

JAMAICA PLANNING COMMISSION (JPC)

REGULAR MEETING

MEETING MINUTES

November 4, 2019

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

Public Present: Joel Bluming, Charlie Peck, and Greg Meulemans.

1. Meeting call to order: Rebecca called the meeting to order at 8:18 pm.
2. Additions to the agenda: none.
3. Approve minutes: The October 7, 2019 and October 21, 2019 regular meeting minutes were approved unanimously.
4. Mail received: No mail.
5. Updates on Act 250 letter of Oct 9 to Mance Engineering from DEC (forwarded to ZBA/JPC members); Town/ZBA actions: A State DEC letter in response to the Act 250 Schedule G Application (filed by the property owner and/or their representatives) indicated that the application was not complete and identified the shortcoming in the application, including the reclamation plan. The JPC is monitoring as representatives of the Town of Jamaica to confirm that any approved State permit includes measures, if needed, to uphold the Town Plan enforcement requirements for the conservation area adjacent to the redevelopment site. Jamaica can provide comments on the draft permit once issued. After permit review, the JPC will refer recommended actions, if any, to the Selectboard.
6. Discussion of revising timeline for submitting draft Special Flood Zone bylaw until after the amendments to the Town Plan are adopted (and the Town Plan re-adopted), including ways to strengthen Selectboard/Planning Commission collaboration/communication: Due to the efforts needed to complete the update of the Local Hazard Mitigation Plan, and the agreed upon elements (policy additions/changes) to the special flood zone bylaw, its best to delay the flood regulation update until after town meeting 2020. Greg Meulemans of the Selectboard was present and took part in a very productive discussion with members of the JPC to set a platform for better communication and collaboration.
7. Energy Plan hearing timeline, including updates of Town Plan: Incorporate the energy section as an appendix. Town Plan adoption. JPC has to have a public hearing as step 1. Warning notice. Pursuant to statute. Tentative date of December 16th for a public hearing.
8. Other business, if any: None.

9. Public concerns: Jamaica Bridge – Jamaica representatives met with VTrans, who agreed to take a closer look at reconstruction for the Jamaica Bridge, and the bridge now has a project number. This is a big and important step and the process is underway.
10. Calendar items: The next JPC meeting is scheduled for Monday November 18, 2019 at 7:00 pm.
11. Meeting adjourn: Rebecca adjourned the meeting at 9:22 pm.