

Jaffrey Economic Development Council

Draft Minutes 1/18/23

8:00 am Jaffrey Town Office

Present: Peter Chamberlain, Chair, Larry Alvarez, Dominique Caissie, Tarah Castiglioni, Tim Gordon, Ed Merrell, Bill Schofield,

Staff: Jo Anne Carr, Director

1. Economic Development Chapter of the Master Plan

The draft chapter is posted to the website on the Planning & Economic Development page

https://www.townofjaffrey.com/sites/g/files/vyhlif4561/f/uploads/town_of_jaffrey_economic_profile_draft_2022-12-12.pdf

We reviewed a summary of the survey (memo attached). Among the highlighted areas for policy considerations include a question on types and locations for new developments, indicating a slight majority for greater flexibility for development in areas outside of the immediate downtown. Only 31% of respondents thought development should be limited to downtown. A strong majority supported new housing for our workforce. And 72% thought we should have a small grocery and food related options. Many respondents indicated an interest in learning more about volunteer opportunities either with town government or other non-profit organizations.

Jo Anne asked for 2-3 volunteers to work on the action plan as a result of the survey and chapter development. Tarah, Tim and Larry offered to work on this. We expected only 1 or 2 meetings to draft an action plan.

2. Traffic Project Communication Plan

Toole design has been working on preliminary concepts. A member from each of the Planning Board, DT Revitalization Committee and the EDC volunteered to steer this work. A presentation should be available prior to Town Meeting. As the buildings are to be demo'd this spring, it would be a good idea to use the space to present the design concepts on signage at each site.

3. Goals

We ran out of time – so next month = goals and elections.

4. Membership

Chamberlain, Castiglioni and Shea are up in 2023, with one additional three year term open and one, one year term open. (Post meeting idea – we host an open house with those volunteers self identified in the survey for any open positions with the town or related non-profits.)

5. Other Business

The February meeting is canceled for the plan committee to have some time. Camoin Associates will be completing a market study for re-use of the WW Cross site as part of our brownfields assessment grant.