

MAYOR'S REPORT

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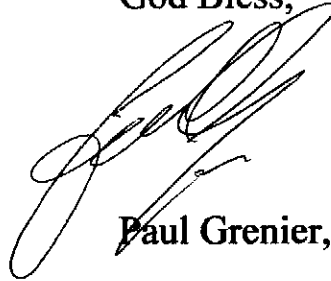
It is with a real sense of sadness for Ray Burton the man that I heard from Senator Woodburn of his new battle with cancer. I have had the extreme pleasure of working with Ray on many issues affecting Berlin and Coos County. Have a problem with a state agency? Call Councillor Burton. With his announcement that he will not seek another term as both Executive Councillor from District One as well as a member of the Grafton County Commission, a historic era will come to a proud end. The political vacuum created with Councillor Burton's exit from public service is immeasurable. When others in Concord see Ray Burton, they see the North Country. When Ray speaks and votes on issues, the folksy down to earth manner in which he conducts himself reveals a passionate man who's only interest is the people he serves. I am a better person for serving with Ray Burton, and I ask everyone who is reading this to say a prayer for Ray Burton. Godspeed my firend!!

The City of Berlin will be finishing up a couple of capital projects in the next 2-3 weeks. The big project is the first phase of Hutchins Street. We are replacing storm drain and sewer lines from Bridge Street to the Bean Brook bridge. We will trench pave for the winter. Then, as aprt of a much larger project, it is hoped that we can piggy back the Route 110 project and finish Hutchins. There will be new granite curbing as well as a new raodbed and pavement. It will look and drive great when finished. The other project will be to replace broken guardrailing on the easterly side of the Mason Street bridge. That portion was damaged earlier this summer in a one vehicle accident. The insurance company has settled and the job should take three weeks to complete.

Finally, election day is upon us. As I present myself for another term, I have been very humbled by the opportunity you've all given me to serve as Mayor of Berlin. I take my responsibilities very seriously, noted by the fact I have only missed four meetings in four years. In some stretches, it can be a full time job but I am driven by the notion that I want to leave Berlin in a better place than when I was first elected. It is also very refreshing to come to

City Hall and find a City Council as equally dedicated. Our success are a team effort. Our shortcomings are a team effort. The fact that we've been able to accomplish so many things in so many areas and keep taxes stable is a true testament to the chemistry of our team, "Team Berlin". I ask all of you, humbly, to keep the momentum going and the progress moving forward by sending all of us back to City Hall. There is still much to be done!!

God Bless,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Paul Grenier", written in a cursive style.

Paul Grenier, Mayor