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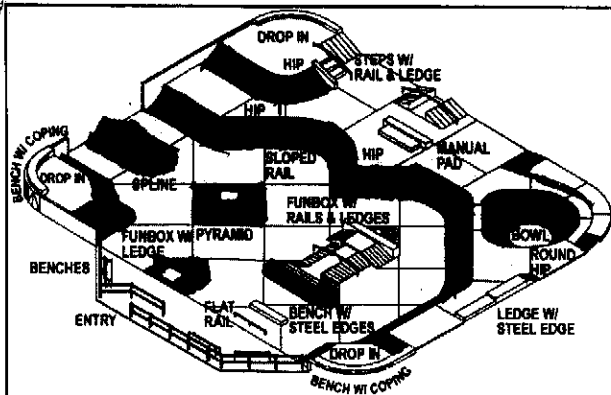
To: Berlin City Council
From: Jim Wheeler, City Manager
Date: 04-04-2016
Re: City Manager's Report

1. The Community Skate Park Committee has been working behind the scenes. Attached is a survey that they distributed to students. Results will be tabulated and incorporated into an appropriate design.
2. On March 28, 2016 we provided letters of landowner permission to the Androscoggin Valley Chamber of Commerce to serve alcohol at this year's events at the Northern Forest Heritage Park and Gill Park on Main St.
 - ATV Poker Run Concert-Saturday, June 25, 2016
 - Paddlemania-Thursday, July 14, 2016
 - Jericho ATV Festival Downtown Block Party-Friday, August 5, 2016
 - Jericho ATV Festival Concert in the Park-Saturday, August 6, 2016
 - Wingzilla-Saturday, September 10, 2016
 - Riverfire-Saturday, October 15, 2016
3. We've had interest from several World News Organizations (CNN, Washington Post, The Guardian) about Donald Trumps' campaign manager Corey Lewandowski who was arrested and charged with simple battery of a reporter. Mr. Lewandowski is the same person who was served a 155-B Order as the registered agent of Green Monster Realty, owners of a property at 537 Rockingham Street in Berlin. There had been a fire at the property and the lack of action by the property owner resulted in the City taking the property down.
4. April 1st marks lifting of the City's parking ban.
5. Attached is a letter expressing thanks to the Berlin PD from business owner David Poulin.
6. A Public Works Report is attached.
7. Attached is information provided by Phoebe Backler and Sally Manikian who are seeking to include the Androscoggin River in the Rivers Management and Protection Program. Pam Laflamme and I have

been invited to a meeting on April 14th to learn more about the program and the City's potential involvement. For further information you can also view information at:

<http://des.nh.gov/organization/divisions/water/wmb/rivers/>

8. The March 27, 2016 issue of the Valley News included an article on Trans Canada selling hydro assets on the Connecticut River. The article says, "As part of its effort to finance a new Houston-based natural gas acquisition, Trans Canada Hydro Northeast is looking to sell its New England power generation business, including its hydroelectric dams on the Connecticut River." It is possible that this move signals that they won't be a participant in the Eversource divestiture.
9. The Planning Board will be reviewing two site plans at their upcoming meeting. The Big Apple has submitted a plan to rebuild their store at the corner of Hutchins and East Mason Street and Capone Iron will be doing an expansion to their business in the Industrial Park.



Community Skate Park

(Picture is to show examples of different obstacles)

It is NOT a layout of the Berlin Park

We need your help!! Berlin is ready to begin designing **your** skate park. Please tell us **what you want**. Respond to this survey by Monday, March 7th, for a chance to win a \$25.00 gift certificate!

Please return surveys to your teachers.

[Handwritten signature]

I am a (Check all that apply to you)

- ☒ Skateboarder
- ☐ In Line Skater
- ☒ BMX Cyclist
- ☐ Other (Spectator, Wheelchair enthusiast, Scooter rider, etc.)

Please check off 8 features you would like to see in your park:

- | | |
|---|--|
| Rails <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Quarter Pipe <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Bank <input type="checkbox"/> | Box <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Kicker <input type="checkbox"/> | Euro <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Half Pipe <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Bowl <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Hip <input type="checkbox"/> | Stairs <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Gap <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Ledge <input type="checkbox"/> |
| A-frame <input type="checkbox"/> | Pyramid <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Other (Please write in) _____ | |

Contact Info. (Must be filled in to be considered for raffle)

Name

Address

City/State

Email or Phone

Check here if you wish
to be a part of the
volunteer design & build team!



Thank you for your participation!!!

