

Memo

To: Berlin City Council
From: Jim Wheeler, City Manager
Date: 7/20/2020
Re: City Manager's Report

1. Staff from Corcoran Consulting Associates have been reviewing all City properties from the street during the last two weeks of June and the first two weeks of July. Staff will have clearly marked vehicles with "Assessor's Office" signs and personnel will have introduction letters from the City Manager and car information on file with the Berlin Police Department. Corcoran Asso. is schedule to give the Board of Assessors a status update on their work on the statistical revaluation on Wednesday of this week.
2. There is a fantastic group of volunteers from the Berlin Main Street Program, Androscoggin Valley Chamber of Commerce, Granite United Way and White Mountain Rotary Club of Berlin and Gorham who are working on sprucing up the Downtown, Heritage Park, and City Parks. Many, many thanks to these wonderful community minded people.
3. After the last meeting on July 13th, as requested, businesses were sent a letter encouraging the use of face masks. A copy of the letter is attached.
4. Attached is Central Rivers Power notification of drawdown of the Smith Hydro headworks from September 14, 2020 to September 25, 2020.
5. Attached is a letter from Atty. Eric Maher of DTC providing an update on their effort to develop Comprehensive Public Right of Way Regulations for multiple communities including Berlin.
6. Attached is a communication from Eversource notifying us of their Transmission Line Inspections using drones.
7. Police statistics as reported to the Police Commission at the July meeting are attached.
8. BEMS statistics are attached.



CITY CLERK'S OFFICE
CITY OF BERLIN
168 MAIN STREET
BERLIN, NH 03570
TEL: 603-752-2340

July 10, 2020

Dear Berlin Business Owners,

At the City Council meeting on July 6th, the Council discussed the COVID19 pandemic and how fortunate this area has been to date to have little transmission of the virus. With the re-opening of businesses and tourism, people from inside and outside of the local area are visiting and providing much needed support to your local business. With increased activity, there is concern about the increased risk of infection if practical measures are not taken. The Council voted at the meeting to send a letter to all businesses in Berlin asking that you strongly encourage customers to wear face masks when in your establishment to help stop the spread of the Coronavirus.

Thank you for your help in keeping our community safe and healthy.

On behalf of the Mayor and Council,

Shelli Fortin
City Clerk



Central Rivers Power

59 Ayers Island Road
Bristol, NH 03222

June 29, 2020

Mr. James Wheeler
City Manager
City of Berlin
168 Main Street
Berlin, NH 03570

RE: Notification of Drawdown for Smith Hydro FERC Project No. 2287

Dear Mr. Wheeler,

Central Rivers Power New Hampshire, LLC (CRPNH) is notifying you of our plans to lower the water level above the Smith Hydro dam on the Androscoggin River in Berlin, NH.

CRPNH plans to drain the canal and lower the water level above Smith Hydro dam approximately seven (7) feet below normal from September 14, 2020 through September 25, 2020 in order to perform concrete repairs, routine maintenance and conduct inspections of the canal and penstock. Water levels will be restored to normal upon completion of the work.

The resource agencies (New Hampshire Fish and Game Department, New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services and United States Fish and Wildlife Service) were notified of the planned drawdown on April 27, 2020.

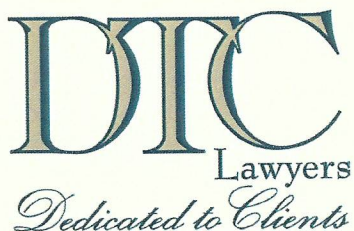
If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact me at (603) 744-0846 or cmooney@centralriverspower.com.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Curt Mooney".

Curt Mooney
Manager, Regulatory Affairs

cc: Mr. James Gallagher - NHDES Water Division (via email)



CELEBRATING OVER 30 YEARS OF SERVICE TO OUR CLIENTS

June 23, 2020

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Comprehensive Public Right of Way Regulations – Status Update

RETIRED
MICHAEL J. DONAHUE
CHARLES F. TUCKER
NICHOLAS R. AESCHLIMAN

Dear DTC Clients:

The purpose of this letter is to provide you with an update as to the production of comprehensive public right-of-way regulations to allow for your community to safely and prudently manage your public rights-of-way in compliance with various State and Federal laws in response to requests from various utilities whose seek to access your community's public rights-of-way.

As you are aware, we have taken a phased approach to the production of these regulations. The first phase was to produce a template set of regulations that combined the various requirements of State and Federal law and accounted for the various circumstances communities across the State may face regarding this issue. That first phase has been subject to a consolidated bill, such that the costs of these efforts could be split amongst a large number of communities and, accordingly, keep costs down. Enclosed with this letter, you will find a final bill from phase one reflecting your community's share of that consolidated bill.

The second phrase is to take that template and tailor it to each of our client communities. That process will involve amending the template regulations to account for the existence of excavation regulations and other regulations (or lack thereof) that may already exist in your community to ensure that the public right of way regulations are consistent with other regulations. We have commenced that second phase, and you have likely received (or will shortly receive) a call from my paralegal Stephanie Carty seeking that information. For this phase two work, your community will be billed separately; however, our efforts in preparing a flexible template will allow us to perform this tailoring efficiently and in a cost-effective manner.

If you have any questions regarding this letter, please do not hesitate to contact me or my associate Brendan O'Donnell.

