

JAMAICA PLANNING COMMISSION (JPC)

REGULAR MEETING

MEETING MINUTES

September 16, 2019

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

Public Present: Joel Bluming and Lou Bruso.

1. Meeting call to order: Rebecca called the meeting to order at 7:02 pm.
2. Additions to the agenda:
 - a. JAMBA – Bryan updated the JPC on the formation of the Jamaica Mountain Bike Advocates (JAMBA), a new local mountain bike club associated that has been meeting with the State and Army Corp in order to construct mountain bike trails in Jamaica State Park. The formation of the club allows for federal support (from the International Mountain Biking Association) and fundraising to subsidize the trail building.
3. Approve minutes: The meeting minutes from the August 19, 2019 regular meeting were approved unanimously.
4. Mail received: The Town of Wardsboro has approved their Town Plan and we received a copy.
5. Local Hazard Mitigation Plan: Alissa Sabetto has organized two public meetings (October 7th and November 4th, 2019, each 5:30 to 7:30) at the Jamaica Town Office to provide information on updating Jamaica’s Local Hazard Mitigation Plan. To prepare for the meetings, the JPC reviewed the hazard mitigation action tracker that was previously prepared by the Town and includes action items included in the previous Plan and the status of those items.
6. Continuation of discussion of Special Flood Zone regulatory and legal issues: Since members of the project team were not present due to outside commitments, the discussion was put on hold until the next meeting. Rebecca requested to have the full JPC input on the current email discussion between Charlie, Chris, and Lou.
7. Other business, if any:
 - a. Joe Bluming, a member of the public, went to the internet broadband conference for Vermont. The communicated goal was to have fiber available as an essential service for all towns. Joel explained ways to facilitate this vital service, including amending the Town Plan to include fiber availability as a goal, and explained

options (town committee, grant availability) to provide a mechanism for fiber upgrades to happen.

- b. The vote on moving forward with the public water supply study was scheduled for October 15, 2019 at Town Hall.
8. Public concerns: none
 9. Calendar items: The next JPC meeting is scheduled for Monday October 7, 2019 at 7:30 after the public meeting for the hazard mitigation plan (5:30-7:30).
 10. Meeting adjourn: Rebecca adjourned the meeting at 8:12 pm.