

**Materials – Historic & New**

The following chart should act as a guide to the materials which are generally appropriate and non-appropriate within Bennington’s Historic Districts. Whenever possible, existing historic materials should be maintained and repaired in lieu of replacement. If replacement is necessary, materials which are similar in style, scale and character should be used. New construction which is an addition to an existing historic structure should use materials which are at least similar or complement the original materials.

| ELEMENT                        | APPROPRIATE                                     | NOT APPROPRIATE                     |
|--------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| <b>Façade</b>                  | Common Red Brick                                | Multi-Colored Brick                 |
|                                | Bare (Consistent tone)                          | Imitation Brick Siding              |
|                                | Painted (approved color, if painted before)     | Plain (bare) Concrete Masonry Units |
|                                | Natural Stone / Imitation Stone                 | Metal Siding                        |
|                                | Wood Clapboard                                  | Exterior Insulation Finish Systems  |
|                                | Wood Shingle                                    | Special Masonry Units               |
|                                |                                                 | Textured Concrete Block             |
|                                |                                                 | Colored Concrete Block              |
|                                |                                                 | Split-Faced Block                   |
|                                |                                                 | Asphalt Siding                      |
|                                |                                                 | Plywood Panels (T-111)              |
|                                | Synthetic Panels                                |                                     |
|                                | Bare Wood                                       |                                     |
|                                | Unfinished / Lumber Grade                       |                                     |
| <b>Trim</b>                    | Wood (painted or stained)                       | Bare Wood                           |
|                                | Finished Grade                                  | Unfinished / Lumber Grade           |
|                                | PVC Synthetic Wood                              | Aluminum                            |
|                                |                                                 | Fiber Reinforced Cement             |
|                                |                                                 | Composite, MDO/MDF Board            |
| <b>Windows</b>                 | Anodized Aluminum Frame (if appropriate)        | Vinyl Clad                          |
|                                | Approved Color                                  |                                     |
|                                | Wood Frame                                      |                                     |
|                                | Painted or Stained Approved Color               |                                     |
|                                | Wood Shutters (if appropriate)                  | Imitation Shutters                  |
|                                | Expressed Lintels (over façade openings)        | Steel Plate or Angle Lintels        |
|                                | Brick                                           |                                     |
|                                | Limestone                                       |                                     |
|                                | Colored Concrete                                |                                     |
|                                | Clear, Etched or Frosted Glass (if appropriate) | Mirrored Glass                      |
| Stained Glass (if appropriate) |                                                 |                                     |
| <b>Roof</b>                    | Natural Slate                                   | Imitation (Rubber) Slate            |
|                                | Standing Seam Metal                             |                                     |
|                                | Small Seam Width, Approved Color                |                                     |
|                                | Asphalt Shingles                                |                                     |
|                                | Parapet Caps / Chimney Caps                     |                                     |
|                                | Stone, Pre-Cast Concrete or Limestone           |                                     |
| <b>Other</b>                   | Canvas Awnings                                  | Plastic or Vinyl Awnings            |
|                                | 3 Color Maximum, Approved Colors                |                                     |
|                                | Walkway Pavers/Sidewalk                         |                                     |
|                                | Stamped or Poured Concrete                      | Asphalt Walkways                    |
|                                | Brick or Colored Paving Stone                   |                                     |