

Memo

To: Berlin City Council
From: Jim Wheeler, City Manager
Date: 11-6-2017
Re: City Manager's Report

1. Interviews with each of the four responding design/build firms were held on Friday November 3rd. We plan to make a final selection within the next week.
2. The Airport Manager had an incident at the airport on Sunday, October 29th when an ultralight aircraft lost control. The aircraft collided with and damaged a sign. DOT and the FAA were contacted. There were no injuries and the damage at the airport is minimal. The private pilot will be responsible for the repairs.
3. The NH Bureau of Trails reports that Jericho Park was closed due to downed trees and wash outs last week. Some trails were opened by the weekend and others require further clearing and/or restoration.
4. As part of the damage that occurred during the storm last week the Watson St. Screening Building was inundated with flow causing the CSO to operate. Flow also entered the pumping station and flooded the ground floor threatening control and electrical panels. Amazingly, once levels receded, the station was put back on line around 4 pm on Monday. It has continued to operate since then. We really dodged a bullet.
5. The NHDES and a representative from Nobis Engineering performed an initial site walk of the Lavoie property at 640 Hillside Ave. earlier today to assess possible environmental contamination. The work is being funded through a State grant and is with the goal of putting the property back into beneficial re-use.
6. 635 Hillsboro Street is out again for sealed bid due December 7, 2017. The bid can be accessed through the web site at <https://www.berlinnh.gov/bids>. Upon signing in, access is granted. If any addendums are issued, those who have signed in will be notified automatically by the system. We will also put the link on the City's Facebook page.
7. Registration is now open for 3rd grade through 6th grade Ski and Snowboard program. This Recreation program is in collaboration with Wildcat and the Berlin Public Schools

so students must be in good standing to be allowed to participate. The program will go for six weeks at a cost of \$100.00 per person by November 15.

8. We would like to thank Lise and George Sanschagrín and Doris MacDonald for handing out treats at City Hall for the annual Trick or Treat Downtown. They are volunteers from RSVP and we very much appreciate the time they give to the community.
9. There has been a lot activity on HB 324 both at the legislative level as well as at the Assessing Standards Board. At the moment, it appears that an amendment submitted by Rep. Howard Moffett may be passed (see attached). The amendment calls for a multi-stakeholder commission to study valuation methods and the potential adoption of a standardized method. If this amendment is adopted it is likely that the ASB will continue its work to attempt to inform the commission on possible valuation methods. It seems clear that there is a strong desire by the legislature to regulate utility valuations.
10. [PD Statistics](#)