

**Jaffrey Economic Development Council
Draft Minutes 10/16/19**

9:00 am Town Office

Present: Peter Chamberlain, Chair, Larry Alvarez, Dominique Cassie, Sam Hackler, Ed Merrell, Bill Schofield

Staff: Jo Anne Carr, Director

1. Review of WW Cross Draft Report (attached)

Jo Anne presented the draft report which is the result of outreach over the course of the summer (attached). The goal was to outline a re-use plan in support of a grant to the US EPA Brownfields Assessment program. Comments back from the EDC focused on the need for housing and a grocery store/local market. Guidance from the Select Board is consistent with those goals but more important is obtaining firm numbers on the cost of remediation and making the site shovel ready. Jo Anne is preparing the grant application to the EPA for further study of the site.

2. TIFD Budgets (current drafts attached)

Jo Anne presented the proposed budgets for FY 2020. The Downtown plan is revised to appropriate the match required for the Stratton Road and Peterborough Street sidewalk improvements. This match was approved by Town Meeting March 2019. Amendments to the plan to accommodate the changes include a reduction in the downtown traffic /pedestrian enhancements line from \$10,000 to \$5,000; the Community Field Bond is reduced from \$18,557 to \$17,909; and Downtown Improvements is increased from \$35,000 to \$105,000. Administration may increase but that number is not known at this time. A question was raised regarding the usual return to the general fund as proposed is much lower than prior years. As the matching funds for the sidewalk improvement was approved by town Meeting, the budget should reflect that commitment. All other lines in the DT TIFD remain the same.

The Stone Arch Bridge District has no changes other than the expected reduction in bond obligations, Bridge Bond from \$40,250 to \$38,500 and the Water Mains Bond from \$69,455 to \$65,175. A question was raised regarding the lighting at the intersection of Old Sharon Road and Route 202 – it was thought the lights were not functional. Jo Anne will look into that as there should be at least one light at that intersection.

A question was also raised regarding the status of the development of the wells at Cold Stone Spring. The project is on the DES revolving Fund list, it is expected that a grant to Northern Borders and the Groundwater Trust Fund will be made once engineering has progressed sufficiently.

3. Other Business

Brief de-briefing of the Traffic Project Public Hearing: Jo Anne reported that the DOT will have to address each of the written and oral testimony as submitted and respond to each, then deliver that to the 3 member commission. It is not clear when the final meeting of that board will be. It will be convened in Concord. Peter noted that 42 people spoke with a mixed response.

Dom noted that the Round Robin Tour, a regional Holiday Shop Tour would be the first weekend in November.

Next Meeting Date: November 20, 2019 @ 9:00 AM