

Jaffrey Economic Development Council

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9:00 am Town Office

Present: Bill Schofield, Chair, Larry Alvarez, Peter Davis, Cathy Furze, Sam Hackler, Don MacIsaac, Mike Shea, Melanie McDonald

Staff: Jo Anne Carr

1. Rural Development Loan Fund

Jo Anne gave a brief update on the areas under discussion for possible alternative uses of the funding by the subcommittee. These include conducting a feasibility study of one or two parcels in the business district, or performing a GAP analysis for services/retail. A second area of interest includes providing direct support for small business development which could be provided through the NH Small Business Development Center. And a third area includes providing an opportunity for dialog through roundtable events for business owners and landlords, these were initially conceived of to occur separately.

There was some discussion regarding engaging property owners in planning for the future of the downtown including parking, shopping, dining, traffic issues etc.

2. Business List

Jo Anne updated the EDC on her work to try to develop a business list from the tax records. While in the industrial districts it is fairly clear, where some large buildings have been sub-leased and mixed use buildings the task becomes fairly large. She will explore opportunities for assistance with this task. Once complete it would not be difficult to maintain.

3. Status reports

Common: Don summarized the recent Selectmen's meeting where the issue of dog waste was discussed. The choice seemed to be between enforcing the current law or banning dogs altogether. They opted for a greater enforcement mechanism, strengthening the current ordinance. Melanie reminded Don of the need for continued maintenance.

St Pat's: Don gave an update on the recent tour by town staff, architect and energy auditor of the school and adjacent residence. A report is expected shortly summarizing the findings and estimating the costs of acquisition and redevelopment of the building for uses as Town Office and potential community partners. Pete suggested that an alternate use as assisted living facility and other community partners might be more viable.

4. Adjourn

NEXT MEETING: May 27, 2015