

## Jaffrey Economic Development Council

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9:00 am Town Office

Present: Bill Schofield, Chair, Larry Alvarez, Dominique Cassie, Peter Chamberlain, Peter Davis, Cathy Furze, Sam Hackler, Don MacIsaac, Mike Shea

Staff: Jo Anne Carr

### 1. Sub Committee Updates

Industrial District valuations: Dave Caron has forwarded the memo regarding the change in assessing methodology for land values to the assessor for review.

TIFD Boundaries: This subcommittee (Alvarez, Furze, Davis, MacDonald) has investigated the options for expanding, or changing the boundaries on either of the two districts. One reason is to more closely align the DT TIFD with the Main Street Program Area (map attached to minutes), thus allowing for improvements such as sidewalk upgrades and lighting and TEAM Jaffrey programming to encompass more of the MSPA. So the district could be extended as far as St Pat's near Highland Ave and also extend to the Post Office on Turnpike road. The third area under consideration is the former WW Cross building at 39 Webster Street. The subcommittee wanted to bring this forward for discussion. There was considerable concern for the possibility of the town taking on liability of the property and concurrently concerned about the appearance of blight in the downtown. Ultimately the general consensus was to continue to try to reach out to the owner and pursue the brownfields assessment.

Jo Anne will take the proposal to Dave Caron for review and consideration in the context of what may be allowed under statute.

### 2. Business Recruitment

There may be an opportunity to attract a small market/café to downtown but members observed the lack of opportunity for new development and redevelopment. There are few vacant parcels available and limited storefront. Mel noted that the Vape business was for sale and the hair salon in the plaza is moving to a Webster Street property. An inventory of available properties and undeveloped would be helpful in marketing downtown. See below.

### 3. Available Spaces Tour

The Town of Milford, in partnership with Amherst and Wilton, has sponsored an available spaces tour which is marketed through local realtors, lenders and town officials. Members thought this would be a good idea to follow-up on. Jo Anne will work on the property list and talk with the Milford team to get guidance on having a similar tour here. As we don't meet in July we will take this up in August for a tour in the fall.

### 4. Status reports/Other

The Planning Board is moving forward with the visioning piece of the Master Plan. They will be looking for support from all boards and committees in town with the survey and providing feedback.

Don reported that at the recent Selectmen's meeting a concern was raised regarding trash along town roads. Lou Casagrande has taken a lead on this.

### 5. Adjourn

NEXT MEETING: June 22, 2016