

Jaffrey Economic Development Council
Draft Minutes 9/21/17

9:00 am Town Office

Present: Peter Chamberlain, Chair
Larry Alvarez, Cathy Furze, Sam Hackler, Max Mitchell, Bill Schofield
Stephanie Niemela, TEAM Jaffrey

Staff: Jo Anne Carr

Preliminary discussion of membership as Ed Merrell will not be able to attend the Thursday meeting date. It was agreed that Stephanie should step up as a member of the EDC and as DT TIFD Advisory Committee representative. Jo Anne will forward the appointment request to the Selectmen.

1. WW Cross

The Hazardous Building Materials reports and Phase 1 Environmental Assessment are complete. It was agreed that the findings should be presented to the EDC and interested parties at the next EDC meeting. Jo Anne will confirm with Ransom Consulting.

A follow-up conversation on the status of St Patrick's School assessment ensued. Jo Anne reported that the Planning Commission's Advisory Committee was reluctant to fund a privately-owned property that had no municipal partner. That project was not approved at Brownfield Advisory Committee meeting in September.

2. Bringing new Business to Town

Discussion on what is needed to bring business to town. Currently when someone is looking to relocate to town, they want space downtown, which is limited. Jo Anne has been able to direct some businesses to the Industrial Districts which have larger buildings and are sub-leasing office and manufacturing space. Also available are the Economic Revitalization Zone tax credits programs for industrial districts, the WW Cross site and the Elite Laundry site.

The Planning Board has undertaken an initiative to expand the General Business District, downtown, in an effort to address this need. A representative from the EDC would be welcome. Larry offered to participate in the zoning proposal project.

Stephanie reported that TEAM is working with Franklin Pierce University on an internship program for the spring. An outreach effort should be made to our manufacturers as well as small businesses.

3. Reports

- a. Route 202/124 Traffic Project – find project updates here -
http://town.jaffrey.nh.us/Pages/JaffreyNH_WebDocs/DowntownTrafficProject/
follow the link to the NH DOT site. It's important that the EDC generate citizen input – comments can be sent in to the town on the town website email us comments – here
http://town.jaffrey.nh.us/Pages/JaffreyNH_WebDocs/Comments
- b. The Town has updated its website to www.TownofJaffrey.com and has a facebook page
<https://www.facebook.com/Town-of-Jaffrey-849246111877553/>
- c. EDC will be preparing Budget and Goals starting in October

4. Adjourn

Next meeting Date: November 16, 2017 @ 9:00 AM