

PLANNING DEPARTMENT

This past year saw the completion of many ongoing projects for the Planning Department and Board. Final approvals were received for two new housing subdivisions and site plan approvals were granted to Jericho Mountain Wind Company and Clean Power Development LLC. The Planning Board spent a considerable amount of time on these and smaller projects and has started the review of a third housing subdivision which calls for approximately 45 new parcels of land adjacent to the White Mountain National Forest and Jericho Mountain State Park. The Zoning Ordinance for the City was also revised and approved by both the Planning Board and City Council.

The City continued its work with Jeffrey H Taylor & Associates on revising the City's Master Plan. A considerable amount of time was spent on developing objectives and goals for economic development. Community participation and involvement throughout the project from our residents is critical to the success of this plan. Any member of the community who wishes to participate is welcome. Meetings continue to be advertised and are open to the public. The plan is hoped to be completed in early 2010.

Berlin Industrial Development and Park Authority (BIDPA) has had a very active year. The board has taken a very active role in downtown development after acquiring the former Rite-Aid building through a donation from the property owner. An architect has been hired to help the board ready the building for lease or sale. The members of the board have been extremely involved in all aspects of the redevelopment and have been very active in several different economic initiatives throughout Berlin

including the City's Master Plan.

Any citizen wishing to participate can come forward to volunteer for one of the many boards in the community. The Planning Department is home to the Planning Board, Zoning Board of Adjustment, and the Berlin Industrial Development and Park Authority. All three boards encourage citizen involvement and welcome the community to participate or observe during their meetings. Visit the City's website regularly for information about our meetings.

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