



# BERLIN TOWN NEWS

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## **BERLIN SELECTBOARD 2007 MID-YEAR REPORT**

This has been a very busy six months for the Selectboard, Town staff and all of the many volunteers who work so tirelessly on behalf of the Town and its residents. Here are just some of the highlights:

Jeff Schulz joined the Town as its new Town Administrator on July 9, 2007. Jeff previously served as Town Manager for the Town of Fair Haven and has a strong planning background. Jeff is also serving as the Town's Zoning Administrator (ZA). In order to provide Jeff with the necessary administrative support to handle both positions, Rebecca Richardson, Administrative Assistant, is now working on a full-time basis. The Selectboard would like to thank Peter Noyes for agreeing to fill in as temporary ZA and for all his efforts to ensure a smooth transition following Jeff's arrival. We would also like to note the re-hiring of Richard (Tate) Tetrault as the Town's Road Superintendent.

At Berlin's 2007 Town Meeting, a final budget of \$ 1,942,435.00 and special appropriations of \$172,200.00 were approved and Selectboard members voted in. Board members are Pat McDonald, Chair; Don Blanchette, Vice-Chair; Kitty Langlois, Secretary; Brad Towne and Laura Plude.

The Town's reappraisal process began on July 1, 2007. Ted Nelson and Richard Lewis from Vermont Appraisal Company with the assistance of the Town's listers have been busy taking pictures of properties and setting appointments with property owners. Inspections are estimated to take place from September 2007 through April 2008. Status reports are available on the Town's website ([www.berlinvt.org](http://www.berlinvt.org)).

The grand list totaling \$2,585,656 was completed and a municipal tax rate of \$0.6346 set on July 16, 2007. A draft Independent Auditor's Report ending June 30, 2007 was completed by Mudgett, Jennett & Kroch-Wisner, P.C. The general fund had a deficit of \$21,102.00 due to a required deferred tax adjustment, although the budget revenues exceeded expenses by \$8,285.00. The general fund has an unreserved and undesignated fund balance of \$115,008.00 which is available for spending at the Town's discretion.

Prior to Town Meeting, the Town's Emergency Management Team (EMT) monitored the potential ice jam situation in Montpelier. Members prepared a mailing to potential "at risk" residents and businesses containing a range of disaster preparedness information. Then on July 11th and 12th the team worked in cooperation with the Town's safety personnel (police and fire departments) to respond to the flooding that occurred in low-lying areas along Rte 302. Both incidents provided an opportunity for the EMT to evaluate and assess its level of preparedness. Under the leadership of Ture Nelson, EMT Director, the team is reaching out to residents to expand EMT participation to ensure the Town's readiness for major incidents.

Chief Bill Jennings, Jeff Schulz, Pat McDonald and Rob Halpert, Town Attorney along with Patti Lewis, Treasurer, were appointed as the Town's management bargaining team. The group has been in negotiations over the past few months with members of the Police Department and their bargaining agent, the Chauffeurs, Teamsters, Warehouseman and Helpers Union No. 597.

There has been considerable discussion about the establishment of a mobile methadone clinic program in Berlin over the past year. The final plan presented by BAART Programs eliminates the mobile van concept and provides for the use of a fixed site on Granger Road for dispensing and counseling. The Selectboard appointed five Berlin residents as members of the Berlin Methadone Clinic Advisory Committee. The Committee's first meeting was scheduled for Tuesday, October 16th to provide a public information forum and to discuss the Committee's role and responsibilities.

The Economic Development Council, chaired by Paul Irons, received a grant for the development of a Town Economic Development Plan (EDP). The Committee contracted with David Versel of Devonomics, who has already completed a draft Inventory and Analysis Report available on the Town's website and is currently preparing his final Report and recommendations. The Council has recently been fine-tuning a draft Vision and Goals Statement for the EDP which embodies the essence of the work we have been doing this year. This document will be available soon, and we hope that Berlin residents and business people alike will attend our final public hearing later this fall to weigh in on the Statement and Plan before they are submitted to the Selectboard for adoption.

