

JAMAICA PLANNING COMMISSION

REGULAR MEETING

MEETING MINUTES

July 16, 2018

Present: Chris Robbins, Rebecca Ohm, Bryan Zieroff, Lisa Mann

Public Present: none

1. Meeting call to order: Rebecca called the meeting to order at 07:01 pm.
2. Additions to the agenda: none.
3. Approve minutes: re-scheduled regular Meeting Minutes of June 21, 2018 - moved by Chris, seconded by Rebecca, approved unanimously.
4. Mail: Mail was received, and will be reviewed upon Town Hall access.
5. Energy update: Energy Plan was submitted to WRC ahead of deadline, Lisa will be able to utilize town GIS software to prepare final energy plan maps. Chris reported that the Nature Conservancy purchased land on Turkey Mountain Road, and the Plan will be updated to reflect nature conservancy ownership area.
6. Municipal Planning Grant for 2019: Grant provides money to gain access to legal advice and interaction with other consultants/professionals to provide for better understanding of goals/objectives, and the best way to communication with the town. Grant application is due October 1, 2018. Rebecca has committed to a webinar to start the application process. For grant approval, Jamaica needs agenda, and update of the Flood Mitigation Plan is the leading candidate. Bryan to review existing plan, identify needs to update the plan, etc.
7. Update on sign ordinance work: The sign ordinance committee has a template prepared for the new ordinance. The most recent scheduled meeting was postponed, and the next steps will be established at the next scheduled meeting.
8. Water feasibility project update: The water survey is reported to be going out to village and extended village residents by Wednesday July 18th. Online survey (with paper back up) to follow for all remaining residents.
9. June 21, 2018 Planning Commission get together in Townshend: A lot of potential was realized for the get together meetings as neighboring towns share similar challenges. The plan included having another meeting in the fall and invite additional neighboring towns.
10. Membership outreach: Patrick McQuillen was unable to attend and we'll reach out for the next meeting. Lisa Mann indicated Kate Ullman, former teacher in Jamaica, is another possible candidate.

11. Other Business: SEVT proposed bus route from Brattleboro to Jamaica. The value of extending the line to Stratton is apparent, and Stratton is on board with the concept.
12. Public concerns: None.
13. Calendar items: the August 6th Planning Commission is canceled, due to lack of quorum.
14. Meeting adjourn: Rebecca adjourned the meeting at 08:00 pm.