

**Jamaica Planning Commission  
Minutes for January 15, 2018 Regular Meeting**

JPC Present: Veda Bassett, Chris Robbins, Rebecca Ohm, Greg Meulemans  
Public Present – Joel Bluming, Bryan Zieroff

1. Veda called the meeting to order: 7:05
2. Membership update – Bryan has submitted letter of interest to the Select Board who will review at their next meeting. Veda announced her resignation from the JPC as of Town Meeting.
3. Motion by Rebecca to approve the JPC meeting minutes from 12/4/17, Veda second, unanimously approved.
4. Town Plan copies were distributed. Next step: Windham Regional Commission (WRC) certification, energy planning, eligibility for grant funding, village center designation renewal. Motion to submit letter to WRC seeking certification which must come from select board.
5. Water update & discussion of tax rate study. Town voted 45 to 22 to proceed with a feasibility study of a village municipal water system. Chris presented an analysis of tax scenarios with and without town-water. JPC feels tax implications are a key variable in the municipal water plan. Chris will seek recommendations from WRC on completing a tax implication study. JPC has agreed to participate in the actual interview process for the feasibility study.
6. Several members will attend the energy planning meeting with WRC on January 22. Chris has formed an energy sub-committee which will be included monthly on the JPC agenda.
7. Veda will update the JPC planning calendar Items including Energy Meetings and other meetings with the WRC.
8. Other business – Rebecca brought up for discussion how can we make the community more attractive for businesses? Thoughts of creating a business forum or council to hear concerns and ideas.
9. Meeting adjourned – Rebecca motioned to adjourn at 8:20, Chris second, approved

Submitted by Greg Meulemans