

TOWN of BERLIN
108 Shed Rd
Berlin, VT 05602

Minutes of: Berlin Post Office Committee
November 26, 2007
5:00 PM
Municipal Office Building

Attending: Pat McDonald, Rosemary Morse, Carol Lacasse, Anita Flanagan, Patti Lewis, Dan Cambra, Cindy Tetreault

1. Meeting was called to order by Pat McDonald, at 5:10 PM.
2. No Public Comment
3. Committee Assignment Updates
Rosemary updated the committee on responses to the surveys.
To date: from the survey mailed to businesses with tax bills – 35 want a Post Office, 12 don't for 47 total responses
From the World & Survey form – 29 in favor, 1 not
Signatures on the Petition – 304

Anita talked to a Kathy Roy, District liaison at the Northfield Post Office and was given the name of James Adams, District Manager as the person that Berlin's request for a Post Office must go to.

US Postal Service, 955 Goffs Falls Rd, Manchester, NH 03103-9990

Anita also had some examples of mail: The Secretary of States Office mailed a newsletter to Montpelier instead of Berlin; National Life has their own Zip Code. *She also presented a suggestion of Post Office reorganization so that all towns are served in the Central Vermont area.**

Patti reported that instead of a video she, with the help of her daughter, will put together a power point presentation that can be sent to the USPS with our request for a Post Office.

Pat & Carol have talked with the Barre Post Master. If Berlin would change the name of some of its roads there wouldn't be a problem with using Berlin. The roads are: Partridge Rd., Vine St., Fisher Rd., Highland Ave., Hideaway Dr, and Mount St. The Post Master did not actually say it was officially ok to use Berlin on the city line.

Pat has talked with another Postal Employee and was told that we should consider trying to get a Carrier Station in Berlin. Carrier Stations allow for the big trucks to off load to smaller trucks to go into the city Post Offices. We could use safety concerns and parking issues to back up the need for this.

This person also said that our Congressional Delegation are the ones that will need to push this for us. Post Masters will not be helpful.

4. A motion was made, seconded and passed to as the Selectboard to put on the March Town Meeting ballot a non-binding resolution asking the voters of Berlin if they want a Post Office. Rosemary will call the Town Attorney to put together the wording. The committee will ask Dave Delcore of the Times Argus do an article just before Town Meeting.
5. Re-naming US 302 - A motion was made, seconded and passed to put a suggestion box at Town Meeting asking the Town's people for road names that either have Berlin in them or have some connection to Berlin's history.

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6. Before the next meeting- Pat will e-mail the congressional delegation.
Rosemary & Dan will try to talk with the Montpelier Post Master to see how they work the Berlin in the city line.
7. Minutes of previous meeting were approved.

The next meeting will be Tuesday, December 18, 2007 at 5:00 PM. and not on the normal Monday.

Meeting adjourned at 6:25PM.

Rosemary Morse
Post Office Committee Secretary

**correction January 28, 2007*