Jamaica Planning Commission (JPC)
Draft Meeting Minutes - Regular Meeting
April 21, 2025
Jamaica Town Offices, 28 Town Office Road
Jamaica VT 05343

Commissioners present: Bryan Zieroff, Chris Robbins, John Van Hoesen
Public present: Matt Bachelor, Charlie Peck, Karen Amenden

1. The JPC meeting was called to order at 7:09.

2. Chris made a motion to approve the March 17, 2025 draft meeting minutes, John seconded. They were approved by unanimous vote of members present.

3. Jamaica Town Plan Update: Matt shared the Housing and Economic Development chapters last week with redline edits. Agreed that there are different ways to frame some of the policies, actions, etc., as aspirational.
    i. Matt explained opportunities related to an accessory dwelling units on single-family residential properties.
    ii. Matt requested feedback on all chapters by May 2, 2025 so he can finalize a draft for our next meeting.
    iii. Matt will also update the town plan introduction chapter for the May meeting.
    iv. Matt shared that there may be additional opportunities related to the new guidance related to 'downtown centers'.
    v. Matt also needs to circle back and update the education section.

4. Local Hazard Mitigation Plan: Bryan reminded us that the update is due this summer. Important because it results in additional funding options. JVH asked how the changes to FEMA/BRIC might impact this? Matt hasn't heard any news.

5. JPC Membership: Possible new member is interested in joining the JPC.

6. Communications Committee Update: Chris shared that new members are being added at ~50 per month. BEAD grant is submitted with the hope that the funding does come through.

7. Other Business: No other business.

8. Public Comments/Concerns: Karen shared there is a new development going in near Mountain Acres with potentially 30 more homes on 15 acres.

10. Chris made a motion to adjourn the meeting, John seconded the motion. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:43 PM.