

JHS Strategic Planning Talking Points

v.3

New items since v.2 in *italics*.

Item eliminated since v.2 in ~~strikeout~~.

1. How would the following JHS activities be ranked as to importance?
 - Meetings and programs *Important*
 - Publishing books and articles
 - Publishing a newsletter *Important*
 - Collecting and documenting donated items
 - Collecting of images including postcards and photographs
 - ~~Collecting of art work with a Jaffrey setting or by a Jaffrey resident~~
 - Collecting of paper items (personal, business or organizational papers, records, diaries, letters, etc.)
 - ~~Collecting of furniture, furnishings, household items, etc.~~
 - Collecting of books about Jaffrey
 - ~~Collecting of books about New Hampshire~~
 - Collecting of local ephemera (advertisements, menus, business cards, etc.)

2. Does the JHS expect to expand its programs & activities in the next 5 to 10 years, or shrink them or keep them about the same?

3. Does the JHS expect its membership to increase in the next 5 to 10 years, decrease or stay about the same? *Expand*

4. How can the JHS encourage younger members?

5. What is currently the most pressing space need of the JHS?

6. Should the JHS re-evaluate its collections policies? For instance, what are the criteria for accepting new donations of items? Are there items that shouldn't be accepted (considering such factors as Jaffrey connection, condition, size, etc.)?

7. What shortcomings does the JHS see in its occupancy of the Civic Center?
 - Heat in winter
 - Cooling in summer
 - *Humidity*
 - Security & fire protection
 - Lighting
 - Parking
 - Cleanliness in Auditorium (*also Little Red Schoolhouse, Monadnock 4*)
 - Acoustics in auditorium
 - Space for activities
 - Presentations/Programs
 - Exhibits / Displays

- Committee meetings
- Storage
- Archives

8. What possibilities exist for JHS to expand its footprint within the Civic Center, elsewhere on the Civic Center property, in the Jaffrey Public Library, or elsewhere in Jaffrey?

9. What opportunities are there in Jaffrey for storing JHS items off-site? (Items such as records, furniture, artifacts, large objects, etc.)

10. If the Melville House (stone house)—or any other Jaffrey historic/significant property became available, would the JHS consider purchasing it and moving out of the Civic Center? If so, would it still retain some space/activities in the Civic Center? *The JHS should communicate directly with the Diocese to determine future of the Stone House.*

11. Are there opportunities for the JHS to increase its involvement with the local schools?

12. Should the JHS document/inventory the collections in the Little Red Schoolhouse and Monadnock 4 Fire Museum?

13. Would the JHS consider hiring part time or full time staff *or interns* in the next 5 to 10 years? If so, what would that person do?

14. Should the JHS apply for grants and support from state and federal sources to evaluate its collections, its facilities, its curation, etc.?

~~15. The JHS currently donates \$4,000 annually to the Civic Center. Given its resources, what is the most that the JHS could annually donate? What would it expect in return for increasing its annual donation?~~

16. Should the JHS refine and/or expand its mission statement?

17. What changes should be considered for the grounds of the Civic Center including landscaping and circulation?

18. Should consideration be given to removing the entrance drive to the Civic Center and combining access via the existing drive to the Jaffrey Public Library to possibly include additional parking along that drive?

19. What specific code violations can be identified, what are the priorities for resolution and what are the costs involved?

20. How can the carbon footprint of the Civic Center be improved and what are the likely costs to do so?

21. Are there spaces within the Civic Center that should be air conditioned / climate controlled and how can this be accomplished and at what cost?

22. What improvements, maintenance, management, etc., associated with the Civic Center can be carried out by volunteers; what should only be done by staff; what should only be done by contractors & consultants?

23. What new funding sources can be developed to help sustain both the Civic Center and the Jaffrey Historical Society?

24. What potential hazards are faced by the Civic Center: fire, flood, mold, deferred maintenance, leaks, etc.?

25. There is too much stuff throughout Civic Center particularly in the basement. Major clearing out is called for.