

Jaffrey Economic Development Council
Draft Minutes 06/15/22

8:00 am Jaffrey Fire Station

Present: Peter Chamberlain, Chair, Larry Alvarez, Dominique Caissie, Cathy Furze, James Georgopoulos, Tim Gordon, Stephanie Porter, Jack Belletete, Ex. O.

Staff: Jo Anne Carr, Director

Host: David Chamberlain, Jaffrey Fire Chief

1. Draft Economic Development Chapter for the Master Plan

Jo Anne reviewed the preliminary data presentation for the chapter noting overall population decline greater than the county as a whole and contrasted with NH over the last decade. The state saw a general increase in population of 4.5%. The youth population decline is evidenced in the school enrollment numbers. Although there was a slight uptick in the last year over the prior pandemic year. Contrasting with population decline is employment numbers increasing – raising the question of where these employees will come from (and where they will live another whole question). Median household income lags behind the region and state MHI.

A special note on the chart depicting the assessed property values, where we see a decline from 2013 through 2019 and a sharp increase between 2019 and 2020 – this is due to the cyclical property reval completed in 2020. Compare with the county and statewide data with many data points (multiple communities) the average smooths out still seeing a decline through the same years and gradual increase to 2020. Alternatively, assessed property value per capita, while Jaffrey's value has remained fairly constant, we fall under values for the county and state as a whole.

Moving on to the Goals and Recommendations from the former plan (2007). See attached recommended updates.

Public outreach/input should be planned for the fall.

2. Traffic Project draft design elements

The design package will be sent to VHB/DOT so any final changes need to be sent to Jo Anne this week.

3. Facilitated Workshops on Downtown Revitalization

Postponed until fall – and did not have time to discuss alternative dates.

4. Other Business/Updates

None – no July meeting