

Jaffrey Economic Development Council
Draft Minutes 2/8/18

9:00 am Town Office

Present: Peter Chamberlain, Chair
Dominique Cassie, Cathy Furze, Ed Merrell, Max Mitchell, Stephanie Niemela, Bill Schofield,
Mike Shea, Jim Weimann

Staff: Jo Anne Carr

1. Public Workshop – Route 202/124 Traffic Improvements

Jo Anne reminded members of the upcoming public workshop on the downtown traffic improvement project at the VFW on February 20, 6 pm. This will be an informal workshop format encouraging residents to provide input on potential improvements to the downtown intersections. Alternatives considered so far by the local Advisory Committee are found on the DOT website here:

https://www.nh.gov/dot/projects/jaffrey_16307/index.htm

Members asked whether the meeting could be live streamed – the VFW doesn't have capability for live streaming.

Jo Anne also noted that the Advisory Committee will be meeting before the public workshop on Tuesday February 13th at the Fire Station. These meetings are public.

2. Warrant Articles

Zoning:

Jo Anne then reviewed the warrant articles that may be of interest to the EDC. Proposed zoning changes including rezoning along Route 202 north just after DD Bean to Nutting Road – from Industrial to General Business, allowing a diversity of business opportunities including mixed use and residential. Correcting some zoning lines in the general Business where zoning district bisect properties, and also the expansion of the General Business along Main Street to St Patrick's School and Turnpike Road to the Post Office. This expansion is limited to lighter commercial uses than what is allowed along Peterborough Street. See the proposals here: <http://www.townofjaffrey.com/planning-economic-development/pages/planning-board-proposed-zoning-updates>

Capital Reserve Account – DT TIFD

An additional \$40,000 to be added to the CRA for any expenditures related to the downtown traffic project that would be outside of the NH DOT program. That would bring the account up to \$80,000.

Matching Funds for Broadband Grant

A request for \$5,000 for matching funds for the feasibility study.

Keno

Keno operations has been added to the ballot. This is only available to restaurants with a liquor license. Information on Keno in NH is here: <https://www.nhmunicipal.org/Resources/ViewDocument/882>

3. EDC Member Terms

Terms expire on March 31. Ed Merrell and Bill Schofield are up this year. Also, the Chamber representative, Max Mitchell, as a one year appointment by the Chamber's preference will also be up.

4. Other Business

The USDA Broadband grant deadline was postponed to April 30 due to budget uncertainties at the federal level.

Other grants in the pipeline are to fund a Complete Streets project on Goodnow Street and to NH Charitable Foundation for a feasibility study to support a Match Industry Museum in Jaffrey.

The future of the WW Cross building was discussed. There is concern for unknown costs to the town, but conversely an interest was expressed that the town to “sweeten the deal” for a private developer’s interest.

5. Adjourn

Next meeting Date: March 8, 2018 @ 9:00 AM