

Jaffrey Economic Development Council
Draft Minutes 05/18/22

8:00 am Jaffrey Fire Station

Present: Peter Chamberlain, Chair, Larry Alvarez, Peter Constant, Cathy Furze, James Georgopoulos, Ed Merrell, Stephanie Porter, Bill Schofield, Mike Shea, Jack Belletete, Ex. O.

Staff: Jo Anne Carr, Director

Host: David Chamberlain, Jaffrey Fire Chief

1. EDC Contributions to the streetscape design for the traffic project

Jo Anne had sent by email before this meeting some examples of streetscape design – such as architectural lighting, signage, and notes from prior meetings. Tim had emailed several photos illustrating opportunities for a welcome kiosk and pocket parks. A copy of the project layout was shared with the members where Marty Kennedy had offered some suggestions to get the community thinking. Jo Anne asked the board members to write on the layout what they saw as important for design elements. We had an opportunity to discuss ideas and emphasize critical issues. Jo Anne will package the comments for the Downtown Revitalization Committee and the DOT. Board members requested the bridge elevation be shared by the DOT for context.

Priority concerns involved parking, sidewalks markings landscaping, integration of Veteran's Park, architectural elements of the bridge and connecting the snowmobile trails. Technical considerations included access to water spigots for landscaping, electrical outlets on lightpoles, undergrounding electric throughout (River St as well), EV charging station(s).

The draft streetscape design is attached to the minutes.

2. Facilitated Workshops on Downtown Revitalization

Are scheduled for June 9 and 23 5:30 – 7:30 at the Civic Center. Registrations have been light so far.

3. Other business/Updates

Jack questioned the status of WW Cross. Jo Anne reported that EPA is mostly complete, material has been moved offsite and the building secured. The final environmental assessment and cleanup and re-use planning can move forward. Cleanup grant applications will be out in the late fall.

James noted that the trolley project should be an electric vehicle and there may be grant funding available.