Project Leaders :Colleen Poulin & Christy Langlois
(Berlin Area Community Skate Park)

David R. Poulin
410 Glen Ave.
Berlin, NH 03570

03-29-2016

Berlin Police Dept.
135 Green St.
Berlin, NH 03570

Dear Chief Morency,

I feel it necessary to express my gratitude to the Berlin Police. I arrived at my H&R Block office on Glen Ave. at 5:15 AM this morning. It was trash and payroll day so not uncommon but this time I did not park my vehicle in front of my business as I parked at the Berlin Auto Mart. As I exited one of my offices 3 Police officers were peering into the front window of my office. Officer Godin and 2 other officers felt it concerning that my office had activity at that time of the day with no vehicle around. As a citizen, business owner and a taxpayer I wanted to share my extreme thanks for our great Police here in Berlin, NH. It often goes unnoticed and under appreciated. Please extend my thanks and praise to your men. We are fortunate to have a great Police force watching our backs.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'David R. Poulin', with a long, sweeping horizontal line extending to the right.

David R. Poulin

H&R Block
Verizon Wireless
Berlin Auto Mart

CC: Berlin City Council & Honorable Mayor

***Public Works Dept.
March Monthly Report***

Safety/Incidents:

- Currently have two PWD employees out on Workmen's Comp. from work related injuries.

Public Works Highlights:

- Replaced all the Personnel doors at Public Works Garage to bring us into safety code and help with energy costs.
- A large portion of the Garage lighting (obsolete HPS lights) have been replace to more efficient fluorescents and LEDs.
- Started building new dump truck with the Freightliner we purchased from Federal surplus program. This truck will fitted for salt spreader to replace the salt truck that rolled over.

Collections Systems Crew:

- Had an emergency repair on Gilbert Street sewer line.
- Had a fan failure on the new vacuum truck. Supplier is replacing the component and should be back on-line April 1, 2016.

Projects:

- Phase 2 Rte. 110 Project to start back up for final pavement and punch-list completion.
- Hutchins Street Re-construction awaiting Notice to Proceed from NHDOT.
- Rte. 16 Road Project Bids are due April 14th.
- Schools trade program should have Community Field Building ready for spring sports season. Awaiting bathroom partitions.

Recreation & Parks Maintenance

- Work with Chamber to replace the rotten kitchen floor at Heritage Park main bunkhouse. The floor was replaced with a concrete floor.
- Repaired and painted all the cabinets. We also fabricated and installed new cabinet doors.
- With the mild winter we collected all picnic tables and benches to be repaired and painted. We also fabricated new tables for wheelchair accessibility.

Michael P. Perreault, Public Works Director

**City of Berlin Public Works Department
March 2016 Activity Report**

	Dec 2016	Nov 2016	Oct 2016	Sept 2016	Aug 2016	July 2016	June 2016	May 2016	April 2016	Mar 2016	Feb 2016	Jan 2016	Year to Date 2016	Year 2015
Total Service Requests										80	61	53	194	762
Administrative Service Requests										6	7	9	22	15
Cemetery burials										2	3	0	5	24
Maintenance: Bldg/Furniture repair, Fences/Railings/Walls, Lawns/Trees, Signs										13	13	8	34	153
Parks and Grounds										4	7		11	48
Refuse/Recycle/Yard Waste										3	5	10	18	58
Sanitary Sewer										9	6	3	18	76
Storm Drainage System										28	5	2	35	75
Streets and Highways: Repairs of curbs/sidewalks/streets, line painting, sweeping, sanding, sand barrels, paving and potholes										15	15	21	51	313

City Owned Property Service Requests														
City Hall										6	6	4	16	41
Recreation Dept.										4	0	0	4	4
Library										0	0	2	2	10
Fire Dept.										2	0	0	2	5
Schools										0	0	0	0	7
Bridges										0	0	0	0	2
Parks/Fields										4	3	1	8	23

What is the River Management and Protection Program?

The Rivers Management and Protection Program (RMPP) is designed to build a partnership between the NH Department of Environmental Services and riverside communities and enhance local control of river resources. Through the program, stakeholders from these communities representing a range of perspectives including government, business, conservation, recreation, agriculture, and riparian landownership form a Local Advisory Committee (LAC) and undertake extensive public outreach to build a nomination for a local river to the RMPP. If the nomination is successful, the LAC develops a Management Plan for the protected river corridor. LAC members work with NHDES to review state and federal permit applications for development projects affecting the protected river corridor. This program is unique to NH. Please see attached map of NH Rivers currently protected through the RMPP.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Are my rights as a riverfront landowner threatened by the RMPP? Will towns lose management control?

