

Jamaica Planning Commission (JPC)
Draft Meeting Minutes - Regular Meeting
October 17, 2022
Jamaica Town Offices, 28 Town Office Road
Jamaica VT 05343

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

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

1. No additions to the agenda.

2. Lexa Clark requested that agenda item 5 be taken up first, which was agreed to. Lexa asked several questions about the ongoing village wastewater disposal study, and Bryan provided answers.

Bryan reported that the Selectboard has signed the application for the second round of funding, which will be used primarily to pay for the alternatives analysis. This funding is a state planning advance loan, but it is expected that repayment will not be required as the state intends to use federal IIIA funds to cover repayment of the planning advance loans for Jamaica's project. Bryan will provide an update on the project schedule at the next JPC meeting.

3. The draft minutes of the October 3 meeting were approved as written by unanimous vote.

4. Charlie reported that Tim Morton is working to obtain clarification of the easement language issue raised by JAMBA at the public hearing. Charlie said he expects that written confirmation will be received soon that bicycle use within the LT 10/TH 20 corridor on state land would continue to be permitted if the town discontinues the road segment and legal trail. The Selectboard is delaying its decision on that proposed discontinuance until that information is received.

5. Chris reported that significant decisions will be made at the next DVfiber Governing Board meeting which he will report on at our next meeting. The major activity since our last meeting has been the Readiness Task Force work on interacting with the Equal Access to Broadband (EAB) to develop an approach to subsidizing low income households subscription fees and connection costs for access to DVfiber's network.

6. There was a brief discussion of town road maintenance issues.

Charlie noted that there is a significant land conservation issue in a nearby town, the details of which are confidential at present, but which will be publicly announced soon. Charlie will provide additional information on this at the next JPC meeting.

7. No public concerns were raised. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.