

JAMAICA PLANNING COMMISSION (JPC)

REGULAR MEETING

Draft MEETING MINUTES

July 15, 2019

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

Public Present: Joel Bluming, Charlie Peck, and Jessica Pollack.

1. Meeting call to order: Rebecca called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.
2. Additions to the agenda: None
3. Approve minutes: The meeting minutes from the July 1, 2019 regular meeting were approved unanimously.
4. Mail received: the Brattleboro Development Credit Corp sent an information document on economic and community development tools.
5. Discussion of Special Flood Zone regulatory and legal issues (with Charlie Peck, advisor to the JPC): The discussion was initiated with a review of federal definitions and terminology, including floodway vs fringe area vs special flood hazard area. The discussion followed with a review of the Federal (National Flood Insurance Program) minimum requirement vs. the Model Bylaw Template higher standard recommendations. The JPC agreed to include a selection of recommended higher standards relative to flood protection measures, including minimum lowest floor level, flood storage volume, encroachments, and tracking improvements. The JPC confirmed that the River Corridor Program would be considered for future revisions and not be included as part of the current regulation revision plans.
6. Other business, if any: Rebecca will follow up with Alyssa Sabetto to kick start the Local Hazard Mitigation Plan.
7. Public concerns: The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) has a grant program where funds may be potentially available for local Town improvements that are associated with the West River Trail (WRT) system. One example, if applicable, would be the possibility for funds to be available to repair the Depot Street bridge, since the bridge is the only access point to Jamaica State Park and the WRT system in Jamaica.
8. Calendar items: The next JPC meeting was scheduled for Monday July 29, 2019 (typically a 5th Monday where meetings are not held), since JPC members will be absent on the first Monday in August 2019.
9. Meeting adjourn: Rebecca adjourned the meeting at 8:50 pm.