

Jaffrey Economic Development Council
Draft Minutes 06/25/2014
9:00 am Town Office

Present: Bill Schofield, Larry Alvarez, Cathy Furze, Mike Shea, Sam Hackler
Staff: Jo Anne Carr

1. Fiber Optic

Brian Foucher from WiValley recently met with department heads to explore options of accessing the fiber optic network which has been completed through Jaffrey. The faster speeds and reliability of a dedicated cable network are seen as a benefit to the town and school district. This three year project, funded in part by ARRA and matching commitments built out a fiber optic network throughout the state, encompassing all 10 counties. The last mile fiber project is intended to connect the communities along this line, beginning with anchor institutions such as schools and government buildings. See the links below for more information on the Network NH and Broadband programs.

A pilot project providing access to the wastewater treatment plant on Old Sharon Road is under consideration. Part of the project would include a wireless transmission to the businesses in the Stone Arch Bridge District. Jo Anne is investigating grants and partnership opportunities for financing a buildout.

<http://networknhnow.org/>

<http://www.iwantbroadbandnh.org/>

2. Route 202 Traffic Project

The DOT 10 Year plan has Jaffrey's project on the list. The schedule calls for preliminary engineering from 2015 through 2017, right of way in 2018, and construction through 2020. While DOT will be selecting the consulting engineers, the DOT expects the town to have a significant role in the outreach and public participation in the project as it unfolds. There is some advance funding available for early planning meetings and scoping of the project.

3. Industrial District Signage

Vendors have been slow to respond to our request for quotes. The initial pricing for a single sign has come in over what the EDC has for a budget. So members have determined to secure funding for one sign in next year's budget, for the Drumlin Industrial Park. Jo Anne will reach out to additional vendors as well.

4. Downtown Projects

Sidewalks- DPW has prepared a Request for Qualifications for the sidewalk improvements. The area would include Stratton Road to the schools and Peterborough St to Ridgecrest. Jo Anne will pursue potential funding through the DOT's Transportation Alternatives Program (formerly included the Safe Routes to School program)

Landscaping – TEAM Jaffrey had asked for support with landscaping projects downtown. JoAnne will follow-up with department heads regarding mulch and periodic cleanups.

Lighting – There are funds in the DT TIFD to continue the lighting upgrades. Jo Anne asked that the TEAM Jaffrey Design Committee and EDC members to submit suggestions for lighting repairs/replacement.

5. Adjourn

NEXT MEETING: August 27, 2014. No Meeting in July.