

TOWN of BERLIN
108 Shed Rd
Berlin, VT 05602

Minutes of: Berlin Post Office Committee
January 29, 2007
5:30 PM
Municipal Office Building

Attending: Pat McDonald, Cindy Tetreault, Dan Cambra, Patti Lewis, and Rosemary Morse

1. Meeting was called to order by Pat McDonald, at 5:30 PM.
2. Election of Chair, Vice Chair and Secretary

The officers were elected as follows:

Chair – Pat McDonald
V. Chair – Dan Cambra
Secretary – Rosemary Morse

3. No Public Comment
4. Work Session

Pat reviewed what had been done by the previous committee and the different levels of Post Offices that there are. ie: distribution centers, regular Post Offices and contracted post offices

The members then suggested ideas for this committee to start work on and each volunteered to take care of them

- a. Survey to each business in Town – Patti Lewis
Patti will update the survey and see if George Malek of the Chamber of Commerce will e-mail it to each business. If not we will see if the Listers will include it in their mailing to each business.
- b. Petition for Berlin Resident's to sign requesting a Post Office - Rosemary Morse
Rosemary will redo the petition used by the previous committee and have it ready for signatures at the up-coming spaghetti dinner on February 10 being put on by the Town Center Task Force and also have it available at Town Meeting.
- c. Contact our new Congressman and Senators - Dan Cambra
Pat will find out who are the contact people that deal with municipal issues are for each one and Dan will get in touch with them.
- d. Video of the Town - Patti Lewis
The Postal Service indicated in their previous rejection that because of Berlin's rural nature we could be served by area Post Offices and therefore did not warrant a Post Office. The committee discussed making a video of the "rural" Berlin and then a

comparison of real rural Towns that do have Post Offices. Patti will discuss this with Bill Jennings to see if the police car video cameras could be used for this project.

- e. No new Post Offices – Cindy Tetreault
The Postal Service also indicated that they were planning no new Post Offices or Zip Codes in Vermont. Cindy will look into the dates and places that both a new Post Office and new zip codes have been issued in Vermont last year.
- f. Map of Berlin – Cindy Tetreault
Cindy will try to find a really good map of Berlin that shows all roads.
- g. Problems because of no Post Office –
VA Statistics are wrong
Census Bureau figures can be wrong
A business in Berlin often advertises Barre or Montpelier because of their mailing address
Listers have problems with Business Personal Property because a corporate headquarters in another State doesn't realize their Personal Property is actually in Berlin
- h. Future items –
Ask residents to mail a post card to the Postal Service
Media coverage

Meetings of the Post Office Committee will be held on the 4th Monday of each month.
The next meeting will be February 26, 2007 at 5:30 PM.
Meeting adjourned at 6:30PM.

Rosemary Morse
Post Office Committee Secretary

APPROVED by Committee 2/26/07