

Jaffrey Economic Development Council
Draft Minutes 5/17/17

9:00 am Town Office

Present: Peter Chamberlain, Chair
Larry Alvarez, Dominique Cassie, Peter Davis, Sam Hackler, Jim Weimann
Stephanie Niemela, TEAM Jaffrey

Staff: Jo Anne Carr

1. Tourist Map

Jo Anne presented the color map that Peter Lambert drew for use as a tourist map. The back of the map will include a list of annual events in town and a bit of background on some of the highlights with links to relevant websites. Comments included verifying the folding pattern for meeting the NH Visitor Center guidelines. The final map will be posted on our bulletin boards, and available through the Town, Chamber, TEAM and Civic Center.

2. Business Support

The Economic Development Administration, in cooperation with the Peterborough Economic Development Committee and Jaffrey EDA are hosting an Area Employers Forum. In June. The purpose of the forum is to gather local employers to discuss operating issues and share best practices for addressing them. EDA is coordinating the invite list. JoAnne has given names of our manufacturers as likely interested participants.

3. Regional Collaboration

Jo Anne reported that there is an interest in a regional broadband forum and asked if an EDC member would be available to participate. Discussion ensued regarding the poor quality of upload/download speeds and access across town. This remains an area of interest for the EDC to pursue.

Jo Anne attended a recent open house for the proposed satellite campus of the Nashua Community College. The campus will be located in a portion of the "Brookstone" building in Peterborough off Vose Farm Road. Jo Anne emphasized the importance of integrating the local school districts into the programs. Especially the Applied Technology Center for advancing STEM related curricula. The Community College plans to have a wastewater treatment operator certification, along with medical support technology training and ancillary liberal arts courses.

4. Reports

There was some discussion regarding investment in downtown and economic development generally. A question was raised whether impact fees have a negative effect on new building or business expansion.

Jo Anne reported that the Planning Board and Selectmen have asked her to review the ordinance.

The first Advisory Committee meeting for the downtown traffic project was held on May 9. Stakeholder representatives appointed by the Select board are below.

Route 202/124 Advisory Committee

- Committee members are expected to represent and serve as a liaison to the community.
- The Committee serves in an advisory role and is not a decision-making body. However, as a group, the Committee will be asked to seek consensus.
- Committee members are asked to work as team, respect all opinions and refrain from monopolizing the conversation.
- Expect approximately nine Committee meetings over the next 18 months.

Stakeholder Representation			
Chamber of Commerce	Max Mitchell	603-532-7800	theinn3452@comcast.net
TEAM Jaffrey	Stephanie Niemela	603-532-7168	teamjaffrey@myfairpoint.net
Downtown Business(s)	John Peard	603-831-8658	johnpeard@comcast.net
Industrial business/trucking	Keith Dupuis	603-532-5739	kdupuis@mountainshadellc.com
Conservation Commission	Carolyn Garretson	603-532-9998	cdgarretson@gmail.com
Citizen at Large	Don Stewart	603-532-7462	info@yankeemaple.com
Planning Board	Ed Merrell	603-532-8738	Main10@myfairpoint.net
Schools	David Reilly	603- 532-8100 x 260	d.reilly@sau47.org

5. Other business

Members were reminded of the Memorial Day Celebration and rededication of the Gold Star Mothers Memorial on the 29th.

6. Adjourn

NEXT MEETING: June 21, 2017