

PLANNING & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

This past year has been a year of economic and community development strategizing and planning. Both the Planning Board and The Berlin Industrial Development and Park Authority (BIDPA) are hard at work focusing on the City's future. The Planning Board is doing work with UNH Cooperative Extension and planning a Community Profile for fall to kick start updating the City's Master Plan in 2020. BIDPA is working with a consultant, Camoin Associates, to develop a strategy around Economic Development for the City which will also be folded into the City's Master Plan.

The Planning Board is reviewing many community wide issues in terms of whether we need to revise and in some cases, eliminate outdated regulations to make it clearer and easier to do projects in Berlin. We are working to update them to reflect what is going on in the community. Several projects around the City are in active development and there continues to be increased interest in the area around Jericho Mountain State Park. Work is nearly complete at St. Regis which is seeing its housing units undergo complete renovations with energy efficient upgrades for the entire building.

BIDPA is still working with North Country Growers to help them acquire property north of the current Industrial Park for the development and construction of industrial scale greenhouses to grow lettuce and tomatoes year round. The board is following other projects and ideas and continues to keep busy with community and economic development efforts throughout the City.

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 and Facebook page regularly for information about our meetings, the City's Master Plan, Zoning Ordinance or other Planning & Zoning documents.

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