

JAMAICA PLANNING COMMISSION (JPC)

REGULAR MEETING

MEETING MINUTES

February 18, 2019

Present: Bryan Zieroff, Jason Kass, and Rebecca Ohm.

Public Present: Joel Bluming, Charlie Peck, Lou Brusso.

1. Meeting call to order: Rebecca called the meeting to order at 07:00 pm.
2. Additions to the agenda: Chris asked if the Selectboard had reviewed or provided comments on the Draft Act 250 Rules of Procedure. Rebecca indicated that comments have not been received and she will inquire about review status with the Selectboard.
3. Approve minutes: The regular meeting minutes from the February 4, 2019 meeting were approved unanimously.
4. Mail received: none.
5. Discussion of Jamaica FHA zoning bylaw update issues outline, draft 3: The JPC discussed the current scenario and concluded that: 1) the Town of Jamaica is not currently meeting the FEMA requirements; 2) FEMA could complete an audit and place the town on administrative probation; 3) there is no clear way for anyone to understand what applies to them when reading the current zoning bylaw; 4) 250 parcels are in the flood zone and all residents within the flood zone should be notified as to what is required for certain improvements; 5) the current zoning bylaw requires a lengthy review process by the Zoning Board of Adjustment for conditional use permits; 6) Town employees should be up to speed and have a standard response to inquiries about flood zone requirements; and 7) the 2020 town budget for the flood zone administrator was cut in half making it more challenging to meet the current needs. The JPC confirmed a plan to invite the Selectboard to the JPC meeting on March 18th to discuss the issues, and plan to make a Selectboard presentation on April 8th. Rebecca motioned to not consider River Corridor regulations until all current issues are addressed, which was seconded by Chris and approved unanimously.
6. Energy Plan Adoption Discussion – comments, timing: Rebecca to look up and confirm timelines and steps for adoption/amendment to town plan, which will have to be completed by holding a public hearing. Input from the Selectboard is pending.
7. Social Media Policy Ideas: Postponed.
8. Other business: The Selectboard put language into the Warrant to give the voters at town meeting the opportunity to have direct input on the next steps (if any) of the water study.

9. Public concerns: The Depot Street Bridge was not included by VTrans for upgrade and repairs. The town should communicate with VTrans to stay on their radar. UH
10. Calendar items: The next JPC meeting is scheduled for March 4, 2019.
11. Meeting adjourn: Rebecca adjourned the meeting at 08:37 pm.