

Jamaica Planning Commission (JPC)  
Draft Meeting Minutes  
Public Hearing  
Proposed Update to Jamaica Town Plan  
September 25, 2025  
Jamaica Town Offices, 28 Town Office Road  
Jamaica VT 05343

**Commissioners present:** Bryan Zieroff, Chris Robbins, John Van Hoesen, Siobhan McDermott

**Public present:** Matt Bachelor, Karen Ameden, Greg Meulemans

1. The meeting was called to order at 7:03 PM
2. There were no additions to the agenda.
3. **Overview of the proposed Town Plan Updates:** Matt provided a brief overview of the development of proposed updates to the Town Plan. Plan was last updated in 2017, town received a Municipal Planning Grant to help the town with this latest town update. The more substantial changes were related to sections covering: outdoor recreation, telecommunications, wastewater, transportation, flood resilience, housing, forest blocks and habitat connection, and the enhanced energy plan.
4. **Review of Comments Received by Abutting Municipalities:** No comments were received.
5. **Review Comments Received by the Windham Regional Commission (WRC):** No comments were received.
6. **Public Input/Public Comment on Proposed Town Plan Updates:**
  - Greg asked whether the conserved land on College Hill could be added to the land use map.
  - Karen shared that the pre-K program serves students ages 3-5.
  - Chris shared that he added a section about campsites into the land use section.
  - There was a question about the terms Village Center and Village Downtown and whether they were the same. Matt explained what makes different.
  - There was an appreciation for the light pollution section, but asked if there were options to look at town lighting and evaluate whether they are needed or if dimmer lights could be used.
  - In the commercial wind power section, it was noted that it may not be beneficial in the town. So the question was asked whether there were any similar comments for commercial solar related to cutting down too many trees or not generating enough power.
7. **Next Steps:** the JPC will make any final edits and share with the SelectBoard for review and approval. SelectBoard needs to wait 30 days before holding a public hearing meeting, but needs a 15 day notice.

8. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:53 PM.