

ALL WELCOME  
Jamaica Planning Commission (JPC) – Meeting Minutes  
Public Hearing and Regular Meeting  
November 15, 2021  
7:00 pm

Jamaica Town Offices, 28 Town Office Rd  
Jamaica VT 05343

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

Public present and participating: Paul Fraser

Regular Meeting (immediately following conclusion of the Public Hearing) Called to order at 7:33 pm

1. Call for any additions to the agenda - none
2. Approved the draft minutes of the November 1, 2021, JPC regular meeting as written.
3. Review any pertinent incoming mail – none
4. Town Plan adoption – Next steps after public hearing
  - a No written comments were submitted
  - b There was agreement by consensus that no further changes are required

Bryan moved to “approve the .pdf document titled “JPC Town Plan amendment recommendation-11-15-21 FINAL with maps.pdf” as the JPC final recommendation of amendments to the 2017 Town Plan, and to forward that document to the Jamaica Selectboard for their consideration and action.” Motion passed by unanimous vote of members present.

5. Update on the Jamaica Communications Committee initiatives
  - a Obtaining fiber optic cable to begin construction projects has been difficult, but DVfiber is ahead of the rest of Vermont and the USA. The Vermont CUD Association (VCUDA) has arranged a bulk purchase of fiber cable for all

Vermont CUDs. DVfiber will acquire a \$1.1M buy of fiber under this bulk purchase.

- b It has also obtained approval to acquire the fiber prior to obtaining secured funding. The Vermont Community Foundation (VCF) will issue a letter of credit to guarantee the VCUDA purchase. DVfiber will pledge \$1.1M to the VCF from a future construction grant from H.360 funds to reimburse the VCF for our purchase
  - c All resolutions were passed today so VT's DVfiber CUD's can obtain 300 miles of fiber in the April/May time frame to begin construction in early summer. DVfiber will be able to trade with other CUDs to obtain additional cable if needed.
- 6. Update on Community Septic program grant application
    - a No updates from the last JPC meeting
  - 7. Other business - none
  - 8. Public concerns – none
  - 9. Meeting adjourned at 7:54 pm
  - 10. Calendar: The next regular JPC meeting is scheduled for December 6, 2021