

Jamaica Planning Commission (JPC)
Meeting Minutes
October 19, 2020 7:00pm

* Meeting was held electronically pursuant to 1 VSA 312, including The Legislature's H.861 (2020) "Temporary Suspension of Designated Physical Meeting Location Requirements" Please visit JamaicaVermont.org for information on how to participate electronically in the video meeting.

JPC members present: Bryan Zieroff, Chris Robbins, John Sohikian, Patrick McQuillan. Public present: none.

- 1) Called the meeting to order at: 7:10 pm
- 2) Agenda additions: None
- 3) Approved the draft minutes of the August 17, 2020 regular meeting
- 4) Review of mail received: None received.
- 5) Update on the Jamaica Communications Committee initiatives
 - a) Highlights of Windham CUD.
 - b) 15 Towns in the CUD now. All Fiber network.
 - c) Plan includes modeling and 7 key assumptions:
 - i) Take rate: 25% off Route 30, higher off Route 30 up to 50% take rate by year 5.
 - ii) \$14.3 Million needs to be raised through bond sales, sub-bonding debt and then when you are cash positive you can offer other bonds.
 - iii) May have to join with the Bennington CUD to increase subscribership.
 - iv) Min 50MPS offering.
 - v) Will offer direct fiber to businesses.
 - vi) Ring networks with Hubs in Wilmington and Jamaica.
 - vii) Rates offered: 50, 200, 800 \$72, \$104, \$164 respectively.
 - viii) Marketing plan needs work.
- 6) Update on the amendment/adoption process of the Town Plan.
 - a) Process outline document outlining the steps to adopt the Town Plan. Bryan will ask the Town Select Board to officially adopt the process outline or indicate that it will be the approved guidance document for adopting the Town Plan.
- 7) Update on community septic scope and application package that was presented to the Select board.
 - a) Presented to the Select Board. Unanimously approved to move to the next steps. JPC will select a committee for the funding application and prepare the application.
- 8) Other business: none
- 9) Public concerns: none
- 10) Calendar: The next regular JPC meeting is scheduled for November 2, 2020 at 7:00 pm
- 11) Adjourned the meeting: 7:30