

MAYOR'S REPORT

SEPTEMBER 29, 2011

Mark your calendar. On Thursday, October 6th, the City of Berlin will be celebrating one of it's most important accomplishments in recent memory. The groundbreaking ceremony will be held at the site of the new Berlin Station/Burgess Power Company's biofuel 75 MW power plant on site. A host of officials will be on hand, including Governor John Lynch, Senator Jeanne Shaheen, Councillor Ray Burton, Senator John Gallus, DRED Commissioner George Bald and PSNH CEO Gary Long. It is because of the long term vision and commitment to Berlin from both PSNH's Gary Long as well as Cate Street's John Halle that this project will become a reality. As most of you know, it would have been very easy for both parties, particularly PSNH, to simply back away from the plant in the face of opposition. Undaunted, both John Halle and Gary Long could see the huge benefit of this facility to not only Berlin, but to the health of the forestry industry in Coos County. The taxpayers of Berlin are the real winners, as is the working families who will build, operate and supply the plant. Goods and services tied to the plant operation will be substantial to all area business as well. The ceremony will start at 11 AM followed by a huge cookout. Best of all, the entire community is invited to attend the celebration. There will be announcements in the Daily Sun next week.

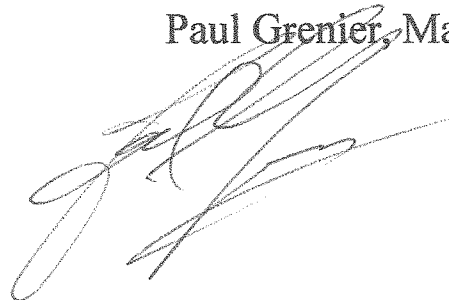
The 2011 municipal election season is upon us again. I have placed my name for another term as your mayor. It has been an honor to serve Berlin and I worked as hard as I could in these last two years to keep my promise, jobs jobs jobs. As a result, we have a new owner and operator at the mill in Gorham Paper and Tissue. With the natural gas pipeline nearing completion, I'm confident GP&T will be better positioned to manufacture products that it could not otherwise produce profitably with #6 oil. Berlin Station/Burgess Power Company was the reason I ran for

office two years ago. It was a tough fight and I didn't back down one inch. The results? We will soon have 300 construction employees on site, many from Berlin. The NH Building Trades Council will be introducing an apprenticeship program for those who want to begin a career in the trades. The 750,000 tons a year of wood chips represents the difference between going out of the logging business and thriving while hiring a whole new generation of employees. Up to \$43 Million in new tax revenue for the City of Berlin. Those were my promises, and I kept them, but not without the effort of Berlin's team. We are very lucky that City Council members Lucie Remillard, Mike Rozek, Lefty Theberge, Russ Otis, Diana Nelson and Dori Ducharme worked elbow to elbow with me. Except for Councillor Rozek, all are up for re-election and I need them all back. They share my vision and passion for Berlin as we keep improving our community and their experience is vital.

I want to take this time to publically thank Andre Caron who served as Berlin's Housing Co-ordinator for 6 plus years. There was no script for the job, but he was tenacious. By securing federal monies, many properties in shameful condition were torn down. By last count, over 20 of the worst. On the lower East Side and elsewhere, older homes are getting complete facelifts with partnerships formed with well respected local owners. The job is far from done, however, and the members of the City Council and I remain totally committed to ridding the remaining problem housing stock.

Finally, I want to offer public condolences to the families of Husky Poirier, Christine Moores and Rene LaFrancois. Berlin will miss the energy and vitality they brought to our lives.

Paul Grenier, Mayor

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Paul Grenier', written over a horizontal line.