Shirley Fortier and Keith Robinson, co-chairs of the Town Center Task Force, presented the draft conceptual town center master plan to the Selectboard. The conceptual drawing which can be found on the Town's website incorporates many public comments and ideas. The co-chairs also presented the Task Force's concept for the affordable housing project originally suggested by the State for the State's library

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## **TOWN ROAD PROJECTS**

The Town of Berlin Highway Department recently completed two road projects. The first project is on Comstock and Granger Roads, and involved the installation of new culverts, new stone-lined ditches, grass lined ditches, and road shoulder grading. This work will reduce the Town's road maintenance costs, and help protect local water resources. The Town of Berlin received technical assistance for the project from the Northern Vermont Conservation & Development Council, and from the Department of Environmental Conservation Watershed Coordinator. Also, the Town received grant funding for the project from the Vermont Better Backroads Program.

The next project is Scott Hill Road. This project included the excavation and rebuilding of nearly .453 mile of road base, replacement of several existing culverts, the installation of new culverts, and re-ditching along both sides of road. In addition, the unpaved portion of Scott Hill Road will be paved in 2008. The rebuilding and paving of this road will also serve to reduce the Town's road maintenance costs. The Town received technical assistance for the project from the Vermont Agency of Transportation (VAOT) District #6 office, and grant funding from VAOT's Class Two Highway Grant Program.

In addition to these roads projects, the Town is currently rebuilding a section of Cross-town Road that was recently closed as a result of a road bed failure along an approximately 120 feet section of the road. After several well attended public meetings, the Select Board elected to rebuild the road versus closing it. Cross-town Road provides a major east/west transportation link from the Southwesterly part of Town to and from the Town's major employers and services. The Town received emergency funding from the VAOT for this project, and construction is currently under way.

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## **BERLIN EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT**

Would you like to help the town in the event of an emergency or disaster? Berlin Emergency Management is looking to expand our team to prepare our emergency plans and staff the emergency operations center in the event of an emergency. We are looking for individuals with experience in operations, planning, finance and especially logistics. Emergency management experience is not necessary – just a willingness to serve your town and help your neighbors. The time commitment is up to you, from spending time reviewing plans via email to working in the EOC during an emergency.

Berlin Emergency Management has started an email group as a way to keep town residents and businesses informed of emergency management issues in the town. Messages would include emergency weather alerts from the National Weather Service plus updates on emergency situations within the town. To be included in the mailing list visit <http://groups.google.com/group/berlin-emergency-management>, and select "Join this group" in the right hand column.

If you would like to volunteer or have any problems subscribing to the email group, please contact Ture Nelson at [ture.nelson@dot.gov](mailto:ture.nelson@dot.gov).

Ture Nelson, Director  
Berlin Emergency Management

## **BERLIN HISTORICAL SOCIETY**

We have had some very interesting programs throughout the summer this year.

It began with the presentation by David Perrin (a former Berlin resident) at our May Annual Potluck and Program meeting on his coin silver collection and about the Vermont silversmiths that produced the silverware. An interesting tie to Berlin was that a silversmith from Montpelier was accused of the "Murder at Berlin Pond" written about in "A Place to Pass Through", the book published by the Berlin Historical Society for the Town's Bicentennial in 1991.

This was followed in our July meeting by a presentation by our own member, Lynn McManus, on the Glastonbury, Conn./Berlin Vt. connection. Many of our early settlers came from the Glastonbury Conn. area, names like Perrin, Nye, Andrews, Buck, Dewey, House, Hubbard and Ellis to name a few. This presentation was illustrated by maps of the area of Conn. that these pioneers came from and pictures of homes where they lived.

Then at our August meeting Joyce Pelletier presented a program on the recent book that she has published, entitled "A Vermont Woman's Life in 1883", based on a diary written by Addie Turner Crandall in that year. The Crandalls lived on East Road on a farm that overlooked the area that is now occupied by the E. F. Knapp Airport. At the end of her program Joyce presented the diary to the Berlin Historical Society.

We have made several historical acquisitions this year, two diaries written by Jennie Scott Stewart which are extremely valuable as they mention lots of Berlin family names. One diary was written in 1899 and the other in 1938. We continually monitor E-Bay as there are quite often items of historical interest to us in Berlin. Another recent acquisition was the history of the MacKenzie Memorial Church in Riverton written by Reverend Arthur Wentworth Hewitt for the 100th anniversary of that church. There are references in that history to the Methodist Church which was located on Scott Hill Road some 200 feet north of the current Congregational Church. The parsonage was the home that had been occupied by Harold Woodbury.

