

Jamaica Planning Commission (JPC)
Draft Meeting Minutes - Regular Meeting
September 16, 2024
Jamaica Town Offices, 28 Town Office Road
Jamaica VT 05343

Commissioners present: Bryan Zieroff, Chris Robbins, Patrick McQuillan, John Van Hoesen

Public present: Matt Bachler, Karen Ameden

1. The meeting was called to order at 7:06 PM.
2. The August 19, 2024 draft meeting minutes were approved as written by unanimous vote of members present.
3. Jamaica Town Plan Update: Matt Bachler shared a draft presentation for the October 1st meeting (7pm) and results from the Jamaica community survey. The survey isn't finalized, still collecting responses until September 31st. The presentation will be short (30 mins) and then there will be an activity with large format maps that people can annotate and offer comments. JVH stated that the Local Hazard Mitigation Plan was funded under a different program, but asked whether there was a way to link it to the Town Plan. JVH indicated he would reach out to Alyssa about funding timelines. Chris stated that one of the priorities should be protecting more than just ridge lines with respect to renewable energy infrastructure.
4. Four Town Housing Project Update: Bryan shared that the WRPC is working on this housing plan with Londonderry, Winhall, Jamaica, and Wardsboro. Planning an on-site meeting to meet with local stakeholders and places to meet in each town. Sept 24th, 1:00-2:30pm will meet in Jamaica to talk about the housing project. There are also public meetings scheduled for 9/24 and 9/26, at 6:00-8:00 pm, in the Floodbrook School gym.
5. Community Septic Update: Bryan shared that the draft Village Wastewater 90% Preliminary Engineering Report (PER) has been submitted to the State and is available for download on the Town website. The wastewater committee, our engineer, and a member of the State had a meeting that was open to the public where our engineer presented the results of the 90% report. The committee is hoping to get a town meeting scheduled this fall for a presentation of the 90% report. Chrissy Haskins would like to schedule it prior to a Selectboard meeting for efficiency. Bryan will let the JPC know if the meeting gets scheduled before the next meeting. The next steps will be to put the plan up for a vote, and if approved, apply for funding, prepare final design documents, and bid out for construction.

Chris shared that he has done some approximate estimates for tax implications based on the assumption that all costs will be supported solely by the taxpayers. Bryan shared that the Wastewater Committee plan includes covering much of the cost by external funding (either advances, grants or loans).

6. Public Comments/Concerns:

- Karen shared that there is a [Vermont 30 Collective](#) effort with a meeting on Wednesday, Oct 2nd at 5:30pm at the Retreat Farm.
- There are three meetings related to the local schools; the proposed plan is to close Jamaica School and Townsend School to close. If Jamaica doesn't close the school it needs to use it for educational purposes, if it votes to close the school, the Town gets first 'dibs' on deciding what the building could be used for.

8. Chris made a motion to adjourn the meeting, John seconded the motion. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:15 PM.