

ALL WELCOME
Jamaica Planning Commission (JPC) – draft meeting minutes
Regular Meeting
December 6, 2021
7:00 pm

Jamaica Town Offices, 28 Town Office Rd
Jamaica VT 05343

Members present: Bryan Zieroff, Charlie Peck, Chris Robbins & John Sohikian

Meeting called to order at: 7:05 pm

1. Call for any additions to the agenda - none
2. Approved the draft minutes of the November 15, 2021, JPC regular meeting with one typo corrected in 5 a: "buy"
3. Approved the draft minutes of the November 15, 2021 Town Plan amendment public hearing minutes as written.
4. Review any pertinent incoming mail - none
5. Discussion on recommendations for road reclassification
 - a The members of the JPC discussed the possibility of discontinuing town ownership of the class 3 portion of Turkey Mountain road that lies within the boundaries of Jamaica State Park and Blake road, a class 3 town road that is almost entirely within the boundaries of the Green Mountain National Forest. . Town discontinuance of those road segments would permit the underlying property owners (the state and federal governments, respectively) to manage and maintain those roads for non-motorized uses. Both of these road segments, and the public lands adjacent to them, have potential future value for recreational use.
 - b Charlie Peck will be completing a draft of a JPC report to be submitted to the JSB with recommendations regarding reclassification or discontinuance of certain roads and road segments.
6. Town Plan adoption – Next steps after public hearing
 - a JSB will set a public hearing date for review of the proposed Town Plan amendments early in January 2022
 - b A member of the JPC should be present to answer any public questions at that Selectboard public hearing. Charlie plans to try to attend. Chris plans to attend the hearing as well.

7. Update on the Jamaica Communications Committee initiatives

- a Jamaica is slated to receive some \$307K under the ARPA (American Rescue Plan Act)
- b The [Vermont League of Cities & Towns \(VLCT\)](#) is holding a webinar December 9th at 12:30 PM on this Federal Infrastructure ACT to discuss how to best distribute these funds.
- c Members of the CUD will attend this December 9th meeting regarding how best to utilize a portion of these funds for the CUD's Fiber rollout
- d Chris Robbins in an email to JPC members on 12/4 recommended: The Town adopts "two-fer" approach that allows ARPA funding to both help DVfiber and help fund the sewer project.

8. Update on Community Septic program grant application

- a Bryan hasn't received any updates but it's confident that good news is forthcoming.

9. Other business - none

10. Public concerns – none as none were present

11. Calendar: The next regular JPC meeting is scheduled for December 20, 2021, at 7:00 pm. The following meeting will be held on January 17th.

12. . Adjourned the meeting at 7:58 pm