

JAMAICA PLANNING COMMISSION

REGULAR MEETING

MEETING MINUTES

April 2, 2018

Present: Chris Robbins, Rebecca Ohm, Bryan Zieroff, Lisa Mann

Public Present: Joel Bluming

1. Meeting call to order: Rebecca called the meeting to order at 7:02 pm.
2. Additions to the Agenda: none.
3. Welcome new Planning Commission member Lisa Mann: Lisa joins with a background in nursing, landscape architecture, and geographical information systems (GIS).
4. Approve minutes: Regular Meeting and Organizational Meeting Minutes of March 19, 2018 approved unanimously - moved by Rebecca, seconded by Chris.
5. Mail: Top wall file holder in the meeting room will be used for mail sent to the Planning Commission. No mail was received.
6. Planning Commission links to Town website: Approved meeting minutes from October 2017 through the present are on the town website, but in the wrong location. Rebecca will work to consolidate and include files/scans additional important documents (i.e. open meeting law presentation, all previous Town Plans, etc.).
7. Energy update - Draft Energy Plan: initial draft plan submitted to WRC and initial comments received from Selectboard with an inquiry about keeping an open position on all alternative energy options (including wind). All Planning Commission members agree to attend April 9, 2018 Selectboard Meeting to explain Energy Plan positions, including the current and accepted Jamaica Town Plan requirement of no commercial wind on ridgelines within the Town.
8. Discussion: public input – options discussed (town meeting, posting online, etc.) to obtain public input on Draft Energy Plan in order to maintain compliance with VT Act 174.
9. Discussion: Climate Action Coalition (CAC) membership: Rebecca provided the draft resolution template on participation in the CAC program, and will request to get on the Selectboard Agenda for April 9, 2018 to discuss CAC participation.
10. Membership outreach: we are currently one member short of a full board of five members. In addition to obtaining a fifth member, former 25 year Commission member Charles Peck is available to provide assistance upon request.
11. Other Business: Jamaica Planning Commission Rules of Procedure document signed and officially adopted.
12. Public concerns: none identified.
13. Calendar items: Planning Commission to attend April 9, 2018 Selectboard meeting.
14. Meeting adjourn: Rebecca adjourned the organizational meeting at 8:20 pm.