

# Memo

**To:** Berlin City Council  
**From:** Jim Wheeler, City Manager  
**Date:** 06-6-2016  
**Re:** City Manager's Report

1. Water Works trained Public Works on using hydrants for filling the street sweeper and sewer jet several week ago.
2. Work on Hutchins St. is progressing on schedule. There have been some reports that the work was stopped by the discovery of highly unsuitable materials. For the record, these reports are not true. Also, it has been determined that there will be a higher quantity of ledge excavation than originally calculated on a section of the project. Public Works will track the impact of this on the total project cost as the job moves forward.
3. April Poirier was hired as the part time clerk at the Fire Department. Doris Fortier will be working as a nurse in the Health Department. Sue Whitehouse also started work for the summer as the Coordinator of the Inmate Work Program. We are getting an earlier start this year and there is a lot of work to do.
4. Bids are due Thursday June 9th for the demolition of 24 Birch Street and 339 Goebel Street.
5. There is also a bid out for construction of a fuel distribution system at the Public Works Garage.
6. In their Spring 2016 Newsletter, the Berlin & Coos County Historical Society has an article about the paving of Main Street. Berlin became the first community in NH to pave a city street by laying non-reinforced concrete in the downtown from Green Square to High Street in 1909. I've attached a copy of the article. 107 years later we will be removing section of this concrete in the reconstruction project.
7. The NH DOT sent us notice of the Final Inspection Meeting for the Route 110 Project. It will be held Thursday, June 9 at 10:00 a.m.

8. The following are news outlets CampRZR is being covered by:
  - WMUR.com
  - WCAX.com
  - Washington Times
  - Foster's Daily Democrat
  - Bennington Banner
  - Star Herald (New Jersey)
  - The Eagle (Texas)
  - Argus-Press (Missouri)
  - Clay Center Dispatch (Kansas)
  - Opelika-Auburn News (Alabama)
  - Valley News
  - Cache Valley Daily (Utah)
  - Caledonian Record
  - 50weather.com
  - NewsLocker.com
  - NHPR
  - Newsbout.com
  - Newsbry.com
9. There will be a Ribbon Cutting and Business After Hours at the Service Credit Union Heritage Park tomorrow, June 7 beginning at 4:00 p.m.
10. There will also be a Ribbon Cutting Ceremony at Jericho Mountain State Park for the new bathhouse. The Ceremony is Friday, June 17, 2016 from 2-4 p.m. at Jericho Park. A schedule is attached.
11. Roland Pinette sent a note saying that BHS conducted a tabletop exercise last week. As far as he knows, it is the first time a Berlin school has partnered with local first responders to provide this type of training experience to school personnel.

Planning for the event started last November. He said that when they selected the topic for the tabletop, a bomb threat, no one could have guessed that a real bomb threat would be received at the Middle School, the day before the exercise! That certainly heightened the realism of the exercise.

Chief Trull and Assistant Chief Soltys were valuable partners in the endeavor. Roland is grateful for their support and collaboration.
12. A Public Works Activity Report is attached for May.
13. The Police Department's Activity Report for April, as reported to the Berlin Police Commission, is attached.



# NEWS FROM THE HOUSE

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## 2016 B.C.C.H.S Barn Sales

Last year was the most successful ever. Thank you to everyone for supporting this annual fundraiser either by shopping or donating items for sale – or both! Though most items are in the smaller barn, be sure to check out the furniture department on the lower level of the larger barn. Also, there are displays you can visit on the upper level of the larger barn while you are on site for the sales. The barn sales will be held at the Brown Company barns on the East Milan Road in Berlin of the following dates: **May 28, opening day; June 18 - featuring glass and crystal; July 16 - Books; August 13 - books and records; September 10 - featuring Fall and Halloween merchandise; October 1 - Christmas items.** See you at the barn sales!