We continue to improve the Nye-Woodbury room at Town Hall, most recently with the addition of two sets of shelves on which to display our book collection. We also continue the sorting and filing of our numerous historical records and artifacts.

In our quest for pictures of the old schoolhouses of Berlin, we recently acquired a picture of the District 12 School on Cox Brook, including pictures of some of the students there, from Mark Jenkinson, the current owner. We are developing a display of those old schools along with pictures of how those buildings look today.

This summer we have done extensive work on the updating of the indexes of the monuments in Berlin's historical cemeteries including a photographic file of all monuments. Completed were East Road, Black, Colby and Dewey-Wright cemeteries. These corrected indexes are found on the Town Web site, <[berlinvt.org](http://berlinvt.org)>. The first map, that of Colby cemetery, is also now on the web page. The others will follow as they are completed by Greg DuBois, a member of the Berlin Cemetery Commission. The photos on DVD disks are available on request.

Norbert D. Rhinerson, President

## SELECTBOARD REPORT

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parcel on Paine Turnpike. The presentation was well-received by the Board and a letter of support for the housing project will be considered by the Board at its November meeting. Board members expressed their appreciation for the Task Force's hard work and dedication.

With regard to the Town's infrastructure, the Selectboard wants to recognize the incredible cooperation between the Town and key personnel from the Agencies of Transportation (AOT) District 6 and Natural Resources. Their assistance has allowed the Town to proceed with several major projects to include Crosstown Road, Chase Road Bridge, Comstock Road (Granger Road) and Scott Hill Road. An update of these projects is included in this newsletter. The Selectboard also needs to recognize the invaluable assistance of Bob Wernecke, who volunteered to be the Town's "project manager" to ensure that each of these projects progress as planned. Bob has also been instrumental in the implementation of the Rte 62 and Fisher Road Traffic Study funded by the Central Vermont Regional Planning Commission and Agency of Transportation. DuBois & King Inc. is conducting the study which will include presentations to the Town, Central Vermont Regional Planning Commission's Transportation Advisory Committee and the public through at least two public hearings.

Bob Wernecke and Pat McDonald with the support of the Planning Commission have been working in cooperation with the City of Barre to ensure that the recently released preliminary FEMA Flood Plain Maps are reasonable and as defensible as possible. A new hydrologic model was used by FEMA which resulted in considerably reduced areas of the 100 year flood from the method previously used. Working with the Agency of Natural Resources and staff from Vermont's congressional delegation, Berlin and Barre City representatives were able to get FEMA representatives to re-evaluate the process and provide more time to review the methodology used and to continue the collaborative process within Washington County.

At the recommendation of Vermont's congressional delegation staff, the Post Office Committee has implemented a grassroots effort to reach out to residents and businesses to help petition the U.S. Postal Service for the reestablishment of a post office in the Town of Berlin. Committee members are asking for any personal experiences that highlight any customer service concerns. A petition mailer is available through the Town's website. Comments can also be forwarded to Rosemary Morse at townclerk@berlinvt.org. The Committee is also working on ways to highlight the important role that Berlin plays in the region.

The Selectboard also wants to recognize the work being done by Tom Willard, Chair, and members of the Water Supply Steering Committee. The Committee has contracted with Otter Creek Engineer to analyze and compile all of the prior water studies and to recommend possible water system alternatives, user base and demand estimates and course of action.

Chief Jennings had notified the Selectboard of his intention to resign from his position at the end of 2007. The Selectboard accepted his resignation with deep regret and wished him every success in whatever the future holds. Bill has always performed his job with the best interest of the Town and its residents in mind and the Selectboard sincerely hope that Bill will continue to be involved in the Town in some capacity. The position of Chief of Police has been advertised and depending on the response, the Selectboard hopes to have the position filled by year-end.

After considerable discussion with those previously involved in the Town's Annual Festival and Parade, a decision was made to hold a community event in the spring, rather than in the fall. A committee will be formed this winter to begin planning the event.

The foregoing highlights are not intended to be an inclusive list of activities currently underway in the Town. If you have any questions or would like to participate on any of the committees or be involved with any projects, please contact either Jeff Schulz at 223-4405 or jschulz@berlinvt.org or Pat McDonald at 476-8411 or patmcdonald8411@charter.net. We would also encourage you to become a frequent visitor to the Town's website and would like to express our sincere appreciation to Norb Rhinerson and Andrea Chandler, who have volunteered to be the Town's webmasters.

