

Jaffrey Economic Development Council
Draft Minutes 2/17/21

9:00 am VIA ZOOM

Present: Peter Chamberlain, Chair, Larry Alvarez, Cathy Furze, Tim Gordon, Ed Merrell, Bill Schofield, Mike Shea, Frank Sterling (sitting for Jack Belletete).

Staff: Jo Anne Carr, Director

1. Membership

Jo Anne reported that Sam Hackler has submitted his resignation. Sam having a lifelong connection to Jaffrey joined the EDC in 2014 and provided support and guidance for promoting our downtown. We appreciated his outlook from beyond the Town borders.

Members up for renewal in 2021 for 3year terms are: Merrell, Schofield and Gordon. We would have a 2-year term to fill for Hackler.

	Term	Downtown	Stone Arch Bridge
Alvarez	2022	√	
Cassie	2022	√	√
Chamberlain	2023		√
Furze	2022	√	√ (?)
Hackler	2023		
Merrell	2021	√	
Porter	2023	√	
Schofield	2021		
Shea	2023	√	
Tim Gordon	2021		
Belletete (ExO.)			

2. FY 2021 Goals

Discussion centered on larger goals of building on the Complete Streets program, updating the Vision for Downtown (another charrette?), developing a community engagement program. More concrete goals involve inventorying and marketing vacant and/or underutilized commercial spaces and continuing to move the assessment and cleanup of the WW Cross site forward.

Specific Actions for the short term:

March - Create a graphical representation of the 5-way intersection improvements and the Peterborough Street/Stratton Road sidewalk projects so the EDC can see the extent and scope of work for both projects side by side.

April – Ask M Kennedy from VHB to report out on the status of the contract, public engagement components, business and residents outreach prior to and during final design and construction.

May – Kick off public engagement campaign.

Reminder of future project potential

Proposed projects for FY 22 when the Stone Arch 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

3. Other Business/Updates

Broadband – Final bond hearing March 8, Public Informational Meeting April 12. FAQs and a Public Benefit Statement are posted to the website.

Revolving Loan Fund– Funds are available for small businesses through our RLF.

Old Sharon Road – the DOT approved our application for a road safety audit, likely to be conducted in the spring (of 2021...). DOT coordinates with the regional planning commission and the Town.

Town Meeting will be held drive in style at the Hope Fellowship Church April 24th at 9am.