

TOWN of Bethlehem *Economic Developments*

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"The Town will grow in a manner that maintains and enhances its preeminent residential and semi-rural character through the attraction of high quality, clean, commercial development to carefully planned and strategically located sites. Residential neighborhoods in the Town will be enhanced by proximity to open space, pedestrian oriented facilities, high quality employment opportunities and neighborhood scale commercial services."

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SELKIRK YARDS INDUSTRIAL DISTRICT FOCUS GROUP MEETING UPDATE

The **Selkirk Yards Industrial District Focus Groups** have been working to advance the two priority projects identified at our general meetings. Below is an update on the status of these two projects. As we continue to advance these ideas, we will provide additional updates to participants. At present, we have no additional information to report and have decided to cancel the Selkirk Yards Industrial District Focus Group meeting tentatively scheduled for June 11, 2009. We hope to schedule an update meeting for the general group in the Fall. In the mean time, please feel free to contact Terrence Ritz for additional information.

Energy/Power Focus Group has met to explore the use of technology, existing resources, demand side energy reduction programs, current federal and state incentives, and collaboration to drive our energy costs to the levels that help our businesses and town be cost competitive. These efforts will result in balanced budgets, attracting businesses and people to our town and strengthening our businesses as strong employers. The group identified large energy users such as schools, Town facilities, commercial and industrial businesses, and discussed the potential for creating a power-sharing arrangement for the businesses in or adjacent to the Creble Road Corridor.

Town staff continues to meet with the focus group members. The group is working to identify funding opportunities and grants, review technologies, and develop several projects to save on energy.

Clapper Road Thruway Interchange Focus Group has met and discussed many items related to the proposed interchange design which utilizes existing Clapper Road and the bridge over the Thruway. NYS Thruway has reviewed the "Clapper Road Area Interchange Feasibility Study" and asked for further clarification on traffic counts and revenue figures. Economic Development and Planning staff has been in contact with officials from the Capital District Transportation Committee (CDTC) to address these comments.

For additional information, including agendas, minutes and presentations from previous SYID meetings, please visit the Bethlehem IDA website at: www.bethlehemida.com.

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