

Jamaica Planning Commission (JPC) –Draft Meeting Minutes  
Regular Meeting  
November 1, 2021  
7:00 pm

Jamaica Town Offices, 28 Town Office Rd  
Jamaica VT 05343

JPC members present: Bryan Zieroff, Charlie Peck, Chris Robbins, & John Sohikian.  
Selectboard Chairman Greg Meulemans was also in attendance

1. Meeting called to order at: 7:01pm
2. Call for any additions to the agenda – Charlie asked we discuss legal trail LT 25.
3. Approved the draft minutes of the October 18, 2021, JPC regular meeting as written.
4. No pertinent incoming mail
5. Town Plan adoption to be brought to the Town as part of a JPC public hearing on November 15, 2021
6. Update on the Jamaica Communications Committee initiatives by Chris Robbins
  - a. The Vermont Broadband Board approved DV Fiber's \$4.1 million grant request. DV Fiber can now move ahead with its partner Great Works Internet Inc. to secure high-speed broadband access for underserved homes and businesses for all 24 member towns.
  - b. Chris also discussed the DV Fiber has issued its annual report. The report included detailed financials along with the master schedule. As things stand now, connections in Jamaica should occur at about midpoint of the overall schedule.
7. Bryan gave us a status update for the Community Septic initiative
8. Road maintenance discussion
  - a. Roads need to be maintained to a satisfactory level.
  - b. Roads need to be repaired properly after each major storm
  - c. Culverts need to be cleared, repaired and maintained to allow for water to flow through them rather than overflowing them resulting in roadway damage
  - d. A formal process should be put in place to handle any issues brought forth by townspeople on road maintenance and other town related issues.
9. It was moved that the JPC enter executive session to discuss a personnel issue, and that Selectboard Chairman Greg Meulmans be asked to participate in the executive session discussion. Members present voted unanimously to enter executive session at 8:10 pm
  - a. Exited executive session at 9:03 pm, no actions were taken and no decisions were made.
10. Other business brought to the board by Charlie Peck.
  - a. Lucas Rogers wanted JPC and the JSB to evaluate the situation on LT 25.

- b. Luke and Mathieu have restored the trail after years of storm damage pretty much at their own expense and would like to see it protected from abuse that recreation vehicles can cause.
- 11. Charlie will speak to Lucas Rogers about their desire to protect LT 25 as a public right of way
- 12. Public concerns – no public present
- 13. Adjourned the meeting at 9:06 pm
- 14. The next regular JPC meeting is scheduled for November 15, 2021, at 7:00 pm