

# **JAMAICA PLANNING COMMISSION**

## **REGULAR MEETING**

### **MEETING MINUTES**

**April 16, 2018**

Present: Chris Robbins, Rebecca Ohm, Bryan Zieroff, Lisa Mann

Public Present: Joel Bluming

1. Meeting call to order: Rebecca called the meeting to order at 07:00 pm.
2. Additions to the Agenda: none.
3. Approve minutes: regular Meeting Minutes of April 2, 2018 approved unanimously - moved by Rebecca, seconded by Chris.
4. Mail: none received.
5. Energy update – the Planning Commission attended the April 9, 2018 Selectboard meeting to address initial comments on the draft energy plan. The comment on wind exclusion was addressed, and Chris will work with Lisa and Bryan to include draft updates on solar array siting maps and Basin 11 regulations for watershed health.
6. Report: mini-hydro feasibility & cement plant solar info –although hydro power was not included by WRC in their generic energy plan template due to a low capacity factor compared to wind and solar, it can definitely be included in the Jamaica town plan. Options exist from larger capacity hydro power options at bridge sites where permitting allows for state assistance, to small capacity options at residences or storm water discharge areas that do not require permitting. The former concrete plant on Rt. 100 in Rawsonville includes a solar array generating 65K kWh to the Green Mountain Power grid. Since appropriate permitting would be required for such an array, Marion at WRC is checking to confirm this array is included in state calculations for regional alternative energy production.
7. Discussion: public input; survey – a working group is being formed to facilitate public outreach and prepare a survey for the water feasibility study. Planning Commission members will assist with generating questions, and learn from the process to formulate future public input events.
8. Discussion: Climate Action Coalition (CAC) membership: the scheduled Selectboard presentation was tabled until April 23, 2018, at which time Rebecca will discuss the CAC participation options for Jamaica.
9. Membership outreach: the Planning Commission is still in search of a fifth member.
10. Other Business: none.

11. Public concerns: none identified.
12. Calendar items: Rebecca to attend April 23, 2018 Selectboard meeting.
13. Meeting adjourn: Rebecca adjourned the organizational meeting at 8:10 pm.