bottom of our hearts. It's difficult to maintain a home once you get up in age my wife and I are now in our sixties and we can't do half the housework that we used to be able to do, Again thank you very much!

Jules & Rosemarie Chaloux

## STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

*In the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand Sixteen*

AN ACT                    relative to the repurchase of tax-deeded property by the former owner and the costs therefor.

*Be it Enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court convened:*

1            1 Real Estate Tax Liens; Repurchase by Former Owner. Amend RSA 80:89, II to read as  
2 follows:

3            II. Within 30 days after the notice required by paragraph I, or if no such notice is received,  
4 at any time within 3 years after the date of recording the tax deed, any former owner of the  
5 property may give notice by certified mail, return receipt requested, of intent to repurchase the  
6 property from the municipality, and stating that such owner is ready, willing, and able to pay all  
7 back taxes, interest, costs and penalty, as defined in RSA 80:90, ***except that if the property is the***  
8 ***former owner's principal residence, or was the former owner's principal residence at the***  
9 ***time of execution of the tax deed under RSA 80:76, the additional penalty under RSA 80:90,***  
10 ***I(f) shall not apply.*** If all such back taxes, interest, costs and penalty have not been actually  
11 tendered within ~~[15]~~ 30 days of such notice of intent to repurchase, the municipality may proceed  
12 with its offering and dispose of the property without any interest by the former owner.

13            2 Real Estate Tax Liens; Definitions; Penalty. Amend RSA 80:90, I(f) to read as follows:

14            (f) An additional penalty equal in amount to ~~[15]~~ 10 percent of the assessed value of the  
15 property as of the date of the tax deed, adjusted by the equalization ratio for the year of the  
16 assessment.

17            3 Effective Date. This act shall take effect 60 days after its passage.

**HB 1219-FN-LOCAL- FISCAL NOTE**

AN ACT                      relative to the repurchase of tax-deeded property by the former owner and the costs therefor.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

The Department of Revenue Administration and New Hampshire Municipal Association state this bill, as amended by the House (Amendment #2016-0522h), will decrease local revenue by an indeterminable amount in FY 2016 and each year thereafter. There will be no fiscal impact on state and county revenue or state, county, and local expenditures.

**METHODOLOGY:**

The Department of Revenue Administration and New Hampshire Municipal Association state this bill extends the number of days available to a former property owner to pay all back taxes, interest, costs and penalties, after issuing a notice of intent to repurchase the property, from 15 to 30 days. This bill amends RSA 80:90, I(f) by reducing the penalty from 15 to 10 percent based on the assessed value of the property that is assessed against the former owner who repurchases the property pursuant to RSA 80:89. This bill amends RSA 80:89, II, to exempt property that is or was the former owner's principal residence from the aforementioned 10 percent penalty provided for in RSA 80:90, I(f). The Department of Revenue and New Hampshire Municipal Association state this bill will reduce local revenue each time a municipality sells a property back to a former owner. The number of properties sold back to former owners varies from year to year and from municipality to municipality. Therefore, the impact on local revenue is indeterminable.

Berlin Police Department  
 April 2016 Commissioner's Meeting  
**- February 2016 Activity Report -**

	February 2016	Year To Date 2015	Year to Date 2016	Difference %
Total Calls for Service	1358	2652	2875	8.41%
Milan Calls for Service	45	109	86	-21.10%
Total Arrests	61	100	112	12.00%
Protective Custody Arrests	5	12	11	-8.33%
Felonies	12	31	38	22.58%
Misdemeanors	74	129	144	11.63%
Thefts	20	35	40	14.29%
Burglaries	2	3	17	466.67%
Vandalism/Criminal Mischief	13	17	26	52.94%
Criminal Threatening	11	11	35	218.18%
Sexual Assaults	6	10	12	20.00%
Assaults	4	11	12	9.09%
Domestic Violence Incidents	15	34	36	5.88%
Verbal Arguments	8	6	15	150.00%
Restraining/Stalking Orders	6	15	16	6.67%
Motor Vehicle Stops	152	283	291	2.83%
Motor Vehicle Violations	26	19	42	121.05%
Motor Vehicle Warnings	118	225	213	-5.33%
DWI Violations	1	1	3	200.00%
Accidents	11	39	23	-41.03%
Accidents Within an Intersection	4	19	9	-52.63%
Parking Tickets	36	57	86	50.88%
Dog Complaints	24	31	54	74.19%
Animal Complaints (other)	10	9	19	111.11%
Assists to other Berlin Departments	44	126	85	-32.54%
Assist to Berlin Ambulance	46	182	128	-29.67%
Assists to Gorham PD	8	18	14	-22.22%
Assists from Gorham PD	6	5	9	80.00%
Juvenile Incidents	10	20	17	-15.00%
Juvenile Arrests	5	7	7	0.00%
<b>Officers issued 36 parking ticket for the following reasons:</b>				
Winter Parking - 1st Offense	28			
Winter Parking - 2nd Offense	4			
Winter Parking - 3rd Offense	3			
Against Traffic	1			



