

Memo

To: Mayor and Council
cc: Department Heads
From: Pat MacQueen, City Manager
Date: October 17, 2011
Re: Manager's Report

Burgess Biopower Groundbreaking

The Berlin Biopower Groundbreaking hosted by Mayor Grenier turned out to be quite an event with several hundred people attending including Governor Lynch, DRED Commissioner George Bald and PSNH CEO Gary Long. John Halle, Alex Ritchie and Chuck Grecco from Cate Street Capital also attended.

Over this past weekend NHPR had a piece which was talking about the fact that an aircraft parts manufacturer is seriously looking at also locating on the site. This company makes composite fuselage parts for airplanes. Attached is the complete piece from the NHPR web site which Councilor Nelson provided. Hopefully, all of this bodes well for growing and diversifying Berlin's economic base.

Demolition Bids

Attached are the bid summaries of two bids we took last week. One was for the demolition of 246 Grafton Street. The other was for 12 Cambridge. The bids were very competitive and we expect that the low bids will be awarded. Getting this kind of competitive pricing on our demolition projects is great because it extends what we can do with our limited demolition budget.

Dedication of Kelley Park

Attached is a flier giving notice of the dedication of the little park next to the Library which was donated by Mark and Barry Kelley and family to the City in memory of their parents Emmet J. and Evelyn B. Collins Kelley. The dedication will be held at 1pm on Friday October 21st at the Park next to the Library.

AVH in Top 100

Attached is a press release from AVH which indicates that it was named one of the top 100 Critical Access Hospitals in the United States by the National Rural Health Association. This speaks to the quality of the local health care asset which AVH represents to Berlin and the area.

Mike Perreault

Mike Perreault has been recovering amazingly well from this major surgery several weeks ago. He has been in to see us all and is doing a little work from home. He had a setback last week as a result of a blood clot in his leg from the inactivity, but they seem to be getting that under control also. He probably has another week or so before the doctors will let him come back into the office on a regular basis.

PTAP Seminar

The NH Procurement Technical Assistance Program, a Division of DRED, will be putting on a free seminar on Thursday October 13th, 2011 at the WMCC from 9am to noon. The seminar is free to any business or prospective business which might have an interest in becoming a subcontractor to a contractor to the Federal Government. The flier for that is attached.

State Prison Letter of Compliance

Some months ago we received a copy of a letter of deficiency from the NH Department of Environmental Services (DES) to the State Prison in Berlin regarding its air emissions. Attached is a letter of compliance which presumably indicates that the Prison has corrected the deficiency and is now in compliance.

PWD Monthly Report

Attached.