

Jaffrey Economic Development Council
Draft Minutes 09/18/2013
9:00 am Town Office

Present: Bill Schofield, Larry Alvarez, Cathy Furze, Don MacIsaac

Staff: Jo Anne Carr

1. Downtown Traffic – Status of DOT Funding

Mike Dugas and other staff from DOT presented to a selectmen's meeting in July about the potential for advance planning funding for the dogleg project. There is \$50,000 available for preliminary scoping and engineering review. It will take several months before the DOT has a contract in place to advance the project.

Meanwhile the EDC can make recommendations to the planning board for improvements to the 202 corridor which would complement any long term improvements associated with the 5 way intersection. For example, considering the extent of Peterborough St from Pelletier's to the 5 way; is the zoning appropriate for a mixed use district, are the uses consistent with the zoning? Are there areas where working with DOT on Context Sensitive Solutions, such as traffic calming, sidewalk improvements, and landscaping would create a greater sense of "downtown" as prescribed in the Downtown and Master Plans? There was consensus that improving Peterborough St would be good for business.

Jo Anne will discuss these issues with the planning board.

2. Elite Laundry Redevelopment

The building in front the Elite site is going on auction October 10. Jo Anne tried to contact the bank and auctioneer to alert potential buyers of the redevelopment opportunity at the site. The bank and auctioneer are unable to share information with potential bidders. So it was agreed that a sign or banner, similar to a real estate sign would be a good way to let people know the site is ready for redevelopment. Jo Anne will order some in time for the auction. Meanwhile we have not gotten any interest from the Monadnock Economic Development Corporation. But the site was approved to be an Economic Revitalization Zone by the state, which allows for business tax and profits credits on new investments on brownfields sites.

3. Status Reports

Downtown Lighting, Benches & Sidewalks have been completed. There is sufficient funds left in the budget to change out the lights near the police station to retrofit for LED in a similar style as the larger lights just finished. Jo Anne will work with Randy to extend the contract to include these improvements.

Community Field Walk Pryor has gotten bids for a bike rack, picnic table and fencing repair to install at the field. These will be ordered in the next month.

Downtown Banners with the improvements on-going to down town, adding banners on a seasonal basis would be a great addition. Discussion on this item concerned communicating with the Chamber and TEAM Jaffrey so our efforts aren't duplicative. Jo Anne will meet with the chamber and report back with samples & pricing.

4. Adjourn

NEXT MEETING: October 23, 2013
9AM Town Office