

Jamaica Planning Commission (JPC)  
Draft Meeting Minutes - Regular Meeting  
August 1, 2022  
Jamaica Town Offices, 28 Town Office Road  
Jamaica VT 05343

Commissioners present: Bryan Zieroff, Chris Robbins, Charlie Peck  
Public present: Bob Rolen, Ryan Darlow, Martha Staskus (Norwich Technologies)

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m.

1. No additions to the agenda.

2. Martha Staskus and Ran Darlow of Norwich Technologies attended the meeting to provide information on the proposed 500 KW solar generator development at 52 Tonys Lane in East Jamaica. They have requested that the Jamaica Planning Commission and Selectboard sign a letter to the Vt. Public Utility Commission (PUC), which has regulatory jurisdiction over the project, indicating that the Town wishes to designate the proposed site as a "preferred site" under Section 5.103 of PUC Rule 5.100.

It was moved and unanimously voted by members present to approve the final draft of the JPC recommendation to the Selectboard that the town support this proposed development because it is supported by, conforms to, and significantly implements the Jamaica Town Plan and Energy Plan.

It was moved and unanimously voted by members present to direct the Chairperson to sign the "preferred sites" designation letter to the PUC.

Charlie will communicate the JPC position and actions on this project to the Windham Regional Commission Project Review Committee, which will be discussing this issue at their August 2 meeting.

3. The draft minutes of the June 6, 2022 meeting were approved as written.

4. Chris reported that the Vermont Communications Broadband committee (VCBB) has awarded a \$21.9M construction grant to DVfiber to commence construction imminently. The award will cover the first 24 months of DVfiber's 36 month plan to reach unserved and underserved households in DBVfiber's towns. DVfiber anticipates applying for a follow-on grant from the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) Broadband Equity, Availability and Distribution (BEAD) program to finish the remaining 12 months. Chris plans to brief the Selectboard on accomplishments of DVfiber in the last quarter at their next meeting.

5. A Wastewater Feasibility Study update included: 1) an application for the next round of funding for the Wastewater Study was prepared and submitted by the end of June 2022 deadline; 2) field work including test pits, historic/archeological work, and elevation analysis is scheduled to be completed in August 2022; and 3) the 60% Progress Meeting is scheduled for mid-September 2022.

6. No other business was brought up.

7. The public present expressed no concern.