

Jaffrey Economic Development Council
Draft Minutes 09/24/2014
9:00 am Town Office

Present: Larry Alvarez, Cathy Furze, Mike Shea, Sam Hackler, Melanie MacDonald
Staff: Jo Anne Carr

1. Downtown Design Guidelines

Jo Anne reviewed a draft document prepared by a sub-committee of the Planning Board intended to provide design guidance to new construction and renovations of non-residential projects. The guidelines rely on existing architecture and landscaping features within the gateways and downtown areas. The intent is to provide some consistency and direction for new development which is aligned with the goals and vision statements of the Master Plan and Downtown Plan.

The draft document can be found on the town website here:

http://town.jaffrey.nh.us/Pages/JaffreyNH_News/01EDC5FB-000F8513

2. Route 202 Traffic Project

The downtown traffic improvement project is indeed moving forward. The NH DOT issued a Request for Qualifications in early September. DOT would like to engage the community in the process as early as possible and is seeking an Advisory Committee to provide input as the project moves forward. The schedule calls for DOT developing a short list of consultants and then requesting a technical response, and following on that a proposal will be requested of the finalist. It appears that project scoping won't occur until the winter months. Jo Anne will continue to liaison with DOT and keep the ED apprised of critical junctures as the process unfolds.

Jo Anne along with DPW developed a proposal for sidewalk improvements for Peterborough Street, Stratton Road and the Rail trail between Webster Street and Hillcrest Avenue. The key to this project is to keep pedestrian safety as a goal in for downtown traffic improvements.

3. Downtown Projects

The section of sidewalk where there is some plantings along River Street is owned by the town. We are looking for suggestions to replace the in-ground plantings – planter boxes were rased as an alternative. The question remains as to who will tend the boxes.

Lighting – It was discussed that the lighting along the rail trail behind the Elite Laundry facility and at the Blake Street parking lot should be improved. Jo Anne will look inot getting an estimate for these sites.

The Downtown TIFD supported the Downtown businesses in their advertising associated with the Scarecrows event. The Ledger will do color ads and print a schedule of events.

5. Adjourn

NEXT MEETING: October 22, 2014