

Jamaica Planning Commission
Minutes for June 21, 2018 - Make up meeting
for meeting on June 18th due to power outage.

Present: Rebecca Ohm, Chris Robbins, Lisa Mann

Public present: Joel Bluming

1. Rebecca called meeting to order at 8:45pm
2. Call for additions: Rebecca met with John Bennett of the Windham Regional Commission (WRC) to discuss disbursement of Municipal Planning Grant (MPG) monies. The due date for grant submission is June 30th. Rebecca is planning to meet that deadline. Awaiting final invoices from WRC. The 2017 MPG was not applied for possibly because of work on the Town Plan. The 2019 deadline is September 30th and Rebecca is planning on applying for that also. The intent of the application is to have funding which may be applied to expert and/or legal advice for zoning and water issues.
3. Motion to approve the minutes of the June 4, 2018 meeting made by Rebecca, seconded by Chris. Unanimous approval.
4. No mail has been received.
5. Energy Plan Update; progress on maps and final draft. Chris Robbins - energy planning standards reviewed. Pagination still needs to be added. Chris will write in and scan to Rebecca. The Energy Plan is thorough as is although some additional maps made in GIS are lacking. Lisa met with Paul Fraser, Selectman, to inquire about facilitation of map making in the Lister's office. To date there has been no follow up from Paul as to whether Lisa would be able to get into the Lister's office to make the desired maps. Rebecca will follow up with Paul. Rebecca will also communicate with Marion at WRC regarding the submission by due date without all of the maps.

Rebeca: Notice of the Windham Energy Plan has been posted on the Town of Jamaica bulletin board as available for review.

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6. Update on sign ordinance. Lisa has meet with two members of the Select Board, Tom Tolbert and Greg Meuleman's, twice now to update the Town of Jamaica's Sign Ordinance. The group will meet again on July 11. A draft modeled on the Town of Dover's sign ordinance is in progress.
7. Water Survey update. There is no update to report as per Rebecca.
8. VLCT Planning and Zoning Forum report. The zoning forum on May 23rd in Rutland was attended by Lisa and Rebecca. The forum was mainly geared to larger cities with current zoning. Efficiency Vermont provided useful instruction for improving home energy efficiency. Literature from the Forum will be distributed to Chris and Bryan.
9. Planning Commissions get together in Townshend on July 5th. Please plan to attend if at all possible.
10. Membership outreach. Bryan (not in attendance) will follow up by introducing the prospective member at a future date.
11. Other business. This coming Monday June 25th all members are invited to attend the Selectboard meeting where the Planning Commission has been scheduled, as per request, to speak on zoning. Chris Robbins will present for the Planning Commission.
12. Public Concerns. Joel Bluming expressed concern that Elaine Beckwith who has managed the, "Food Shelf," a local community food provider serving Jamaica and Wardsboro for the last 25 years is moving
Away. There is a need to find a replacement. Outreach is needed to find a suitable replacement for Elaine - preferably someone with experience in management or operations. Through Joel's organization, Jamaica Helps, Tammy Moser of the Stratton Foundation was contacted. The Stratton Foundation may be willing to help.
Joel is a member of the SEVT Transportation Board and also the Transit Committee of Windham Regional Commission. One goal of the agencies is public transportation along

Route 30 from Manchester to Brattleboro. This is an important issue which WRC sees as linked to energy use.

13. Calendar items. Planning Commission meetings are cancelled for July 2nd and August 6th due to member scheduling conflicts. Meetings will be held on July 16th and August 20th.

14. Motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:23 by Rebecca. Seconded by Chris. All in favor.

Submitted by Lisa Mann