

JAMAICA PLANNING COMMISSION (JPC)
REGULAR MEETING
MINUTES
July 20, 2020

* Due to Covid-19 limitations to public gatherings, the JPC meeting was held electronically pursuant to 1 VSA 312, including The Legislature's H.861 (2020) "Temporary Suspension of Designated Physical Meeting Location Requirements"

Present: Bryan Zieroff, Patrick McQuillan, and Chris Robbins.

Public Present: Hazel Denton

Bryan called to order at 7:11 pm

- 1) Additions to the agenda - None.
- 2) Approve the draft minutes of the July 6, 2020 regular meeting - The draft minutes of the July 6, 2020 regular meeting were approved unanimously
- 3) Mail received, if any - Town Hall was not visited prior to the meeting, there for any incoming mail was not confirmed.
- 4) Approval of the draft Local Hazard Mitigation Plan: On June 22, 2020, Alyssa Sabetto of the Windham Regional Commission (WRC) communicated to the Town that our draft LHMP has received preliminary approval from Vermont Emergency Management (VEM) and the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and was ready for adoption. The Selectboard has been asked by WRC to sign and return the Certificate of Adoption page (Page 72) of the draft LHMP, which will allow for final agency approval. The plan is required to be formally adopted by the Town and returned to VEM within one calendar year of the preliminary approval notice on June 22, 2020.
- 5) Review the amendment/adoption process of the Town Plan – Back in December 2019, the JPC prepared a Process Outline for Selectboard consideration. The outline was a summary of the Town Plan adoption/documentation steps required by 24 V.S.A Chapter 117. These steps are included as a checklist in the Plan and Bylaw Adoption Tools document prepared by VPIC. The JPC recommends that the process document be adopted and used by the Town during the adoption of our Town Plan to ensure that the validity of the Plan can be successfully defended if challenged in a court proceeding. This issue has been delayed as a result of the Covid-related restrictions. The JPC will ask the Selectboard to revisit the Process Outline, and consider adoption prior to moving forward with the adoption of the Town Plan.
- 6) Status on the potential community sewer initiative – A process scope and preliminary design cost has been prepared, and an information package will be presented to the Selectboard.

7) Other business – Chris mentioned that Towns within our Communication Union District (CUD) are sending out flyers to the public to explain the specifics associated with installation of broadband internet (part of the broadband initiative), including signing up in advance to be included in the first wave of installation. Jamaica should consider the same or equivalent notification process to keep our residents informed and ready to take advantage of the potential internet service improvements.

8) Public concerns – None.

9) Calendar items: The next regular JPC meeting is scheduled for August 3, 2020 at 7:00 pm.

10) Adjourn – The meeting was adjourned at 7:40 pm.