Jamaica Planning Commission (JPC)
Draft Meeting Minutes - Regular Meeting
March 17, 2025
Jamaica Town Offices, 28 Town Office Road
Jamaica VT 05343

Commissioners present: Bryan Zieroff, Chris Robbins, John Van Hoesen, Patrick McQuillan
Public present: Jessica Pollack, Matt Bachelor, Anand Fedele

1. The meeting was called to order at 7:10 PM.

2. Organization Meeting: Chris nominated Bryan as the chair, Patrick seconded. Bryan nominated John as the secretary and Patrick seconded.

3. Chris made a motion to approve the January 21, 2025 draft meeting minutes, Patrick seconded. They were approved by unanimous vote of members present.

4. Jamaica Town Plan Update: Bryan forward email (3/13) contained Matt's most recent edits to the plan. Matt shared the following updated chapters:
   - **WRC memo on Land Use and Energy chapter revisions**
   - **Draft Land Use chapter (with red-lined edits)**
   - **Draft Energy chapter (with red-line edits)**
   - **Draft Energy chapter (clean version with all edits accepted)**
   - **Land use and energy maps from 2017 Jamaica Town Plan**

   Matt wanted to discuss land use and energy chapters. Land use chapter is a strong chapter regarding content and polices, Matt only made minor changes to the text. Matt shared a map depicting land use and forest blocks.

   Anand shared what has changed in the energy plan. State updated requirements/standards for enhanced energy plans since the last town enhanced energy plan. Anand compared updated standards with existing plan and made changes when needed. State requires three elements: (1) data analysis and targets, (2) implementation framework, and (3) required energy data maps.

5. Local Hazard Mitigation Plan: Bryan shared that an updated plan is due in summer 2025.

6. Road Erosion Inventory: Bryan shared that we have an approved grant to hire someone to update the inventory. That process is moving forward.

7. JPC Membership: There is a potential 5th member for the JPC, we will hopefully have them attend the next meeting.

8. Communications Committee Update: Chris shared that interest in the BEAD grant is moving forward, even though the funding is currently on hold and under review. Worst case scenario is that implementation will be delayed.

9. Other Business: No other business.

10. Public Comments/Concerns: No public comments.

8. Chris made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Bryan seconded the motion. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:40 PM.