

Jaffrey Economic Development Council
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9:00 am VIA ZOOM

Present: Peter Chamberlain, Chair, Larry Alvarez, Dominique Cassie, Cathy Furze, Sam Hackler, Ed Merrell, Stephanie Porter, Bill Schofield, Mike Shea.

Staff: Jo Anne Carr, Director

1. Budgets

DT TIFD Budget

As discussed last month the EDC supported the increase in budget for TEAM. In keeping with the agreement from last month to increase the allocation for the CRF, the board voted to increase that annual allocation from \$40,000 to \$60,000. And given the expectation of the larger project of drainage improvements, paving and parking striping at Community Field, that budget line was increased slightly over proposed, consistent with FY 20 funding level of \$110,000.

The DT TIFD Budget was moved to a vote and was passed unanimously.

SB TIFD

Pending the outcome of the Road Safety Audit of Old Sharon Road intersection with Route 202, funding may have to be allocated for any improvements required by the State which would not be funded by the NH DOT. No projects are proposed for FY 21.

Proposed projects for FY 22 when the Bridge Bond is paid:

Striping of Hadley Road to more clearly delineate the roadway from parking and other uses.

Extending the Rail Trail through to Hadley Road

Investigate possibility of a dog park

The SB TIFD Budget was moved to a vote and was passed unanimously.

2. Other Business/Updates

Broadband – The committee has issued the RFP results are due December 30 with the Select Board making a decision on January 11, 2021 at a Public Hearing. FAQs and a Public Benefit Statement are currently under review.

Municipal Solar – Three responses to the RFQ were received with one firm being interviewed. Concern is centered on the financial benefit to the ratepayers and taxpayers. The Town will seek counsel to determine the best cost effective approach.

Stability of restaurant businesses this winter - Dom raised the concern that with the surge in coronavirus infections our local restaurants are at risk of closing this winter. Stephanie echoed the concern. Jo Anne suggested re-opening the loan program for these businesses, and others as funding will permit. In addition, there may be supplemental funding coming through the next pandemic package from the Federal Gov. Jo Anne continues to monitor the funding streams, and provides information through the Town Facebook page.