

## PLANNING DEPARTMENT

After a busy year of finalizing the City's Master Plan, a partnership between the Planning Department and the Berlin Main Street Program has led to a new project focused on downtown. Moving Downtown Forward is an effort to come up with both an economic plan and a design plan for what the Master Plan identified as the next area in the City in need of attention. The City hired HEB Engineers along with sub-consultants Stuart Arnett and John Wacker to develop a new path forward for the City's center. An initial public meeting attracted over fifty people who came out to talk about what is important to them about their downtown. The work plan is scheduled to be completed in early 2012.



Berlin Industrial Development and Park Authority (BIDPA) held a grand opening in June for the new Bickford Place project in downtown. The board along with their contractor, Couture Construction Corp., created a beautiful public park/space for all to enjoy. The work which was started in late 2009 was completed entirely with BIDPA's own funds. The project was helped along by Tim Sappington the architect for the project, HEB Engineers, and Isaacson Structural Steel who supplied all of the steel for the project. BIDPA continues to work on economic



development issues and is mapping out its next project.

The Route 110 Phase II Realignment Project is moving forward. The City worked with NH Department of Transportation to hold a charrette in the spring to discuss how the project will impact the neighborhood and what can be done to keep the residential neighborhood separate from the new roadway. Several people came out to share ideas and offer input which resulted in design guidelines that NHDOT and the City are trying to integrate into the project. The project is scheduled to be underway in 2012.

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, view the Master Plan, Zoning Ordinance or other Planning & Zoning documents.

Respectfully submitted,  
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