

Jaffrey Economic Development Council
Draft Minutes 12/16/10
9:00 am Town Office

Present: Kathy Batchelder, Chair, Jim Dumont, Don MacIsaac, Steve Walker, Bill Schofield, Norman Langevin

Guests: Jane Pitt, Rindge; Justin Slattery, NH Department of Resources and Economic Development (DRED)

Staff: Jo Anne Carr

1. Business Programs Offered Through DRED

Justin reviewed several support programs offered by DRED: *Energy Efficiency*: which provides free energy audits for businesses and grant support for implementing energy conservation measures; *PTAP/Procurement Technical Assistance Program*: which allows a pre-screening process for businesses interested in bidding on government projects; *Job Training*: a matching grant fund to provide training opportunities for new and long term employees; *NH Works*: which is a program of the Office of Workforce Opportunity which provides job counseling, training and matching of job seekers to employers; *Business Recruitment* : through the Business Recruitment Center actively markets NH to national and international interests and provides support to local communities in promoting their business and industrial base through real estate marketing. Other programs include business incentives such as *Economic Revitalization Zones*, *Research and Development Credits* and *Broadband expansion*.

More information can be obtained from either Jo Anne or from Justin Slattery (271- 2591 x 132)

2. Plan NH Charrette Debriefing

Over the course of the two day event, more than 70 people participated in the active discussions and planning. The preliminary results were presented on Saturday and the final report is expected in January. There was considerable interest from the participants in seeing the results so a follow-up public meeting will be scheduled to present the final report.

3. Industrial District Signage

Kathy reported that Steve Rigopoulos is preparing some samples for the EDC and we should have them for the January meeting. Jo Anne has the sign standards for signs which may be placed in the Highway ROW.

4. Status Reports

a. *Elite Laundry* Jo Anne reported that recent indoor air sampling has not indicated any sites which are above standards for TCE/PCE. Well sampling has indicated the presence of the preferred bacteria for the treatment program. The DES supplemental funding has received final approvals and is in place. We will be billing to this grant and suspending billing to the EPA as the DES funds are through the ARRA and must be disbursed quickly. Reporting will continue to both agencies.

5. Adjourn

NEXT MEETING: January 26, 2011
9AM Town Office