

**JAMAICA PLANNING COMMISSION (JPC)**

**REGULAR MEETING**

**MEETING MINUTES**

**January 21, 2019**

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

Public Present: Joel Bluming and Jessica Glass Pollack

1. Meeting call to order: Rebecca called the meeting to order at 07:00 pm.
2. Additions to the agenda: Rebecca requested that all email communications from JPC members to include the JPC email address.
3. Approve minutes: The regular meeting minutes from the January 7, 2019 meeting were approved unanimously.
4. Mail received: No physical mail, but an email from the Wardsborough Town Clerk with information about the hearing for their updated town plan.
5. 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, the document will be distributed to the JPC members for discussion prior to approaching the Selectboard to discuss the issues and determine the steps moving forward with revising the regulations.
6. Energy Plan Update: The energy plan has been completed with updated figures and Rebecca will complete a final review.
7. Act 250 draft Rules of Procedure that Chris has been preparing: Chris completed a final draft and forwarded the document to Alyssa Sabetto at WRC for review and input. Assuming Alyssa approves the document, the next step is to present to Selectboard.
8. Budget info: A JPC budget \$9,400 has been earmarked, an exists in the general fund. It is the understanding that the JPC can utilize the funds for our purposes. A tax study associated with the potential public water supply system is a possible option.
9. Continue discussion of land use ideas and modes of communication, including social media: Need to compile all possible ways to educate the town on important issues. Social media seems to be one of the best options. The JPC would need to consider guidelines for posting information on social media.
10. Other business: For all current members of the JPC, now is the time to inform the Selectboard that you wish be reappointed to the JPC until March 2020.
11. Public concerns: Windham Regional Commission Transportation Committee established the Jamaica Bridge as a Priority #2 for repair. VTRANS overrode the recommendation and selected lower level recommendations for funding. The weight limit has been reduced to 8 tons, and the Army Corps rates it at 4 tons. A 2017 online engineering report indicated that the bridge was satisfactory. Jamaica should consider ways to convince VTRANS of the potential safety hazards
12. Calendar items: The next Planning Commission meeting is scheduled for February 4, 2019.
13. Meeting adjourn: Rebecca adjourned the meeting at 08:25 pm.