## Museum Store

Offered for sale in our Museum Store are unique books by local writers, including Ray Daigle's book, **Berlin Mills along the Androscoggin River**, a DVD documentary film of Berlin, and many postcards. The Museum is open Tuesdays through Saturdays from 12 noon to 4 PM for your shopping convenience. Prices and titles may be obtained by phoning the museum at 603-752-4590 or 603-752-7337. You may wish to visit our web site: [www.berlinhistoricalsociety.org](http://www.berlinhistoricalsociety.org). The web site will give you access to the list of all items available and more information about the Museum with lots of pictures and stories of past events.

## Main Street Construction

This summer, the city of Berlin will be doing the long overdue reconstruction of Main Street from the intersection of High Street to Twelfth Street. This will include the replacement of infrastructure such as the storm drainage and water systems. From Twelfth Street to the Community College only the pavement surface will be replaced. Much of the demolition will be difficult because under the many layers of asphalt accumulated over the past 75 years is the original steel reinforced concrete pavement which was laid in 1910 up to Iceland Street (Fifth Street), and continued further north in 1922. The total cost of this project will be about 6.3 million dollars. In 1910 the cost of paving from High St. to Iceland St. was \$18,078.80.

Berlin became the first community in New Hampshire to pave a city street by laying non-reinforced concrete in the downtown area from Green Square to High Street in 1909. This was done because more mechanized vehicles were making their appearance, including trucks. These vehicles were much heavier than the horse and wagons and were tough on the macadam paved Main Street (gravel), creating ruts and lots of mud. Although not steel reinforced and laid on the existing ground material in 1909, the Main Street concrete surface endured into the 1920s and was eventually covered with asphalt. In the late 1970s the downtown infrastructure was replaced. During this massive construction project, the first concrete that was laid on a street in New Hampshire, buried under a foot of asphalt, was removed. In 1922, Berlin Public Works continued paving Berlin's city streets with priority given to the hills as these were the first to wash out during rain storms. Berlin was still growing in the twenties and did well to build its infrastructure along with its fast growth.

**STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE**  
**INTER-DEPARTMENT COMMUNICATION**

**FROM:** Steven K. Glines, P.E.  
District Construction Engineer

**DATE:** June 3, 2016  
**AT:** Construction Bureau

**SUBJECT:** **Berlin X-A000(052), 12958B**  
Reconstruction & Realignment of NH Route 110, Phase 2

**TO:** **Construction Files**  
**Via**  
**Theodore Kitsis, P.E.**  
**Administrator, Construction**

**MEMORANDUM**

A Final Inspection Meeting for the above referenced project is scheduled as follows:

**Date:** Thursday, June 9, 2016

**Time:** 10:00 AM

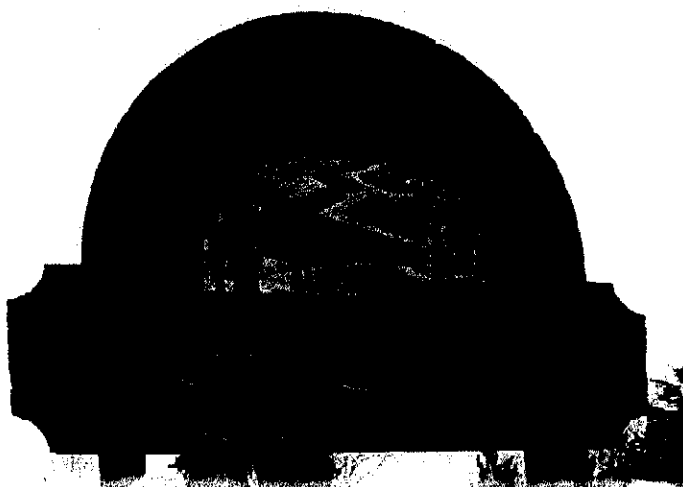
**Location:** On Site @ Parking Lot Next to Police Station

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cc:

Bureau of Environment  
Bureau of Highway Design  
Bureau of Highway Maintenance  
Bureau of Right-of-Way  
Bureau of Traffic  
Contractor, A.J. Coleman  
Contract Administrator, Dan Caouette  
Utility Section, Lennart Suther, Steve Swana &  
Josh Prescott  
Director of Project Development

District 1 Maintenance  
Transportation Management Center  
Environmental Coordinator, R. Talon, R. Crickard  
Federal Highway Administration  
Labor Compliance Section  
The Town of Berlin  
Project Lead Person, D. Lyford  
Gino Infascelli, Wetlands Bureau, DES  
Wetlands Permit #201300545

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# You're Invited

## Service Credit Union Heritage Park Ribbon Cutting and Business After Hours

**Tuesday, June 7, 2016 at 4:00 p.m.**

**Service Credit Union Heritage Park,  
942 Main Street, Berlin, NH**

Service Credit Union will kick off the start of the summer season at Service Credit Union Heritage Park with a ribbon cutting ceremony at 4:00 p.m.

