

Jamaica Planning Commission

MINUTES for February 19, 2018 Regular MEETING

Present: Veda Bassett, Chris Robbins, Rebecca Ohm, Bryan Zieroff, Greg Meulemans

Public Present: Joel Bluming

1. Veda call meeting to order at 7:10
2. Minutes from 2/5/18 approved on a motion from Chris, seconded by Rebecca.
3. Reviewed mail received
4. Veda reminded us all of Town Meeting Day on Tuesday, March 6, and that her last meeting would be the night before.
5. PC file maintenance – Veda has gone through all files, showed all of us where the files were kept in the plastic file holder and the bottom left cabinet drawer. She gave Bryan a 2005 septic study and tasked him with looking it over and reporting Mar 5 whether it contains important / relevant info for the current water investigations. Discussion of keeping historical documents in case they might be important to develop a timeline / history of ideas on any topics.
6. Workshop and training procedures – need to be planned and reported on. On a motion by Veda, seconded by Chris, all in favor to reimburse JPC members for expenses incurred for workshops and training including Rebecca to attend the VT Housing workshop.
7. Tax rate study update, water update – NE planning – Chris will continue to seek a consultant who my able to complete.
8. Budget – How much do we have in our account? \$9,482. How are we going to spend it? JPC will develop planning budget for the comming year.
9. Energy Plan update – Chris reviewed draft of plan which is due April 1. JPC will hold public hearing at the JPC meeting scheduled for April 16.
10. Housing Summit report – Rebecca reviewed; 60 ppl in attendance. A few highlights: supply/demand i.e. need for affordable housing; .07 vacancy rate in housing in Windham county; Jamaica 75% of students eligible for assisted lunch programs; 60% of workers in Manchester cannot afford to live there; there is a need for affordable housing in Jamaica. Potential for expanded public transportation routes on the Rte 30 corridor.
11. Maps in Town Plan update – The word “Proposed” on the land use maps refers to the future uses of the land.
12. Reminder of the March 1st Meet the Candidates, Jamaica School, 7:00

13. Calendar items – Veda has updated calendar, WRC to have public hearing on certification of Jamaica’s town plan

14. Other business – Rebecca attended State House open house, heard testimony of road commissioners, climate action (Waybridge has committed to achieve net-zero on all municipal buildings), Joel discussed possible updates to the Open Meeting Law.

15. Meeting adjourned – Motion to adjourn by Rebecca, second by Greg at 8:15