

Jaffrey Economic Development Council
Draft Minutes 5/10/18

9:00 am Town Office

Present: Peter Chamberlain, Chair
Dominique Cassie, Cathy Furze, Sam Hackler, Ed Merrell, Stephanie Niemela, Mike Shea

Staff: Jo Anne Carr, Director

1. Select Board Goals / EDC Goals

The Select Board has shared their goals for the year (attached)Item of particular interest to the EDC include the request to the Planning Board to consider suspending the collection of impact fees. The PB voted on April 10 to suspend the fees until April 2022. Other itmes include the update of the Master Plan including the Economic Development chapter and a focus on telecom and broadband. The Sb intend to continue its leadership on the Route 202 traffic project, maintenance of the existing town office, ongoing water system improvements and resolving the school apportionment issue. In addition, the SB is investigating feasibility of tax deeding the 39 Webster Street property.

The EDC considered the SB goals and discussion centered on the traffic project, potential employment growth (Millipore, DD Bean), housing and education opportunities for local residents to fill new jobs. Members also see an opportunity to discuss future plans for the site at 39 Webster, and would like to provide input to the select Board.

Goals for the year then were to:

- 1) Support a walkable downtown program, through Complete Streets, using Goodnow St as start. Note that the pop-up demonstration on School Street last year was received favorably by the school district which plans to adopt some changes to traffic flow there as a result.
- 2) Pursue any opportunities for a broadband buildout.
- 3) Support business expansion plans with an actionable project such as a workshop on alternative financing for new housing starts. MS noted the program NeighborWorks which develops new housing and provides access to workforce housing http://www.nwsnh.org/building_great_neighborhoods/.
- 4) Continue work through the Area Employers Forum which is focusing on workforce development skills and training.

2. Sidewalk Project

Jo Anne reminded the EDC that a public workshop on the proposed improvements to sidewalks on Peterborough Street, Stratton Road and the Rail trail from Webster Street to Hillcrest is set for Thursday June7 at 6pm.

3. Other Business

Jo Anne wanted to thank Cathy Furze for her energy and strong support of the application to the USDA for the feasibility study for improving broadband across Town. Cathy gathered letters from 16 small businesses and individuals for support of the project.

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Next meeting Date: June 14, 2018 @ 9:00 AM