Join us afterwards from 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. for Business After Hours in the park. Meet our local staff and enjoy a social evening of networking with your friends and neighbors.

Bring your business cards and enter a raffle for a chance to win a \$100 Visa® gift card or other great prizes.

**Please RSVP by June 3, 2016**

[Click here to RSVP](#) or contact Carolyn Pittman  
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STATE PARKS

## Ribbon Cutting

### New Bathhouse at Jericho Mountain State Park!

Please join us for a ribbon cutting for the new bathhouse at Jericho Mountain State Park on Friday June 17th. The bathhouse was funded by a Capital Budget appropriation from the NH State Legislature (\$295,000) and was matched by a grant from the Land and Water Conservation Fund (\$293,500). The building was designed by Kyle Barker of Warren Street Architects in Concord and is being constructed by Ray's Electric of Berlin. In addition the Androscoggin Valley ATV Club will be opening the new Yamaha Connector Trail that will link Jericho Mountain State Park to the regional trail system.

**Date:** Friday June 17, 2016

**Time:** 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm

**Where:** Jericho Mountain State Park

298 Jericho Lake Road

Berlin NH

### **Speakers:**

Governor (TBI)

Jeffrey Rose, Commissioner

Representatives of Local Communities

### **Schedule of the Day:**

**1:30-2:00** Welcome & Registration

**2:00 – 2:30** Speakers & Ribbon Cutting

**2:30 – 3:30** Social Time/Tour of building/Tour of Park

**3:00-3:30** Ribbon Cutting of the Yamaha Connector Trail

**Please RSVP to [monique.crete@dred.nh.gov](mailto:monique.crete@dred.nh.gov) by June 9, 2016.**

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

|  | Dec<br>2016 | Nov<br>2016 | Oct<br>2016 | Sept<br>2016 | Aug<br>2016 | July<br>2016 | June<br>2016 | May<br>2016 | April<br>2016 | Mar<br>2016 | Feb<br>2016 | Jan<br>2016 | Year to<br>Date 2016 | Year<br>2015 |
|--|-------------|-------------|-------------|--------------|-------------|--------------|--------------|-------------|---------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|----------------------|--------------|
| Total Service Requests   |             |             |             |              |             |              |              | 82          | 69            | 80          | 61          | 53          | 345                  | 762          |
| Administrative Service Requests  |             |             |             |              |             |              |              | 9           | 5             | 6           | 7           | 9           | 36                   | 15           |
| Cemetery burials   |             |             |             |              |             |              |              | 0           | 1             | 2           | 3           | 0           | 6                    | 24           |
| Maintenance: Bldg/Furniture repair,<br>Fences/Railings/Walls,<br>Lawns/Trees, Signs  |             |             |             |              |             |              |              | 13          | 6             | 13          | 13          | 8           | 53                   | 153          |
| Parks and Grounds  |             |             |             |              |             |              |              | 11          | 13            | 4           | 7           |             | 35                   | 48           |
| Refuse/Recycle/Yard Waste  |             |             |             |              |             |              |              | 8           | 5             | 3           | 5           | 10          | 31                   | 58           |
| Sanitary Sewer   |             |             |             |              |             |              |              | 7           | 8             | 9           | 6           | 3           | 33                   | 76           |
| Storm Drainage System  |             |             |             |              |             |              |              | 10          | 8             | 28          | 5           | 2           | 53                   | 75           |
| Streets and Highways: Repairs of<br>curbs/sidewalks/streets,<br>line painting, sweeping, sanding,<br>sand barrels, paving and potholes |             |             |             |              |             |              |              | 24          | 23            | 15          | 15          | 21          | 98                   | 313          |

