

Jaffrey Economic Development Council

Draft Minutes 12/14/11

9:00 am Town Office

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

Guest:

Staff: Jo Anne Carr

1. Stone Bridge Water Mains

Alan Brigham, regional representative for the Economic Development Administration, US Department of Commerce toured the WWTF and the project area for the new grant application. It is helpful for the agency to see that past projects have been completed without significant delays or management problems. The tour of NEWP and Zilkha Biomass went well and generated quite a bit of interest and suggestions for the grant application. Most important is documenting area need in terms of job losses and likelihood of business expansion as a result of the EDA funding. The Town should know within 20 days of the application submittal whether the project will be considered for funding.

2. Budgets

Downtown/Stone Arch Bridge TIFD: The Budgets were reviewed and changes recommended for FY 2012. A revised budget will be available for the next EDC meeting.

3. Goals 2012

The EDC wanted to have a chance to review the current Plan before finalizing goals for the next year. However, initial suggestions included providing signage for visitors entering town; moving forward with planning for pedestrian safety improvements; improving the lighting downtown; addressing the future development possibilities at Community Field; providing signage for the Industrial Districts. This item will be included on the next agenda.

4. Meeting Schedule

It was decided to maintain the current schedule of meeting on the forth Wednesday at 9am. Next year's calendar is attached.

5. Status Reports

a. *DOT Ten Year Plan* Downtown Traffic project has been included on the plan for the Governor's approval. The project has been moved up with preliminary engineering scheduled for 2017/2019 and construction in 2022.

b. *Elite Laundry* Initial results from the treatment show a decrease in the amount of vocs in ground at the source. These results are very preliminary but also promising. Sampling will continue through the winter and an End of Year Report will be available by the January meeting. This is the time to begin the planning for marketing the property.

c. *Industrial District Signage* As we haven't heard from the vendor regarding pricing for the signage, it was agreed to approach a sign company who can respond to the request more efficiently.

6. Other

Jim Dumont has resigned after six years of service on the EDC.
Mike Shea has offered his service to the EDC.

7. Adjourn

NEXT MEETING: January 25, 2012
9AM Town Office