

Jamaica Planning Commission (JPC)
Public Hearing on Proposed Energy Plan Amendment to the Town Plan
Hearing Minutes
May 20, 2019 - 6:30pm

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

Public Present: Charles Peck, Lou Brusio, Joel Bluming

Warning Statement: Notice of Public Hearing - The legal voters and residents of the Town of Jamaica are hereby warned and notified of a public hearing to hear public comment on a proposed Energy Plan amendment to the Town Plan to be held at the Town Office at 28 Town Office Road, Jamaica, VT beginning at 6:30 p.m. on Monday May 20, 2019. The amendment incorporates an updated energy plan to implement the goals of Vermont's 2016 Consolidated Energy Plan in Jamaica, which is the municipality affected. Jamaica's Energy Plan amendment was developed to meet the requirements of ACT 174 which embodies the energy saving and renewable energy conversion goals of Vermont's 2016 Comprehensive Energy Plan in a manner that is consistent with Jamaica's long-standing Natural Resources, Land Use, and Economic Development policies as embodied in Jamaica's 2017 Town Plan. Jamaica's Energy Plan consists of an Executive Summary, Introduction, Current Energy Use, Constraints & Potential for Energy Generation, Potential Heating Energy Conservation and Constraints, Potential Transportation Energy Saving and Constraints, Resource Mapping Process and Policy Tool, Energy Targets and Conservation Challenges, Energy Goals, Policies, and Action Steps, and Energy Maps. The Executive Summary will be substituted for the existing Energy chapter, chapter VII, and the Energy Plan itself that will be made an Appendix to the existing Town Plan. The Mapping Appendix uses the state-generated renewable energy potential maps as the base layer for town parcel-based residential wind and solar potential maps making residential wind and solar energy potential clear to our landowners. Our Plan is necessarily aspirational as are the State Plan's goals. We believe our Plan offers a realistic approach to meeting Jamaica's portion of those goals. The full text of the Energy Plan may be examined at the Town Office during regular business hours and at jamaicavermont.org.

1. The Public Hearing was called to order at 6:30 pm.
2. Comments and discussion of the proposed Energy Plan - No comments were received from the Regional Planning Commission, the state Agency of Commerce and Community Development, or any of the surrounding towns.
3. Comments and discussion of the proposed Energy Plan from Jamaica citizens – Written comments were received from Jamaica Resident Charles Peck, who also appeared at the hearing to discuss and answer questions about his comments. The comments were focused

on suggested edits to allow for the plan to be upheld during a hearing, defensible during legal matters, and minimize conflict with the Town Plan. No other comments from the public were received.

4. Adjourn – The public hearing was adjourned at 07:29 pm.