# Jaffrey Economic Development Council Draft Minutes 9/13/18

#### 9:00 am Town Office

Present: Peter Chamberlain, Larry Alvarez, Cathy Furze, Sam Hackler, Ed Merrell, Stephanie Niemela,

Staff: Jo Anne Carr, Director

### 1. Update on Grants

- a. Transportation Alternatives Program: application submitted for improvements to Peterborough Street and Stratton Road. A question was raised regarding the coordination with the 5-way intersection improvements. The two projects have been moving along in parallel, though if funded, the sidewalks would likely be constructed first. Both engineering teams are aware and CLD | Fuss and O'Neill has shared plans with VHB.
- b. Complete Streets: we have heard informally that funding has been approved for the Goodnow Street improvements. It's unclear to what extent at this time.

## 2. Economic Development Plan

JC shared preliminary data generated by Buxton Analytics (attached). No contract or plans until after a decision is made on the downtown traffic project. The base data spurred some questions such as how Jaffrey compares with other towns. CF noted that there is a disconnect between when stores and restaurants are open – not mutually supportive.

JC suggested exploring the option of designating some portion of downtown as an Economic revitalization Zone. A designation approved by the State Division of Economic Development, which provide tax credits to businesses building, expanding and/or addition jobs to a designated area. SN and LA offered to assist.

#### 3. Other Business

a. A mock up of the proposed roundabout will be at ConVal High School on September 16 starting at 10:30 am. Tractor trailer owner/operators have been invited to participate as well as the school bus company.

# 4. Adjourn

Next meeting Date: October 11, 2018 @ 9:00 AM