

Jaffrey Economic Development Council
Draft Minutes 06/27/12
9:00 am Town Office

Present: Kathy Batchelder, Don MacIsaac, Steve Walker, Bill Schofield, Mike Shea, Keith DuPuis, Cathy Furze

Staff: Jo Anne Carr, Bill Oswalt Police Chief, Dave Chamberlain, Fire Chief

Guest: JB Mack Southwest Region Planning Commission

1. Pedestrian Improvements

JB presented an overview of the SRTS program and offered that the Planning Commission could provide support with the grant application. The Safe Routes to School program is funded through the Federal Transportation Bill and provides funding for travel planning, engineering and construction for safe walking and biking routes for children to get to school. The program is based on what is referred to as the five E's: engineering, evaluation, education, encouragement and enforcement. If the town applied for travel planning, there could be \$15,000 available per school and then the town would be in a better position for construction money. In addition, as part of the planning grant the town could hire engineering services for up to \$5,000. The program requires a preliminary survey to parents and a task force comprised of school and town interests, police and fire, dpw, and business interests.

The was general consensus that the town should pursue this funding with support from the SWRPC. Jo Anne will follow up. We expect to convene a planning meeting in late August.

2. Traffic Counts

While we had JB here, as the traffic planner for the planning commission, he reviewed the strategy for the counts which occur on a periodic basis. Traffic can be measured by vehicle size and weight classification, direction of travel and speed. I have attached a sample of the data collected for EDC review. If we feel that additional data is needed we can request specific locations to be measured.

3. Signage

Samples had not come in from Oakridge – (note samples did arrive as of the writing of these minutes – Jo Anne will bring them to the next meeting)

3. Status Reports

a. *Lighting* Don reported that the Selectmen had received notice that 5 lights currently maintained by the NH DOT are anticipated to be shut off. These are the 4 lights at the Old Sharon Road/Route 202 intersection and one downtown at the 5 way intersection. Kathy and Jo Anne will attend the DOT meeting to clarify options.

b. *Airport meeting* Steve reported on the recent Airport Managers meeting held at the Jaffrey Municipal Airport (Sawyers field). Of interest to this committee is the local and regional economic impact of the airport and its importance to business. While the airport is included in the Economic Revitalization Zones in town, there has been minimal interest in making improvements to the strip and services. This is an issue to continue monitoring.

4. Other

5. Adjourn

NEXT MEETING: July 25, 2012
9AM Town Office