No. By law, the only land use protection measures that are included with a river designation are those for solid and hazardous waste facilities. The Act specifically states that “nothing in this chapter shall be interpreted to preempt any land and zoning authority granted to municipal bodies under RSA title LXIV”.

What new protections and regulations will impact the river?

The RMPP provides certain protections for designated rivers using a river classification system (natural, rural, rural-community or community). Many of these protections are already in place through the Shoreland Protection Act. Please see attached grid for protections established through the RMPP.

As a riverfront landowner or user of the river, how will I benefit from the RMPP?

River designation can increase respect for property rights and help reduce issues such as trespassing, litter, liability and erosion.

What does the RMPP offer to communities?

The development and implementation of the RMPP nomination and Management Plan increases public awareness of the river and engages communities in a multi-town planning process around river use and management. The Management Plan is not a regulatory document; many communities choose to implement it through local ordinance. Heightened public awareness encourages responsible use by river users and developers and funding is easier to secure once a comprehensive and coordinated planning effort of this kind is undertaken.

DESIGNATED RIVERS of NEW HAMPSHIRE

NH Rivers Management & Protection Program

Designated Rivers

1. Ammonoosuc River 8/10/07 & 9/13/09
2. Ashuelot River 6/07/93
3. Cochecho River 7/21/09
4. Cold River 7/20/99
5. Connecticut River 7/14/92
6. Contoocook and North Branch Rivers 6/28/91
7. Exeter and Squamscott Rivers 8/11/95 & 5/31/11
8. Isinglass River 6/30/02
9. Lamprey River 6/26/90 & 6/7/11
 - A. Lamprey River
 - B. North Branch River
 - C. Pawtuckaway River
 - D. North River
 - E. Little River
 - F. Piscassic River
10. Mascoma River 5/9/11
11. Merrimack River (Lower) 6/26/90
12. Merrimack River (Upper) 6/26/90
13. Oyster River 6/2/11
14. Pennigewasset River 6/28/91
15. Piscataquog River 7/16/93
16. Saco River 6/26/90
17. Souhegan River 5/28/00
18. Swift River 6/26/90





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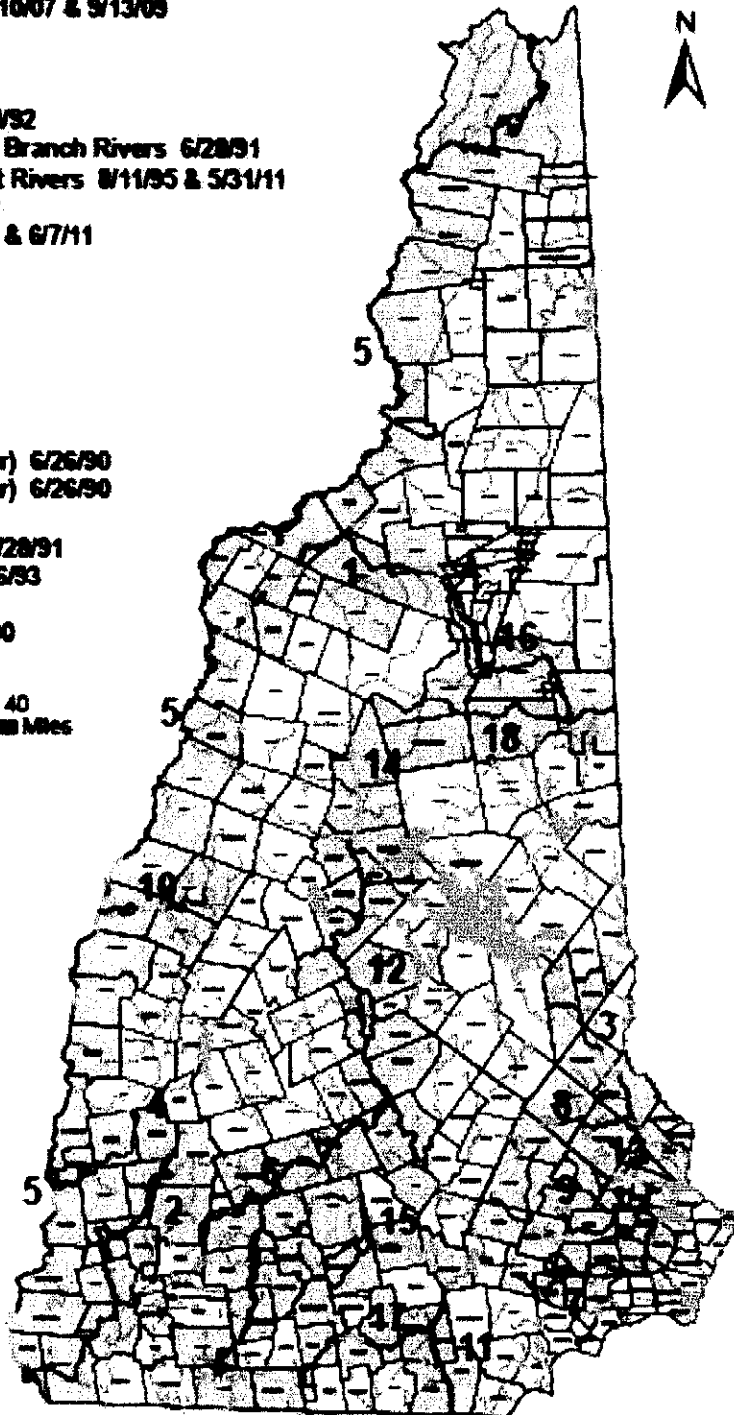
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Designated Rivers

