

Memo

To: Mayor and Council
cc: Department Heads
From: Pat MacQueen, City Manager
Date: November 7, 2011
Re: Manager's Report

Burgess Biopower Progress

There have been a number of meetings over the past few weeks with Berlin Station engineers on dealing with treated groundwater for excavations as well as storm water from the site. We are expecting that they will be making some final decisions this week about how they want to approach dealing with their storm water. Fire and inspections are also working with them on the construction of an assembly building for construction workers inside the large brick warehouse building which was not demolished.

BWW Bond Signing

On Tues. October 25, 2011, the \$1,025,000 USDA RD bonds were closed with the City's signing of them. This allows Berlin Water Works to proceed with water line improvement projects within the City. Once they work through this \$1M RD loan, they will then be eligible for an USDA RD grant of close to \$3M.

NHHFA Meeting here on Notre Dame and Visit of CDFA

Last week representatives of the NH Housing Finance Authority were here to go over TCC's application for Low Income Housing Tax Credits, a capital subsidy (HOME) loan and a Greener

Homes renewable energy grant from them for the proposed Notre Dame Assisted Living Project. TCC was competing with two other senior housing projects from southern NH. It turns out that our application to NHHFA missed out to one of those two other communities in the scoring by 3 points. TCC has already been awarded both CDFA CDIP tax credits and a CDBG block grant of \$500k. Much of the meeting was discussing how that could be changed and NHHFA offered that they would embark on a market study which would provide better information on the marketability of the proposed project which then might allow the project to be funded next year.

Bidding of next McGee Street and Kent Street I&I project

The bidding for this next I&I project has been advertised with a bid opening scheduled for November 29, 2011. The work will involve 1,380 linear feet of sanitary sewer replacement on Kent Street, 460 linear feet of sewer replacement on McGee Street, 210 linear feet of Riverside Drive and 370 linear feet of a cross country line off of Riverside Drive, the rehabbing of 16 manholes along the WMCC interceptor and individual house separation of improper sewer connections. It will be a nine to ten month project starting this winter.

IRENE

FEMA officials have now visited Berlin to look at areas where damage occurred. Unfortunately, the Coos County was declared as a disaster area making it eligible for federal assistance but this is for public agencies only and not individual property owners. PWD and BWV are working with FEMA officials to get costs to them in the hope that we will be reimbursed some or all of these costs of the storm.

CDFA Tour

Today the Board of the Community Development Finance Authority visited Berlin for a presentation from City Planner Pam Laflamme and other on the Better Buildings initiative in Berlin. They also are touring the NSP 1 and NSP 3 neighborhoods jointly with Andre Caron and Linda White as well as representatives from New England Family Housing. They will see completed projects from NSP1 that they haven't seen before and will visit the next NSP 3 locations where improvements will occur and will tour the property at 28 Spring Street.

GACIT Hearings

Two more NHDOT Governor's Advisory Commission on Transportation Hearings will be held on the DOT Ten Year Transportation Improvement Plan (2013—2022). These will be in Concord at the John O. Morton Building on 11-15-11 at 2pm and on 11-30-11 at the State House at 2pm should anyone want to attend either of these.

PWD Garage Project

Attached are pictures of one of five large projects the Garage did over the summer. This is the rehabilitation of a heavy duty salter/sander on one of our large army surplus trucks. The thing is designed for easy maintenance with fold up fenders for easy tire changing and lights up out of the way. The frame was sandblasted and painted. This is a critical piece to our winter snow-fighting fleet. Many cudos to the garage crew for a job well done.

Kestrel Article

For your information, I have attached an article from the "Mid-Coast Forecaster" talking about Kestrel's possible plans in Brunswick and Berlin.

PWD Monthly Report

Attached.

Manager's Time-keeping

Attached.