

Jaffrey Economic Development Council
Draft Minutes 2/15/17

9:00 am Town Office

Present: Bill Schofield, Chair, Peter Chamberlain, Vice Chair
Larry Alvarez, Dominique Cassie, Peter Davis, Cathy Furze, Sam Hackler, Ed Merrell,
Max Mitchell & Travis Kumph, Jaffrey Chamber of Commerce
Stephanie Niemela, TEAM Jaffrey

Staff: Jo Anne Carr

1. Route 202/124/137 Traffic Improvements

Jo Anne reported that the contract for the preliminary engineering and design for the traffic project was signed by the Governor and Executive Council at their February 1 meeting. Funding for this phase runs through 2019 with bids for construction (phase 2) expected shortly thereafter. The project scope includes preparation of base plans, operational analysis for a no-build scenario as well as establishing design criteria for alternatives. Important to the alternative development for the 5 way intersection and bridge crossing will be the participation of a local technical advisory committee. It is expected that this committee will represent stakeholder interests in the downtown as well as the community at large. The TAC is budgeted for 9 meetings over the course of the design phase of the project. A Public Involvement plan is also included in the scope of work, which includes public meetings, a project newsletter and a project website. Preliminary information on the project can be found here:

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

The Project Scope is on the Town Website here:

http://town.jaffrey.nh.us/Pages/JaffreyNH_WebDocs/DowntownTrafficProject/

The EDC considered a list of potential contributors to the TAC focusing on the Downtown Businesses, environmental interests, schools, and large trucking operators.

2. In other news, Dom briefed the EDC on the status of the map of Jaffrey attractions, which will include a brief description on the reverse as well as a general calendar of recurring events, i.e. Concerts on the Common, Fireworks, Riverfest...

Jo Anne is working up an update to the list of industrial properties to post to the website. See the current version here:

http://town.jaffrey.nh.us/Pages/JaffreyNH_Maps/MapsDocs/IndustrialDistrictParcels_AssessingData.pdf

3. Other business

The Brownfields Assessment for 39 Webster Street was approved by the Brownfields Committee at the SWRPC. The scoping of the project is scheduled for February 21. Jo Anne will attend that meeting.

The petition warrant article to revise the local school funding formula was amended to call for a study committee consisting of 8 members, a selectmen, a school board member, a planning board member and a budget committee member from each town.

Jo Anne also noted that the Planning Board will be updating chapters of the Master Plan and this would be a good time to review the Economic Development Plan, which is included in the Master Plan.

It was recommended that the Chamber of Commerce have a membership on the EDC. Max take the question back to the Chamber Board for consideration.

4. Adjourn

NEXT MEETING: March 15, 2017