

Jaffrey Economic Development Council
Draft Minutes 01/23/13
9:00 am Town Office

Present: Larry Alvarez, Keith DuPuis, Cathy Furze, DonMacIsaac, Bill Schofield, Mike Shea

Staff: Jo Anne Carr

1. TIFD Budgets and Projects

The budgets remain relatively unchanged for the next year, however it was noted that with the progress made on the Stone Arch Bridge projects, it is time to direct attention to the Downtown District.

The traffic and intersection improvements will remain a priority as the state's transportation plan is under review this year. The Regional Planning Commission has continued its support of the project and has suggested that there are funds available for preliminary scoping. There is a reserve in the budget as a match for any grant funds which may be available through the year.

Ongoing improvements include pedestrian walkways, adding to sidewalk benches and plantings and completing the repairs to the lighting fixtures. A follow-up survey on the lighting once the repairs are done would be prudent to identify those additional areas where lighting could be improved or added. Further, sidewalk repairs are critical and need to be inventoried and prioritized. We've dedicated funds remaining from the lighting upgrades to this project.

Redevelopment planning should begin for the Elite Laundry site, the Selectmen are seeking EDC and Planning Board support for this endeavor for presentation at Town Meeting 2014. The budget is maintained at 2012 levels as a match for the EPA grant and for future monitoring requirements.

The Stone Arch Bridge District has budget for bond payments for the bridge and water mains projects. It was suggested that funding for completion of work for the cistern be restored for this year. This will be a one time allocation.

2. Discussion on the Stone Arch Bridge Water Mains

While work has progressed on budget and schedule, tie in costs were raised as an issue for businesses in the District. The water/sewer hook up fees were reviewed and updated by the Selectmen this past year based on infrastructure maintenance costs. The costs were calculated by Wright Pierce for the DPW. Concern was raised that affected businesses were not notified of the proposed changes. This will be added to next month's agenda.

3. EDC Membership and Chair

Bill Schofield was voted in as chair, he graciously accepted.

4. Status Reports

None this month.

5. Adjourn

NEXT MEETING: February 27, 2013
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