

JAMAICA PLANNING COMMISSION (JPC)

REGULAR MEETING

MEETING MINUTES

APPROVED JAN 21, 2019

January 7, 2019

Present: Chris Robbins, Bryan Zieroff, Patrick McQuillan, Jason Kass, and Rebecca Ohm.

Public Present: Joel Bluming

1. Meeting call to order: Rebecca called the meeting to order at 07:13 pm.
2. Additions to the agenda: None.
3. Approve minutes: The regular meeting minutes of December 3, 2018 meeting were approved unanimously.
4. Mail received: None.
5. Local Hazard Mitigation Plan grant funding update: Stephanie A. Smith of Vermont Emergency Management confirmed that our grant funding application has been received and we are in the review process for approval.
6. Update on revising the Flood Regulations: The final draft of a document summarizing issues related to the administration and possible revision of the current bylaw is being prepared. Upon completion of the document, the JPC will request a meeting with the Selectboard to discuss the issues and determine the steps moving forward with revising the regulations.
7. Municipal Planning Grant not funded; next steps: Without external funding and input, the Planning Commission will move forward with the creating ways to communicate to the town the present day issues associated with commercial development in Jamaica. The goal being to reach a point where the town will accept the promulgation of policy to control, on a larger scale (e.g. box stores), what gets built in Jamaica and where.
8. Strategize ways to jump-start community development discussions re: Water Study and Land Use issues: On Tuesday January 22, 2019 at 7 pm, Chrissy Haskins will give a presentation at Town Hall and answer questions related to the water feasibility study. Members of the Planning Commission will plan to attend. The Planning Commission determined that we need to develop a framework for additional town discussion beyond Tuesday's meeting to provide a continual focus on this issue.
9. ACT 250 draft Rules of Procedure: Chris is wrapping up the final draft. Rebecca will complete a copy editing review of the final draft upon completion.

10. Other Business: Through Button-Up Vermont, a nearby Windham resident received a large discount and a 20-year no interest loan to fully insulate her home.
11. Public concerns: None.
12. Calendar items: The next JPC meeting is scheduled for January 21, 2019.
13. Meeting adjourn: Rebecca adjourned the meeting at 08:08 pm.