

Jamaica Planning Commission (JPC) – Draft Meeting minutes  
Regular Meeting  
October 18, 2021  
7:00 pm

Jamaica Town Offices, 28 Town Office Rd  
Jamaica VT 05343

Commissioners preset: Bryan Zieroff, Chris Robbins, John Sohikian, Charlie Peck

Public present and participating: Benjamin Wheeler

1. Called meeting to order at 7:03 pm
2. Additions to the agenda - none
3. Approved the draft minutes of the October 4, 2021, JPC regular meeting as written.
4. No pertinent incoming mail
5. Town Plan adoption – timeline requirements for JPC public hearing on November 15, 2021.
  - a Chris & Charlie plan to make some language adjustments to Energy Goal 3 and Policy 3.1 in response to suggestions by WRC staff.
  - b Charlie requested that each JPC member look at the Town Plan for any obvious errors and bring them to his attention.
  - c Sara has done an excellent job of sending out public hearing notice documents and making follow-up requests for confirmation of receipt of those documents by the Planning Commissions of adjoining towns.
6. Update on the Jamaica Communications Committee initiatives
  - a Chris noted that the committee has submitted the application for the \$4.1 million grant monies for the DV fiber project.
  - b A DV Fiber quick link has been added to our Town website.
7. Status update for the Community Septic initiative
  - a Bryan confirmed via our engineer that the State has received all our paperwork and they have said the all the elements of the project scope & budget are in place for approval of the project.
8. Other business - none
9. Public concerns
  - a A member of the public, Benjamin Wheeler, who resides on Castle Hill Rd, raised concerns about the flooding of his basement caused by the July rainstorm. He wanted to know how he can get the Town Highway department to repair the town-owned culvert near his property to avoid further damage from future storms.
  - b The consensus from discussion between JPC members is that the Town should focus more attention on the preventive maintenance, repair and replacement of culverts, and regular maintenance of ditches and other drainage structures to better

prevent predictable erosion and flood damage caused by large rainstorms. Damaged or blocked culverts with the potential to overflow causing flooding damage to private property should be repaired on a priority basis.

10. The next regular JPC meeting is scheduled for November 1, 2021, at 7:00 pm
11. Meeting adjourned at 8:43 pm.