Please note that the Selectboard meets at the Municipal Offices on the 1st and 3rd Monday's of every month at 7 p.m., unless otherwise posted. Regularly scheduled meetings are also shown on Adelphia Channel 17 (ORCA), Central Vermont Television Channel 7, and Trans-Video Cable Television. We encourage public participation at all meetings and welcome your comments and suggestions.

The Berlin Selectboard

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## BERLIN CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Energy Conservation: Are you interested in reducing the economic costs and environmental impacts of our energy use in Berlin? Would you like the town to explore more efficient and renewable sources of energy for its buildings and vehicles? Would you like to reduce waste or promote local agriculture? If the answer to any or all of these questions is yes, we need your help.

The Berlin Conservation Commission would like to consider ways to address these and other energy saving initiatives. Each person can make a difference. There are many projects waiting for the right volunteers to initiate them. You might like to help implement an energy audit assessment of municipal buildings or perform a streetlight inventory and assessment. Perhaps your interests lie in promoting public and non-motorized transportation or assessing biodiesel use for town vehicles or heat.

With the right expertise, the Commission can help the town take action now, which in turn could benefit its citizens for decades to come. If you can spare some of your time, please contact Jenn Ingersoll at [jenningersoll@pshift.com](mailto:jenningersoll@pshift.com).

Gift of Liberty Elm Trees: The Commission wishes to thank the Berlin Wal-Mart for its generous donation in August of four 19' Liberty Elm Trees from the Elm Research Institute to our town. On September 20, members of the Commission, with the generous help of the Berlin Highway Department crew members and Vermont District Urban Forester David Wilcox, planted three of the Liberty Elms on the grounds of Berlin Elementary School – including two near the entrance gate – and one at the Berlin Corners Cemetery, near the northern entrance. The Commission greatly appreciates the gift of these Dutch Elm disease-resistant trees and looks forward to watching them grow and mature in our community. Many thanks go to Berlin Elementary School Grade 1 teacher Kay McHugh for her enthusiasm and collaboration with this project. Thanks also to Andrea Chandler, Andy Wellman, Richard Turner, State Forester and Berlin resident David Wilcox, and the Town Highway Crew – for their hard work in getting these Elms planted. We are grateful to the Berlin Fire Department for so generously agreeing to water the Elms for the remainder of the season and next year as needed.

Jenn Ingersoll, Chair  
Berlin Conservation Commission

## BERLIN REAPPRAISAL IS IN THE WORKS

The Town-wide reappraisal is now in full swing. The Berlin Listers have been busy sending out mailings to property owners in advance of inspections, calling for appointments and even visiting some of the properties. The Listers are active in the project to assure the job is done properly and they understand the different steps that are being taken to set new property values.

The appraisers from the Vermont Appraisal Company have started inspecting properties in Town. There are two principal appraisers on the job; Rich Lewis and Ted Nelson, Jr. Rich has recently worked on five different town-wide reappraisals and been responsible for the most recent two jobs. Ted started working as a fee appraiser in the late 1980's and has periodically been working on town-wide reappraisals since. These will be the two appraisers on this project unless the help from an additional appraiser in the Company is warranted.

Rich Lewis started in the northwest part of town (the Junction Road area) and is now working south on the side roads off the Northfield Road (Route 12). He is also completing the very remote and seasonal properties that are inaccessible later in the year. Rich has also completed nearly all of the inspections on the two mobile home parks in this area.


The other principal appraiser, Ted Nelson, Jr., is working in the northeast part of Town. Most of the Berlin properties with frontage on the Barre-Montpelier Road (US Route 302) have been inspected. He has also inspected most of the commercial and industrial properties located on the Airport Road and in the industrial park.

The reappraisal will continue through the winter to prepare values as of April 1, 2008. The change of appraisal notices, with all new values should be sent out in late June of next year. Things have changed since the last time the whole town was done with values as of April 1, 1989. The average two-acre residential building lot at that time was valued at \$20,000.

The Listers and appraisers will be carefully watching the real estate market. They understand it has softened in the past few months and intend to set new values at, but not above market value to the greatest extent possible.

The residents to date have been very cooperative. The vast majority of property owners have worked with the Listers and appraisers to accommodate inspections and provide information on their property. The Town deeply appreciates this cooperation.

