

JAMAICA PLANNING COMMISSION

REGULAR MEETING

MEETING MINUTES

May 7, 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 16, 2018 approved unanimously - moved by Rebecca, seconded by Chris.
4. Mail: none received.
5. Energy update: Marion Major comments were incorporated into the Plan. Chris modified the Goal 4 section to better align with Marion's recommendations. Mini hydro and Basin 11 applications to be added into final draft. Plan preparation is on target for the July 1, 2018 final draft submission deadline. In regards to public input on the plan, a town meeting presentation was discussed as an effective way to obtain public input on the draft.
6. Discussion: methods to solicit public input - outside of a public meeting, website posting and notices posted at populated town areas (i.e., D&K's) included as ways to entice public review and comment.
7. Discussion: Climate Action Coalition (CAC) membership - next steps: The Selectboard approved the membership. In-town postings will be used to put focus on the energy dashboard. With heating being the majority of the energy costs for Jamaica residents, home energy reviews and available subsidizing options will be presented to entice public participation.
8. Membership outreach: the Planning Commission still in search of a fifth member.
9. Other Business: 1) Future developers – the introduction of town zoning would be a difficult task, and flood plain jurisdiction exists as the only enforcement mechanism, so how does the town regulate potential developments to best address the current situations in neighboring towns? 2) Water feasibility study surveys – Bryan Zieroff and Lisa Mann volunteered to conduct data collection. Rebecca to confirm what we can do to help. 3) Lisa in discussions with Marion Major and continuing to look into Army Corp. study, battery storage of power, carbon storage, tree planting, erosion prevention.
10. Public concerns: none identified.

11. Calendar items: The next Planning Commission meeting is May 21, 2018. Planning Commission members to indicate summer vacations.

12. Meeting adjourn: Rebecca adjourned the meeting at 8:03 pm.