Jaffrey Economic Development Council Draft Minutes 06/24/2015 9:00 am Town Office

Present: Peter Davis, Cathy Furze, Sam Hackler, Don MacIsaac, Ed Merrell. Mike Shea

Melanie McDonald, Max Mitchell

Staff: Jo Anne Carr

1. Stone Arch Bridge Business District Sign

Jo Anne distributed the final design and pricing for the Stone Arch Bridge sign. Archetype Signworks provided the best price and greatest options of the vendors. In order to remain consistent with the Entering Jaffrey signage, the reflection of Mount Monadnock was used as a logo. Max offered to check with the Chamber if there was an electronic image on file for use. The final mock-up will be distributed after the deposit is paid. Jo Anne will share by email when she receives. It.

2. <u>Town Office Update</u>

Don provided an update on the status of the project. The Selectmen at their July 13th meeting will make a decision as to whether a special town meeting on September 12 is warranted, and whether the court will authorize it. In the meantime, additional cost estimates are being generated by the architect. One question which arose is whether the site is historic. While the use of the property is dedicated for a civic purpose, the building itself, being constructed in the 1950's is not. Jo Anne has confirmed this through the Downtown Jaffrey National Register Historic District report. The project as it stands now is to combine Town Office and Police functions into a single building. The Selectmen have asked another ad hoc committee to consider alternate locations and configurations, but as of this time a suitable alternative has not been presented. Studies and Committee reports on this project and municipal facilities in general can be found here: Municipal Facility

3. Route 202/124 Traffic Project Update & Master Plan Transportation Chapter

The scope and fee for the downtown traffic project has not been received by DOT as yet. DOT has an open spreadsheet of all items within the scope which will be reviewed later this month. The anticipated date for the bid opening is July 9. Jo Anne has been invited to participate in the review.

Meanwhile, the Planning Board has begun a review and update of the Transportation Chapter of the Master Plan. Much of the data and demographics needs to be updated. In addition, a survey will be disseminated via email and physical locations to assess town impressions and comments on transportation issues in general in Town.

4. Status Reports

Jo Anne was informed to keep the RFQ for the redevelopment of the Elite Laundry site on hold until a final resolution of the Town Office location has been decided.

The Buddies Monument and Gold Star Mother's will be undergoing their renovations later this summer. Melanie wanted to be sure we coordinate for a rededication ceremony.

A question was raised regarding the Pompanio building and its apparent state of disrepair.

Jo Anne said she would investigate with the Building Department.

Mike Shea was happy to report that the Monadnock Plaza is now fully occupied with the new expansion of Advanced Auto Parts.

Two complaints were taken: Tyler's Ice Cream and maintenance of the lot, it appears to be trashy and ill kept. There is no detail on the site plan approval regarding trash pickup. The second complaint was regarding the car parked behind the Banker Building which appears to be abandoned.

5. Adjourn

NEXT MEETING: August 26, 2015