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## BERLIN POLICE DEPARTMENT

A few years ago I gave you information in reference to motor vehicle thefts and thefts (larcenies) from motor vehicles. These types of theft have notably, in the past, increased substantially during the holiday months. Thus, I thought it would be timely to refresh safe methods and practices. If additional information is needed please feel free to call our office business line at 223-4401.

**Lock your car and take your keys:** When you park your vehicle, close all windows, lock all doors and take your keys with you.

**Secure valuables:** Please secure all valuables in either the trunk or glove compartment. Items left in plain sight will attract thieves. A window can be smashed and entry gained. Do not leave items under newspapers or other concealment techniques this also draws would be thief's attention.

**Leave your vehicle in "gear" or "park":** When parking your vehicle always apply the emergency brake, turn wheels if possible in the direction of curbing. These steps will not only create an additional obstacle for possible theft but will add to overall vehicle safety.

**Park in well-lighted areas:** Do not give the thief the advantage of working in dark areas, using the cover of darkness. Thieves do not want to be observed.

**Install and activate an anti-theft device:** Always activate your alarm system when parking your vehicle. Thieves will on most occasions pursue another target vehicle if your vehicles alarm is notably activated (light sensor). We all have noted alarm system malfunctions of vehicles parked and unoccupied (annoying horn, siren, flashing lights), it is of great importance that repair of a malfunctioning alarm system be completed promptly. Alarm malfunctions create a situation in which alarm activation's are no longer a deterrent and only becomes a nuisance that detracts from the overall gain.

**Report any suspicious activity:** Always report any suspicious activity in and around parking areas to the police department. You are the best deterrent to any criminal activity.

**Report the event promptly:** If you are a victim of a theft, please report the event promptly, as the information could benefit law enforcement in the quick apprehension of the suspect(s). Proactive cooperation with our law enforcement agency not only increases early apprehensions, it reduces the risk of continued criminal involvements in our neighborhood.

This is possibly my last newsletter report as I will be resigning and plan on leaving as chief of police on December 31, 2007. It has been my pleasure to have served this community for the past 20+ years. I have had so many positive interactions with my fellow Berliners.

William Jennings, Chief of Police

## "A FEW NOTES FROM YOUR PLANNING COMMISSIONERS"

Good Day to All Citizens of Berlin:

Our mission is to utilize an on-going system for managed growth for all of Berlin. We update the Town Plan & Zoning Regulations every 10 years, update the Subdivision Regulations when they become outdated, review the Capital Budget & Program, the Road Maintenance & Surface System plus we review all the accomplishments of the various boards of our Town and make recommendations to the Selectboard of our findings, a daunting task for our small group of Volunteers!!!

After our successful evening of the "Visioning Forum" last February 10, 2007 with the Town Center Task Force and all the Participant Citizens of Berlin and surrounding area Business Persons, the Planning Commission acquired several new members and others retired to do other things. Our new members are David Sanguinetti, Rob Young, Mark Keffer, Nancy Tripp and our new Zoning Administrator, Jeff Schulz.

Hats off to the retirees for all their Hard Work and Dedication to help make Berlin's Growth what it is today and we salute Sue Rich, Andrea Silbermann, previous Zoning Administrator; Peter Noyes, Interim Zoning Administrator; and Carl Parton, our chairperson. Countless hours of self sacrificing of one's personal time are what these folks have given to our Town. Yes, two may have been on the payroll, but they offered more time than we paid them, above and beyond their normal duties.

Well, what have we been doing one might ask? We have been keeping abreast of the workings of the Water Supply Committee, the study and the work of Otter Creak Engineering in bringing water to the Upper Plateau around the hospital and airport. We have heard from Pat McDonald and Bob Wernecke about changes in FEMA Flood Plain & Floodway Maps and listened to Pat and Bob's concerns as to how the maps affect land use in those areas with regards to development. We have read the draft report from the consultant, David Versel of devonomic's from Maine, who is making recommendations for Berlin's Economic Development Plan and included are suggestions for bringing more tax paying businesses as well as jobs to our Town. The Town Center Task Force has heard of a Vermont company who has a 3D Computer program that can help towns develop a 3D modeling of their Town in conjunction with Google Earth. Many of the current planning commissioners are very interested in pursuing this opportunity, especially if it has no cost to our Town. Our Road Crew has been making the needed repairs to Scott Hill Road with ditching and culver replacement, Comstock Road near the Airport with culverts and ditching, Chase Road is awaiting the final report from the engineers on their recommendations and plan to replace the Chase Brook Bridge and we have heard that the repairs to Crosstown Road on the hill in Riverton, is well underway.

