

Jamaica Planning Commission (JPC)
Draft Meeting Minutes - Regular Meeting
May 2, 2022
Jamaica Town Offices, 28 Town Office Road
Jamaica VT 05343

Commissioners present: Bryan Zieroff, Chris Robbins, Charlie Peck, Patrick McQuillan

Public present: none

The regular meeting of the JPC was called to order immediately following the adjournment of the special ZBA meeting.

1. The draft meeting minutes of the April 18, 2022 JPC meeting were approved as written.
2. Chris passed around photos of reels of fiber optic cable recently delivered to DVFiber, commenting that the photos are of the first physical evidence that DVFiber is making “reel” progress toward actually building the long awaited high speed broadband network.
3. Agenda items 5 and 6 were combined into a continued general discussion of the U. S. Treasury SLFRF final rule overview document provisions and the evolving list of JPC recommendations for town use of available ARPA and IIJA funds. It was noted that the recently distributed 2018 Jamaica Road Erosion Inventory documentation is highly relevant and important, and there was general agreement that this information strengthens the case for recommending, as a high priority, use of SLFRF funds to “leverage” potentially available IIJA enhanced state grant program funds to address significant non-compliance issues of our highway system. According to the 2018 Inventory, 46% of Jamaica’s total road miles do not meet minimum (and mandatory) state standards for Water Quality Standards compliance. The 2018 Inventory specifies the dates by which certain specifically identified non-complying road segments must be brought into full compliance with the Municipal Roads General Permit (MRGP) standards..

It was noted that a recommendation for priority use of potentially available federal and state funds to address existing and identified MRGP non-compliance issues and general resilience and reliability of our highways, cannot succeed without the full understanding, agreement, support and commitment of the Jamaica Selectboard. Bryan will contact Greg to discuss this issue, and the essential need for full Selectboard commitment, with him. Charlie will continue work on refining and completing the draft list of JPC recommendations. The JPC will continue discussion, and finalization of our recommendation, at our next meeting.

4. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.