

JAMAICA PLANNING COMMISSION (JPC)

REGULAR MEETING

MEETING MINUTES

January 20, 2020, approved February 3, 2020

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

Public Present: Joel Bluming and Jessica Glass Pollack.

1. Meeting call to order: Chris called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm.
2. Additions to the agenda: None
3. Approve minutes: The January 6, 2020 regular meeting minutes were approved unanimously.
4. Mail received: NA.
5. Review draft ACT 250 permit issued in Case 2W1364, Hunter Excavating, Inc. and Paul Agate project: The State of VT approved the permit on basis that the applicant meet the 12 permit conditions. The JPC has no comments at this time.
6. Report on Windham Regional Commission Broadband (WRC) Project kickoff meeting: WRC has a grant for a feasibility study and business plan for a broadband project. The goal is to establish communication districts, which consists of two or more towns, which operates like a sewer district. The feasibility study will help to determine what the need is for broadband distribution, what towns are interested in joining a communication district, bandwidth need, infrastructure/buildout needs, and a financial study. There is no tax burden to facilitate the project. If the Town of Jamaica is interested in the study, a survey of the town population is needed, which is due March 17, 2020. Chris will go to a meeting on February 6, 2020 to get input on the survey that will be prepared by WRC. Chris will communicate with the Selectboard to determine if we move forward with this initiative. The Selectboard has to confirm a point of contact for this initiative, and approve the action to conduct the survey and participate.
7. Other business, if any: None.
8. Public concerns: There is interest in an electric car battery supercharger for Jamaica. The State of Vermont has federal and state funding to install chargers across the state. Jamaica is listed as a desirable location. The town should become aware of what the State is doing in this regard and how we can help to facilitate these grant funded initiatives, if it is in the best interest of the Town.

9. Calendar items: The next JPC meeting is scheduled for February 3, 2020 at 7:00 pm.
10. Meeting adjourn: Chris adjourned the meeting at 07:47 pm.