

**TOWN of BERLIN
108 Shed Rd
Berlin, VT 05602**

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

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

1. Meeting was called to order by Pat McDonald, at 5:15 PM.
2. No Public Comment
3. Committee Assignment Updates
 - a. Survey to each business in Town – Patti Lewis
The survey went out with the Listers Personal Property Inventory mailing and were starting to come back.
 - b. Petition for Berlin Resident's to sign requesting a Post Office - Rosemary Morse
The petition was circulated at Town Meeting. Currently there are 287 signatures on it. The previous Post Office Committee put an add in the World in Petition form so that residents could fill it out and return to the Town. Pat will check with the World to see what it would cost to do this again.
 - c. Corinne needs to go through the list of Berlin streets and roads and get a list of which ones have the Barre address

Pat had the previous House and Senate Resolution. She will put together a draft for a new one.

The committee worked on a written message as to why Berlin needs a Post Office. Using a previous Post Office Committee list as a guideline, the committee added places and businesses that have come to Berlin since the previous list was prepared. (See Attached)

Rosemary will try to get a list of the businesses to Pat in electronic form.

Pat also had several communications from the previous Post Office Committee.

Rosemary will make copies and have them available to the committee.

Minutes of the previous meeting were approved by voice vote.

The next meeting will be April 30, 2007 at 5:00 PM.

Meeting adjourned at 6:15PM.

Rosemary Morse
Post Office Committee Secretary

BERLIN POST OFFICE:

Why it is time for Berlin to have one once again

- Berlin has become the regional center of Central Vermont
- Berlin hosts:
 - The region's airport
 - Central Vermont Medical Center – Vermont's 3rd. largest hospital
 - The majority of the region's physicians, located in and around the hospital
 - The areas 2 largest nursing homes
 - Washington County Mental Health's main office
 - Central Vermont Home Health and Hospice
 - Central Vermont Community Action Council
 - Central Vermont Chamber of Commerce
 - Vermont State Chamber of Commerce
 - Vermont State Lottery Main Office
 - Blue Cross Blue Shield of Vermont main office
 - Red Cross Regional headquarters
 - 2 large printing companies
 - 2 major shopping centers
 - 2 regional supermarkets
 - 8 auto dealerships
 - A State regional library
 - Amtak Station
 - State Environmental Court
 - VAST main Office
 - A large fitness center
 - Vermont Fire Safety office
 - Vermont National Guard Brigade headquarters
 - Vermont Army reserve office
 - A large industrial park area with:
 - UPS, FedEx, Pike Concrete, Carroll Concrete, Calmont Beverage,
 - UVM Extension Service office
 - Comcast regional office
 - Numerous banks, motels, restaurants, insurance companies, real estate agencies, convenience stores
 - Numerous State offices and the Highway District lab & garage
- Berlin has its own Police and Fire Departments
- A major Town Center is in planning stages

Advantages:

A Post Office in Berlin would eliminate the confusion so many experience now with our mail addressed to three different towns – confusion experienced by emergency responders, delivery people and customers of our businesses in Berlin.

A Post Office in Berlin would reduce the traffic congestion and parking problems in downtown Montpelier and Barre around their Post Offices.