The rest of our time has been spent going over our antiquated subdivision regulations that were last updated in 1989. It is an arduous task in trying to simplify and keep pace with all the Legislative changes to Chapter 117 of our land use guide lines from the state. The challenges we face in how one might approach stream lining certain parcels of land for development for multiple subdivisions with PRD's affordable housing, and new roads to infrastructure. How would we anticipate for and plan to pay for these extra costs to our current infrastructure is challenging and we look forward to working with the Capital Budget & Program Team in accomplishing the tasks. We look forward to the time when Berlin has a 5 number Zip Code and only one Post Office!!!

Do you feel you could Contribute to some of our tasks stated above? Do you have Skills that you have learned over time in your current line of work that could help Berlin grow in a managed manner? Then consider Volunteering your time and Expertise in helping "Berlin Be A Community We All Can Be Proud Of". There are plenty of openings on various boards. Which board would You be best on?

Thank You.  
Respectfully Submitted,  
Berlin Planning Commission

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## SEWER COMMISSION

The Sewer Commission continues to authorize and oversee repairs to sewer lines and manholes to reduce system infiltration. Our maintenance contractor is overseeing and doing a good deal of that work including the renting of the Montpelier Vactor to clean a good percentage of our sewer lines each year.

In the interest of reducing the cost of operating the system, the Commission is looking for the replacement of pumping stations with gravity flow sewer lines. The Anderson station on Granger Road has been eliminated recently under that program and the Calmont pumping station on Industrial Lane is next on that list.

The Commission has approved the purchase of a larger emergency generator for our main pumping station on the Barre-Montpelier Road as the existing unit has not been adequate in all pumping situations.

To help our customers reduce their sewer bills, the Commission included Toilet Dye Test Strips with instructions for their use in the most recent sewer billing.

Our sewer rate for that billing was \$6.839 per 1000 gallons. This rate is lower than usual because of lower costs for treatment and collection from the City of Montpelier and monies collected from past billings.

Our sewer ordinances and bylaws are now posted on the Town website under Sewer Commission. Allocation Application Forms and Instructions are also posted there for the convenience of our customers.

If you have questions for the Sewer Commission, the office is located in the Berlin Town Office and the phone number is 223-4405, Option 6 or e-mail the office at sewer@berlinvt.org.



## TOWN COMMITTEE VACANCIES

The Town of Berlin currently has vacancies on several of its Committees, Commissions, and other appointed positions. The vacancies include:

Cemetery Commission  
Economic Development Advisory Council  
Town Auditor  
Health Officer  
Town Sewage Officer  
Planning Commission

Persons interested in any position may submit a letter of interest to the Berlin Select Board c/o Town Administrator, Municipal Office Building, and 108 Shed Road, Berlin, Vermont 05602. Information on each position may be obtained by contacting the Town Administrator.

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### Berlin Fire Warden

Like it or not winter is almost here. Nick, Bob and I have enjoyed talking with many local residents this year as folks have called for burning permits. Collectively we have issued over 200 permits this year. I would like to remind folks that, with the exception of cooking fires, permits are required by State law and/or local Berlin ordinance for most outside fires? By getting a permit you comply with the laws and ordinances, plus you avoid having the volunteer fire personnel with the big red trucks make an unnecessary visit to your home.

In Berlin there are three people that can issue burning permits:

Peter Noyes, Town Fire Warden: 223-5600 or 272-6449

Nick Garbacik, Deputy Fire Warden: 223-2098

Robert Simon, Berlin Fire Department: 223-5531

If we aren't available leave a message and we will do our best to get back to you. Calling at least a day ahead is a good idea.

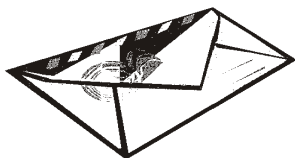
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2. Where you want to burn?
3. What the current conditions are?
4. What impact the burning could have on you neighbors?

If you have any questions please give contact us.

Thanks

Peter Noyes  
Berlin Town Fire Warden



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