

Jaffrey Economic Development Council
Minutes 03/24/10
9:00 am Town Office

Present: Jim Dumont, Chair, Don MacIsaac, Steve Walker, Kathy Batchelder, BGill Schofield, Jake Jalbert, Norman Langevin

Guest: Lee Bruder, Jaffrey Chamber of Commerce
Staff: Jo Anne Carr

1. Printegra

The Selectmen have scheduled a site walk to tour the building at 10am this morning. EDC members are encouraged to join. The building has been vacant since the manufacturing operations were consolidated in April 09. Sales operations have been relocated to 82 Fitzgerald St.

2. Chairmanship

Jim Dumont nominated Kathy Batchelder as chair, Norman Langevin second, unanimous vote of approval.

Jake Jalbert has submitted his resignation due to other commitments.

3. Revolving Loan Fund

Mindfull Books refinanced the loan and payments are now on schedule. The second loan, to Loud Sun Studio was approved and payments are on schedule as well. There is approximately \$15,000 available for lending at this time.

4. Signage – TIFD & Industrial Districts

The signage at the Stone Arch Bridge was discussed briefly. It was suggested that the industrial arts course at Conant could make a directory sign and provide an estimate of cost. JDumont suggested that a representative from the EDC talk to each of the businesses to gain support and assistance with the cost for the directory sign. Discussion also centered on the other industrial parks and providing improved signage for these areas as well.

5. Elite Laundry Cleanup

JCarr provided a brief recap of the funding availability through the EPA and TIFD, as well as additional \$200,000 awarded through DES RLF/Subgrants. The initial public meeting is scheduled for April 28, 2010. Notices have been sent out to all affected property owners, sampling and treatment is expected through this summer.

Some interest was raised in the building fronting on Peterborough Street which has recently been placed on the market. While having the additional frontage and a larger block of land for redevelopment would be preferable, the town is not in a position to acquire the property at this time. Planning for this site should be done after the initial remediation and test results are complete.

6. Status Reports

a. Route 202/124 Traffic Improvements – Charrette

An application has been submitted to plan NH with support from the EDC, planning Board, TEAM Jaffrey and the Community Center Committee. The intent is to create a vision around a potential for a community center and traffic improvements which will impact the Stratton Rd/Blake Street intersection. While the traffic improvements will improve the dogleg, and

create an improved flow through town, there is concern about pedestrian access through the roundabout and impact on the community field area. (Post note – the Town has been approved for the Plan NH Grant – to be scheduled in the fall of this year)

b. Jaffrey Commons Market

The test site is up and running at www.jaffreycommons.org A follow-up training will be held in May for managing individual pages and for administrative access.

7. Adjourn

NEXT MEETING: April 28, 2010
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