Jamaica Planning Commission

Draft Minutes for November 6, 2017 Regular Meeting

Present: Veda Basset, Chair, Chris Robbins, Rebecca Ohm
Absent: Greg Meulemans
Member of the public: Joel Bluming

1. The meeting was called to order by Chair Veda Basset at 7:01pm

2. A vote on the minutes for the October 16th meeting was postponed until the next regular meeting, since a quorum of members who attended the October 16th meeting was not present

3. Town Plan update: Veda has submitted to the Selectboard some minor changes in the Draft Plan; the Hearing for the revised Town Plan will take place at 6:30pm on November 13th, right before the regular meeting of the Selectboard

4. Energy update: Windham Regional Commission (WRC) has received funding to assist three towns with the development of town plan energy elements that are consistent with the provisions of Act 174. The Jamaica Planning Commission needs to apply by November 17th, and the application needs to be signed by the Chair of the Selectboard, Chair of the Planning Commission, and the Energy Commissioner (Chris Robbins). Planning Commission member Chris Robbins has drafted a letter to this effect to Marion Major, energy planner with the Windham Regional Commission.

It was pointed out that the Energy section of the Draft Plan lacked a designation of responsibilities in the "Priorities for Action". Veda will discuss this with John Bennett.

5. Housing update: Text regarding the Vermont State Housing Initiative Grant process was added to the Draft Plan, as discussed at the October 2nd meeting.

6. Calendar items: there are no new calendar items.

7. Other business: the non-participating member of the Jamaica Planning Commission has not sent a letter of resignation. [Update 11/7/2017: member has since passed away]. Veda will encourage community members to apply to be appointed when the position is open.

Chris Robbins will consider taking Veda's position on the Windham Regional Commission, possibly as the Energy Commission member. Joel Bluming spoke about a