

## **Jaffrey Economic Development Council Draft Minutes 09/21/22**

### **8:00 am Jaffrey Town Office**

Present: Peter Chamberlain, Chair, Dominique Caissie, Tarah Castiglioni, Cathy Furze, Tim Gordon, Bill Schofield

Staff: Jo Anne Carr, Director

#### 1. Welcome Back and Updates

Cathy announced the Chamber has a new office assistant Jessica Johansson and the office hours will be 9-1 Monday through Wednesday and 10-2 on Thursday and Friday. Closed weekends. There was some discussion about when the greatest number of visitors might be coming through Town looking for information. The Chamber is comfortable with these hours for now.

#### 2. Traffic Project Walkabout VHB and DOT

Jo Anne attended these visits on August 25<sup>th</sup> with Chris Peahl, Nick Panagiotes, Caty Furze and Cyndy Burgess, and Kathy Hartwell. Most questions and concerns were addressed, parking and access for deliveries for Pizza Barn were examined, Chris Peahl and the Town will be working out a parking agreement. Notable was the exception that the Chamber is concerned about losing parking directly in front of the office. There will be a wider expanse of available space with the narrowing of the roadway (from 4 lanes to 2), but concerns remain.

VHB has suggested that the Town work with a landscape designer to prepare more definitive plans for the open spaces, wider sidewalks and potential pocket parks and welcome areas as a result of the redesign of the intersections. Cathy raised concern that a welcome area would duplicate efforts of the Chamber. In general there is benefit to having community information available in more than one location in Town and easily accessible.

#### 3. Facilitated Workshop – Downtown Revitalization/Community Conversation

Jo Anne had draft outlines for each day available for discussion and review. This is a workshop the EDC wanted to provide last spring. It is hoped that there is a greater interest for the rescheduled fall workshops. There were no comments.

#### 4. Sign Ordinance

This item was added to the agenda per Cathy's request for the Chamber's interest. We did not discuss in detail as she had to leave the meeting for a family matter. It will be taken up next month.

Tim asked if we could also discuss short-term rentals as they may affect the amount of meals and rooms taxes the town could receive.

#### 5. Other Business/Updates

None

We did not have a quorum at this point so the meeting adjourned.