

Jaffrey Economic Development Council

Draft Minutes 7/27/11

9:00 am Town Office

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

Staff: Jo Anne Carr

1. Status of the Route 202/124 Traffic Improvements

As of the July draft of the States' 10 Year Transportation Plan, the project listing and schedule remained the same as the prior plan. However, the budget has since been proposed to be cut by up to 30%, thus pushing the Jaffrey project out to the last year for implementation. Don suggested updating the presentation workbook for the upcoming GACIT hearings. Also A brief discussion ensued regarding the way the project is referred to in public documents - rather than through-pass, bypass it was agreed that the project should be known as the Roundabout and Bridge project.

2. Downtown Charrette follow-up: Implementation Recommendations

Jo Anne suggested that in order to generate greater public understanding and support of the roundabout and bridge project, a series of facilitated dialogues would be helpful. It was agreed that funding from the downtown TIFD budget could support the project if a contract were to be made with the Center for Civic Life at Franklin Pierce University. Topics for the dialogues will focus on specific areas identified in the recommendations of the PlanNH charrette. To start will be Roundabout & bridge design, followed by Streetscape and Tax Base Expansion, Pedestrian and Bicycle accessibility and closing with a more general conversation on common ground and actionable projects which could be undertaken in support of the plan. For example applying for a planning grant to develop a Safe Routes to School Program – (sidewalks and road crossings improvements)

3. Summary of Business Activity

This spring and early summer has seen several business expansions in town. Millipore and Teleflex have added personnel and are planning minor changes in their site plans. The Bradco Nine (formerly Somero building) has been adding additional businesses as leased space. The Printegra building is under agreement and the future owners plan to lease space within this building as well.

4. Status Reports

a. *Elite Laundry* The remedial Action Plan has been approved by DES and EPA which means that on-site treatment can begin. Contract documents for the trenching and injections have been out to bid and vendors selected. Work is expected in early September. There will be a temporary detour on the rail trail for about one week.

b *Industrial District Signage* Still pending a sample from Steve Rigopoulos

c *Stone Bridge Water Mains* A draft application will be sent to the EDA for comment and review prior to submittal. That will be available for the next meeting.

d. *DT TIFD* – The gate structures for the Main Street dam could be refurbished as part of the dam repairs. The EDC agreed that funds could be expended from the DT TIFD provided work be offered to local business if appropriate. (Follow-up note – as the original paint is lead based, the structures will have to be removed to be refinished; the nearest company qualified for this work is based in Fitchburg, MA)

5. Adjourn

NEXT MEETING: ~~August 24, 2011~~ Cancelled
September 28, 2011
9AM Town Office