| City Owned Property Service Requests |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |    |    |   |   |   |    |    |
|--------------------------------------|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|----|----|---|---|---|----|----|
| City Hall                            |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 5  | 3  | 6 | 6 | 4 | 24 | 41 |
| Recreation Dept.                     |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 2  | 4  | 4 | 0 | 0 | 10 | 4  |
| Library                              |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 0  | 0  | 0 | 0 | 2 | 2  | 10 |
| Fire Dept.                           |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 0  | 0  | 2 | 0 | 0 | 2  | 5  |
| Schools                              |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 1  | 1  | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2  | 7  |
| Bridges                              |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 0  | 0  | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0  | 2  |
| Parks/Fields/Other City owned        |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 11 | 12 | 4 | 3 | 1 | 31 | 23 |

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

|   | April 2016 | Year To<br>Date 2015 | Year to Date<br>2016 | Difference<br>% |
|---|------------|----------------------|----------------------|-----------------|
| Total Calls for Service   | 1451       | 5504                 | 5855                 | 6.38%           |
| Milan Calls for Service   | 62         | 199                  | 206                  | 3.52%           |
| Total Arrests   | 57         | 211                  | 231                  | 9.48%           |
| Protective Custody Arrests  | 4          | 23                   | 20                   | -13.04%         |
| Felonies  | 21         | 64                   | 76                   | 18.75%          |
| Misdemeanors  | 68         | 257                  | 277                  | 7.78%           |
| Thefts  | 19         | 71                   | 85                   | 19.72%          |
| Burglaries  | 7          | 11                   | 28                   | 154.55%         |
| Vandalism/Criminal Mischief   | 20         | 40                   | 51                   | 27.50%          |
| Criminal Threatening  | 8          | 30                   | 50                   | 66.67%          |
| Sexual Assaults   | 0          | 16                   | 14                   | -12.50%         |
| Assaults  | 11         | 27                   | 36                   | 33.33%          |
| Domestic Violence Incidents   | 8          | 61                   | 55                   | -9.84%          |
| Verbal Arguments  | 9          | 22                   | 30                   | 36.36%          |
| Restraining/Stalking Orders   | 16         | 22                   | 42                   | 90.91%          |
| Motor Vehicle Stops   | 232        | 792                  | 700                  | -11.62%         |
| Motor Vehicle Violations  | 31         | 52                   | 92                   | 76.92%          |
| Motor Vehicle Warnings  | 137        | 633                  | 500                  | -21.01%         |
| DWI Violations  | 5          | 8                    | 14                   | 75.00%          |
| Accidents   | 9          | 73                   | 45                   | -38.36%         |
| Accidents Within an Intersection                                    | 3          | 24                   | 15                   | -37.50%         |
| Parking Tickets   | 10         | 80                   | 182                  | 127.50%         |
| Dog Complaints  | 23         | 85                   | 119                  | 40.00%          |
| Animal Complaints (other)   | 15         | 29                   | 39                   | 34.48%          |
| Assists to other Berlin Departments                                 | 40         | 232                  | 173                  | -25.43%         |
| Assist to Berlin Ambulance  | 86         | 336                  | 284                  | -15.48%         |
| Assists to Gorham PD  | 4          | 33                   | 27                   | -18.18%         |
| Assists from Gorham PD  | 4          | 9                    | 16                   | 77.78%          |
| Juvenile Incidents  | 3          | 54                   | 43                   | -20.37%         |
| Juvenile Arrests  | 18         | 11                   | 31                   | 181.82%         |
|   |            |                      |                      |                 |
|   |            |                      |                      |                 |
| <b>Officers issued 10 parking ticket for the following reasons:</b> |            |                      |                      |                 |
| Improper Parking  | 1          |                      |                      |                 |
| Restricted Area   | 7          |                      |                      |                 |
| Against Traffic   | 1          |                      |                      |                 |
| Sidewalk  | 1          |                      |                      |                 |