Very Truly Yours,
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Berlin Police Department
 July 2020 Commissioner's Meeting
- May 2020 Activity Report -

	May 2020	Year To Date 1/1 - 5/31/2019	Year To Date 1/1 - 5/31/2020	Difference %
Total Calls for Service	1733	8500	8106	-4.64%
Milan Calls for Service	116	415	440	6.02%
Milan Patrols	45	158	201	27.22%
Total Arrests	67	287	363	26.48%
Protective Custody Arrests	6	37	41	10.81%
Felonies	21	98	79	-19.39%
Misdemeanors	90	338	452	33.73%
Thefts	17	70	84	20.00%
Burglaries	2	10	10	0.00%
Vandalism/Criminal Mischief	21	56	52	-7.14%
Criminal Threatening	18	56	55	-1.79%
Sexual Assaults	1	17	4	-76.47%
Assaults	11	45	39	-13.33%
Domestic Violence Incidents	30	93	121	30.11%
Verbal Arguments	5	16	13	-18.75%
Restraining/Stalking Orders	3	33	27	-18.18%
Drug Complaints	48	56	167	198.21%
Drug complaints on same recurring location*	24	1	90	8900.00%
Suspected Overdose	1	13	16	23.08%
Involuntary Emergency Admission (IEA)	10	25	29	16.00%
Motor Vehicle Stops	149	664	859	29.37%
Motor Vehicle Violations	21	108	119	10.19%
Motor Vehicle Warnings	124	698	831	19.05%
OHRV Complaints	13	30	23	-23.33%
OHRV Stops	8	6	11	83.33%
OHRV Accidents	3	4	5	25.00%
DWI Violations	6	9	17	88.89%
Accidents	16	95	61	-35.79%
Accidents Within an Intersection	6	40	39	-2.50%
Parking Tickets	3	178	137	-23.03%
Dog Complaints	29	121	99	-18.18%
Animal Complaints (other)	45	67	72	7.46%
Assists to other Berlin Departments	3	154	80	-48.05%
Assist to Berlin Ambulance	81	370	332	-10.27%
Assists to Gorham PD	3	33	22	-33.33%
Assists from Gorham PD	1	24	18	-25.00%
Juvenile Incidents	6	57	26	-54.39%
Juvenile Arrests	0	7	12	71.43%
Officers issued 3 parking ticket for the following reason:				
Against Traffic	3			
Locations of Intersection Related Accidents:				
Blais St & Forbush Ave	1			
Granite St & York St	1			
Green St & Wight St	1			
Head Pond Rd & Jericho Rd	1			
Hutchins St & Page Hill Rd	1			
Jericho Lake Rd & W. Milan Rd	1			
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2020 BEMS Call Log SUMMARY

	Calls	Emergency	Non E.	LD	ND	NT	Gorham	Milan
January	108	77	10	12	75	21	2	2
February	142	98	22	18	102	22	1	1
March	120	80	11	8	83	29	0	1
April	111	66	12	12	66	33	1	2
May	137	100	10	24	86	27	0	1
June	152	100	15	24	91	37	0	1
July								
August								
September								
October								
November								
December								
	770	521	80	98	503	169	4	8

2015	1748
2016	1721
2017	1771
2018	1787
2019	1884

Calls=Total number

Emergency= Calls that require a trip to the Emergency room, or another hospital

Non Emergency= Calls that require a patient to be brought from the local hospital home, or to a local nursing facility.

LD= Long Distance transport

ND= Normal distance transport

NT= No transport, a non billable call, either refusal of care, cancellation, no patient, ect.

Gorham and Milan calls represent a responded call from that community.

Susan Tremblay

From: Larocca, Elizabeth L <elizabeth.larocca@eversource.com>
Sent: Tuesday, July 07, 2020 4:29 PM
To: Larocca, Elizabeth L
Cc: Celentano, Catalina J; Greene, John W; Penkala, Kevin
Subject: Eversource Transmission Line Inspections - Using Drones
Attachments: Drone Line Inspections.pdf

Dear North Country & Lakes Region Officials,

This notice is being sent to you on behalf of Catalina Celentano who is out of the office this week and John Greene who is now covering municipalities in Eversource's Eastern Region.

Since the spring, Eversource has been conducting aerial patrols using drones to assess the condition of various transmission lines throughout the state. Eversource contractor Mesa Associates, Inc has had crews in the North Country in recent weeks and will be moving them west towards the Vermont border, south to the Claremont area and then east to Franklin before they head south towards Deerfield and the Seacoast.

Mesa Associates deploys 2-person crews who use a regular pick-up truck which tows an ATV in case they need to reach remote locations. The work is low key and low impact with crews spending about five minutes at each transmission structure and working entirely within Eversource's rights-of-way.

Eversource began using drone technology in recent years due to the quality of the information gathered quickly and efficiently. We have attached an informational flyer which explains more about this work and offers some answers to frequently-asked questions.

If you have any questions or concerns about this work, please contact me or Kevin Penkala of Eversource Siting & Construction Services. Please direct questions or concerns from area residents to Kevin using the email address NHProjectsInfo@eversource.com or the project hotline number 1-888-926-5334.

Thank you very much! We appreciate your patience and cooperation as we perform this important maintenance activity.

Elizabeth LaRocca

Eversource Energy

Community Relations Specialist | Southern Region

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