

## Jaffrey Economic Development Council

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9:00 am Town Office

Present: Bill Schofield, Chair, Larry Alvarez, Don MacIsaac, Mike Shea, Sam Hackler, Peter Davis, Ed Merrell.

Staff: Jo Anne Carr

1. Broadband Discussion

Jo Anne updated the members on the survey that Peterborough Economic Development Authority has been conducting. The survey is open to towns within the region, identifies users needs and gaps in services as well as price points where an upgrade would be considered. The EDC did not feel that our budget could support participating in the survey at approximately \$600 to do a mailer to all households and then the cost for analysis. If possible, it was preferred to review the data when it is released. In the meanwhile, a Task Force was considered to investigate options and costs for Jaffrey (Alvarez, Schofield, Carr). Jo Anne will coordinate. The first meeting should review what research has been done to date. It was agreed that the DT TIFD might be an appropriate venue for supporting some of the initial costs.

2. Downtown TIFD District Boundaries

To further the discussion relevant to TIFD district boundaries, Jo Anne used the GIS mapping to display the two districts and focus on the Downtown and overlapping Zoning and Main Street Program Area. Discussion of potential areas of interest include the 39 Webster Street building, , Main St to St Patrick's School, and the northerly side of Turnpike Road to the Post Office. A concern is the total overall land area that is included in the TIFDs, so Jo Anne suggested the possible removal of the Fitch Road area, which is already excluded from the calculations of captured retained revenue. A more precise definition of the land area within the TIFDs and potential value of the properties to be included will be available for the next meeting.

3. Welcome Center

Jo Anne reported that the Condominium Association which owns the Mill building has asked the Chamber and Town to have the Welcome Center moved to another site. Their concern is with the liability of potential injury to visitors as the gazebo is so close to the retaining wall above the parking area. There was a brief discussion over whether the Town and/or the Chamber could purchase the property from the association. There is a committee from the Chamber working to resolve the issue, with minimal cost. The association has indicated they would like it moved within 2 years.

4. Status reports

The sign permit for the Stone Arch Bridge District has come through from the DOT. JoAnne will send a notification to businesses, landowners on Old Sharon and Hadley Roads

The RFQ for the Elite Laundry redevelopment has been out and closes on the 30<sup>th</sup>. So far there have been no bids submitted.

3. Adjourn:

NEXT MEETING: November 18, 2015