

Jamaica Planning Commission (JPC) – Meeting minutes  
May 17, 2021 7:00pm

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1. Call the meeting to order at: 7:01 pm
2. Call for any additions to the agenda - none
3. Conduct JPC officer elections - Bryan re-elected as Chairperson, John re-elected as Secretary.
4. Approved the draft minutes of the April 5, 2021 JPC meeting.
5. Mail received – one piece non-consequential - SoVT Economic Summit which was already held this past weekend.
6. Discuss Flood Zone Administrator nomination – This position is vacant and needs to be filled so any individual that wants to build within a flood zone within the Town of Jamaica must submit a variance and the Flood Zone Administrator must review that submission. Therefore, this role needs to be filled. It was suggested we reach out to Stewart Barker and a few others that were also mentioned.
7. Update on the Jamaica Communications Committee initiatives. The State Senate approved the Legislature's bill that provides \$150 million in funding for the CUD's for fiber build out. This capital is enough to get started and raise additional broadband funding through bonds or Wall St. firms that specialize in funding fiber initiatives.
8. Town Plan adoption status and assistance – Bryan reached out to the Windham commission to make them aware we are ready to begin the process adopting our Town Plan. We then also alert all our neighboring towns and begin to go through the Plan adoption checklist. Scott & Patrick will assist with this adoption process. John will be available to support them as needed.
9. Update on additional Community Septic planning advance and additional funding options. We applied for a Planning advance and the entire \$43,000 was approved & allocated to the Town of Jamaica. This funding doesn't have to be paid back unless we move forward with the Septic construction. The JPC will apply to see if we can obtain funding the construction phase of this phase as well up to 100%. Since this forgiveness money is federal money that goes through the state, we will need to hire an engineer via an RFQ. Bryan has submitted an RFQ to the state to hire an engineer. Jamaica is now the poster child for the State of VT for the execution of a septic system for small VT towns!
10. Other business - none
11. Public concerns - none
12. Calendar: The next regular JPC meeting is scheduled for June 7, 2021 at 7:00 pm
13. Adjourned at 7:47 pm