

JAMAICA PLANNING COMMISSION (JPC)
REGULAR MEETING & SPECIAL MEETING OF THE SELECTBOARD
MEETING MINUTES

April 15, 2019

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

Public Present: Lou Bruso, Joel Bluming, Charlie Peck, and Jessica Pollack

Selectboard Members Present: Paul Frasier, Tom Tolbert, Greg Muelmans, Judy Flower

1. Additions to the agenda: none.
2. Approve minutes: The revised organizational meeting minutes and regular meeting minutes from the April 1, 2019 meeting were approved unanimously.
3. Mail received: A reference material titled “Mapping Vermont’s Natural Heritage.”
4. Discussion with Selectboard on updating the Special Flood Hazard Regulations: The discussion with the Selectboard was led off by Lou Bruso, and supported by the Planning Commission. The review included the requirements of the flood zone administrator, the current flood zone regulations and how they are applied, and the difficulties, shortcomings, and confusion with the current regulations. Lou also discussed and presented the letter that was prepared for distribution to all current residents with all or a portion of their property in the mapped flood zone. Included with the discussion was an updated on the new State regulations, and that the State wants towns to consider updating their flood regulations based on the State template. This updated is considered a great opportunity to simplify, clarify, and modernize the Jamaica flood regulations to allow for better understanding and easier application, and will allow us to remain in compliance with FEMA and put a focus on public safety. The Planning Commission asked the Selectboard to determine whether the Planning Commission should move forward with updated the regulations which was added to the Selectboard agenda for their upcoming meeting.
5. Other business: none
6. Public concerns: none
7. Calendar items: The next JPC meeting is scheduled for Monday May 6, 2019.
8. Meeting adjourn: Rebecca adjourned the meeting at 8:28 pm.