

## **Jamaica Planning Commission (JPC) - Minutes Regular Meeting, Monday June 15, 2026 – 7:00pm**

Board Attendees: Bryan Zieroff, John VanHoesen, Siobhan McDermott

Public Attendees : Karen Ameden, Ranier Frost

Called to Order: 7:07 p.m.

### **1. Call for any additions to the agenda.**

Siobhan would like to provide an update on the School Reuse Committee.

### **2. Approve the draft minutes for the April 20, 2026 JPC Regular Meeting.**

John made a motion to approve. Siobhan seconded. All in favor.

### **3. Act 181 Review.**

Act 181 was signed into law. After public protest, the road rule and Tier 3 were repealed. Siobhan feels that if the legislature takes this up again, momentum against it may be lost. The Town had sent a letter.

### **4. Review of Hollow Road/LT-27 request.**

Bryan started by saying that Vermont has a right-to-roam law unless land is posted or the landowner comes out and asks someone to leave. In the Town Plan, there are statements that the Town is trying to preserve as much access as possible for recreation purposes.

In 2022, Road 53, which was a Class 3 road, was reduced to LT-27.

This is only meaningful if the owner would allow access to the closed part of Maynard Hollow Road.

There is a statutory process to change the classification of the road: either 5% of voters can petition, or the Selectboard can hold a hearing. At that point, they can bring in the JPC and other stakeholders. Mr. Frost wrote a letter requesting that LT-27 be discontinued.

The request has nothing to do with concerns about public access. The two points he wanted to make were, first, that there has been no use of this road for many decades. This is because the bridge was not repaired as he had requested. The Town declined to make the repairs, and then it was converted to a trail. Without wading across a fairly wide brook, there is no way to use the trail. He thought it was fine to have the road on the land until his surveyors had to reduce a lot that the road goes through by a quarter acre. No one has used this for 50–60 years, since the boarding house was no longer used. He does not anticipate anyone using the trail.

He showed the drawing. The bridge is indicated as being out, and there is little use of the path. He thinks it is fair to discontinue LT-27 because the bridge was never repaired. Bryan says trails are used by fishers and hunters.

The JPC can do the due diligence and make a recommendation to the Selectboard. If they accept it, then the Selectboard will hold a hearing on the property.

He is familiar with usage and is not aware of any use on this land.

Siobhan asked what the due diligence would include. Bryan said they need to look at the Town Plan, assess the old decision, and conduct a site visit.

In 2022, the road crew brought a recommendation to declassify roads. They came to the JPC to get input. The JPC reviewed the matter and made its recommendations.

Bryan made a motion that he would be the point person on the review and would write up a recommendation to the Selectboard. Siobhan seconded. All in favor.

Karen is concerned that if this is canceled, the Sadler property owners may also ask that it not be used.

## **5. WCSU/WRED updates.**

Second budget added \$25,000. The SU has reviewed its budget because the budget was rejected. They took out administrative costs.

Vote will be on Wednesday, June 17.

## **6. Update on School**

The Selectboard is allowing the committee to continue. They are working on a name and a system to bring people in. They have agreed to meet every other week. The Town Administrator is going to help shepherd the process of fixing the deed and meeting with Greg Sochin and Greg Frost to determine the condition of the building and what property will be transferred with the building.

There will be a meeting with the Vermont Trust to help with the process. The grant opens next week and is due in September. They are talking to members of the public to determine what the Town needs.

## **7. Other business.**

None.

## **8. Public concerns.**

FEMA bought out two properties. It would be nice to build parks around those pieces of land.

Bryan made a motion to adjourn. John seconded. All in favor.

Adjourned: 8:13 p.m.