U.S. Department  
of Transportation  
**Federal Aviation  
Administration**

New England Region

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April 14, 2016

Mr. Paul Grenier  
Chair, Berlin Regional Airport Authority  
Berlin Regional Airport  
800 Eastside River Road  
Milan, NH 03588

Dear Mr. Grenier:

The FAA has reviewed your request to release approximately 7.0 acres of Airport property at Berlin Regional Airport in Milan, NH.

We approve your request to allow the sale of land to Robert Chapman.

Once the Berlin Regional Airport Authority/City of Berlin and the Robert Chapman execute the documents and record the deeds, please provide the following:

- Prior to expending the proceeds from the sale of the property, seek NHDOT and FAA approval for the use of the funds.
- Submit a copy of the executed and recorded deeds to the NHDOT and FAA for our files.
- Update the Exhibit "A" Property Map to reflect the recording information and submit to NHDOT and FAA.
- Retain an avigation easement on the parcel.
- Require the owner to submit a 7460-1 for any future improvements on the land.

If you have any questions, please contact Jorge Panteli at 781-238-7618.

Sincerely,

Bryon H. Rakoff  
Deputy Manager, Airports Division

CC: Carol Niewola – NHDOT Aeronautics  
Eric Kaminsky – Airport Manager



BerlinNH\_Comments

Sat, Apr 09, 2016 11:31 AM

From: "Dany Bernard" <bernarddany53@gmail.com>

To: BerlinNH\_Comments

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Subject: Contact the Public Works Department

Attachments: Attach0.html / Uploaded File

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Request From: Dany Bernard  
Email: bernarddany53@gmail.com  
Source IP: 69.51.199.117

Address: 108 Rue Des Ârables  
City: Courcelles  
State: Canada  
Zip:  
Phone:  
Organization: Transport L.C.C.

Hello my name is Dany Bernard from QuÃ©bec. Thursday 07 2016 i have go to Milan Lumber too pick a full load of wood shaving and it was the first time i pass at Berlin. I was not sure the road i have too take too go at Milan. When i was really not sure where i am, whit an other guy whit is truck too i take a look right in front of my truck and i saw a guy in is pick up truck. He came too show me the road we have too take for going too Milan, this guy was a worker of Public Works Department of Berlin. I want take this little moment too says a very BIG THANKS YOU! too this guy i appreciate very much. Excuse me for my english was not very good but i work on that!!! Dany from Transport Loignon Champ Carr. Pout!!!!





The Berlin Community Services Division  
**Recreation & Parks Department**

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April 14, 2016

Letter to the Editor:

This is a brief letter to thank Ms. Cindy Morin and members of St. Barnabas Church for the recent donation of a fooseball table to Berlin Recreation. This is a great addition to the activities offered to our afterschool participants and the many people who rent the facility for birthday parties. In the few short days of having the table, many games have already been played! Thanks again Ms. Morin and St. Barnabas for keeping Berlin Recreation and the area youth in your thoughts!

Sincerely,

Terry Letarte  
Berlin Recreation Program Director



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April 12, 2016

Letter to the Editor:

This letter is to thank Anthony Horne, his band BuRne and the Chalet for their contribution to Berlin Recreation Hockey. On Saturday, April 2<sup>nd</sup>, Burne hosted a dance at the Chalet with proceeds going to the Berlin Recreation Hockey Development League. This league was formed, thanks to the volunteer efforts of Mike and Missy Wedge and their many dedicated coaches to offer a structured, fun and affordable hockey program that kept the families in-house and avoided the stress and commitment of constant traveling. From a program of a dozen children in previous years to just under 50 this season, the Berlin Recreation Hockey League is growing into an exciting component of Hockey Town, Berlin, NH.

Knowing the ability to keep costs to a minimum for the participants takes initiative to find other funding sources, Mr. Horne volunteered his talented band. This musical event was welcomed by an enthusiastic and supportive crowd. Many attendees approached me to say how important this local, in-house hockey program is and how grateful they are to Berlin Recreation. I reminded them I am the one who is truly grateful for the hours and commitment Mike, Missy, Anthony and all the coaches, parents, and participants gave to make Berlin Recreation Hockey once again GREAT!

Thank you all who came out to support BuRne and the Berlin Recreation Hockey Development league. We look forward to a bigger and even better program next season!

Sincerely,

Terry Letarte, Program Director  
Berlin Recreation