

Jamaica Planning Commission

MINUTES for December 4, 2017 Regular MEETING

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

Public: Joel Bluming

1. Veda call meeting to order 7:03
2. Minutes from 11/20 were modified to read Act A74. On a motion from Greg, seconded by Rebecca, minutes unanimously approved
3. Town Plan update – Approved plan is being copied for distribution, available at town office – Veda will inquire on “certification” of plan with Windham Regional Commission (WRC) – maybe helpful to ensure consistency with regional plan.
4. Water update – The Dufresne Group was selected to conduct the town water feasibility study if approved by the voters. Informational meeting will take place January 3, 6:30 PM. Vote will occur January 9, 7:00PM.

Discussion regarding what are the important questions to be answered? This is not only about growing business, but to stem the loss of current business, increase the tax base, maintain property values and ensure the health of residents.
5. Energy update – Chris gave update on energy storage. WRC has just released draft of their energy plan. Several forums will take place to gather public input including one in Jamaica January 10, 6:30PM.
6. Housing update – Group discussed the need for more local housing options – Who can help us create the structure to access the grants available, etc? Veda and Rebecca will champion
7. Calendar Items
8. Membership update – discussed need for new members
9. Other business – Greg to will champion The Economic Development portion of the town plan.
10. Meeting adjourned – 8:20

Submitted by Greg Meulemans