

Jaffrey Economic Development Council
Draft Minutes 5/25/11
9:00 am Town Office

Present: Kathy Batchelder, Jim Dumont, Bill Schofield, Norman Langevin

Staff: Jo Anne Carr

1. Report on the EDA Funding of Stone Arch Bridge Water Mains

Jo Anne summarized the application process for EDA funding – which is now quarterly rather than on a rolling basis. All applications must be pre-screened by the regional representative prior to the formal submission. This process will allow for the representative to assist us in developing a better application. We did not submit for the June round as funding has been committed for this fiscal year already. We will apply for the September round for FY 2012.

After reviewing the minutes from Town Meeting 2009, it was stated that if the Town did not receive ARRA funding, we would bring an alternative funding package to Town Meeting for approval.

2. Proposal for Broadband Informational Meeting

Jo Anne recently attended a statewide telecommunications conference in which it was announced that New Hampshire Optical Systems (NHOS) was awarded the contract to design, construct and manage the Network NH Now Middle Mile Fiber Network. This network is being installed through main roads throughout the region. More information can be found at their website <http://www.nhosystems.com/>.

As broadband access is important to the economic development plan for Town – it was suggested that the EDC invite a representative from NHOS for a briefing on the project and implications for expanding broadband access throughout town. Jo Anne will investigate mapping current service through Fair Point and Comcast.

3. Status Reports

a. *Elite Laundry* Jo Anne had met through the recent Planning Charrette, a economic development and real estate developer who offered to promote the Elite site to a regional grocery chain. The Remedial Action Plan public comment period extended from April 18 to May 17, 2011. Several additional wells will be installed in mid June to delineate the outermost extent of the plume. A final round of sampling will be done prior to injections in order to obtain a baseline prior to active remediation.

b. *SCORE Workshop* Kathy will follow-up with downtown businesses, and determine if there is a fee associated with the training.

4. Adjourn

NEXT MEETING: June 29, 2010
9AM Town Office