Class

- ~~~~~ Natural
- ~~~~~ Rural
- ~~~~~ Rural-Community
- ~~~~~ Community

-  Waterbodies
-  County Boundary
-  Town Boundary
-  Participating Designated River Communities



Proposed Classifications for Androscoggin River in New Hampshire

Androscoggin River Segment	Length of Segment	Proposed Classification (Please see reverse side for Classification descriptions)
Errol Dam to downstream end of Braggs Bay in Errol	ca. 1 mile	Rural-Community
Base of Braggs Bay to Horne Brook (just upstream of Berlin Waste Water Treatment Plant/White Mountain Community College)	ca. 29 miles	Rural
Horne Brook to PSNH Dam in Gorham	ca. 9 miles	Community
PSNH Gorham Dam to Shelburne Dam	ca. 2 miles	Rural-Community
Shelburne Dam to Maine Border	ca. 6 miles	Rural

RMPP River Classifications				
Activities	Natural	Rural	Rural-Community	Community
Dams & Channel Alterations				
<i>Construction of New Dams</i>	No	No	No	Yes
<i>Reconstruction of Breached Dams</i>	No	Yes (within six years)	Yes (within six years)	Yes
<i>Channel Alterations</i>	No (excluding bridge, road & riprap repairs)	Yes (with conditions)	Yes (with conditions)	Yes (with conditions)
<i>New Hydroelectric Facility</i>	(Not addressed in statute)	Yes (with conditions)	Yes (with conditions)	Yes (with conditions)
Water Quality/Water Quantity				
<i>Water Quality</i>	Class A or B	Class B	Class B	Class B
<i>Interbasin Transfers</i>	No	No	No	No
<i>Protected Instream Flow</i>	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Recreational Use				
<i>Motorized Watercraft</i>	No	Yes (only "headway" speed within 150 ft. of shore)	Yes (only "headway" speed within 150 ft. of shore)	Yes (only "headway" speed within 150 ft. of shore)
Waste Disposal				
<i>New Landfills</i>	None within ¼ mi.	None within ¼ mi.	None within 100 ft. of 500 yr floodplain	None within 100 ft. of 500 yr flood-plain
<i>Expansion of Landfill</i>	Not within 100 ft. of 500 yr floodplain	Not within 100 ft. of 500 yr floodplain	Yes	Yes
<i>New Hazardous Waste Facilities</i>	None within ¼ mi.			
<i>Other New Solid Waste Facilities</i>	None within 250 ft.	None within 250 ft.	None within 250 ft.	None within 250 ft.
<i>Sludge and Septage</i>	None within 250 ft.	None within 250 ft.	None within 250 ft.	None within 250 ft.
<i>New Septic Systems</i>	None within 75 ft. (RSA 483-B:9 V(c))			
<i>Replacement Septic Systems</i>				
<i>Sale of Waterfront Property with Septic Sys.</i>				
<i>New Auto Junk Yards or Salt Storage Yards</i>				
Fertilizer				
<i>Limestone</i>				
<i>Slow or Controlled Release Fertilizer</i>				
<i>All Other Fertilizers</i>				
Pesticides and Herbicides				
<i>All pesticides and herbicides</i>				
Development within 250 ft of River				
<i>Primary Structure</i>				
<i>Accessory Structures</i>				
<i>Impervious Surface Cover</i>				
<i>River Frontage</i>				
<i>Land Disturbance (new or existing use)</i>				
Removal of Vegetation within Waterfront Buffer (0-50 ft.):				
<i>Trees & Shrubs</i>				
<i>Natural Ground Cover</i>				
<i>Stumps, Roots and Rocks</i>				
Removal of Vegetation within Natural Woodland Buffer (50-150 ft.):				
<i>Natural W/</i>				
<i>nd</i>				