

Town of Starksboro
Jerusalem Community Center Committee
Minutes
September 27, 2021
(Unapproved)

Present: Susan Klaiber, Greg Orvis, Luke McCarthy, Jeff Dunham, Alan Quittner, Megan Nedzinski, Tom Estey
Others Present: Jeff Keeney

Meeting called to order by Chair Susan Klaiber at 6:05pm

Visitors Business: J. Keeney from the Starksboro Planning Commission was in attendance.

Update on Roof Project: Following the 8.13 meeting the bids were presented to the Select Board and Denice Construction was selected as the preferred bidder. Denice Construction tentatively accepted the project pending final contract negotiations with an anticipated start date of spring 2022. The Select Board sent the contract to the Town attorney for review. It was discussed that it is still unclear what method will be used to stabilize and improve the rafters but the parties will meet with the Committee's structural engineer during the winter for a walk-through.

Update on Zoning Applications: The Committee submitted the Zoning Applications to the Select Board on August 3rd and they were signed that night. The Committee has not heard from the Zoning Administrator to date.

Update on Contact with Planning Commission: Jeff Keeney from the PC was on hand to hear about where we are in the process and what we hope to accomplish over the next few months. It was discussed that now that the zoning application is underway the JCCC would like to involve other town committees. Involving the PC is intended to solicit valuable feedback for the overall project. J. Keeney offered to put the project on the next agenda and present the current drawings for review and comment. A general discussion of the overall project, historical use of the building, and methodology for how we arrived where we are ensued.

Overall Project Status: Everyone spoke for a few minutes on potential next steps. Depending on the results of the Zoning Application the project may be able to go to the Development Review Board next; however, it was noted that even if everything is approved, we still need additional funding for the creation of construction plans and documents. In addition to needing additional funding for finalizing the drawings with an architect, the Committee discussed how there is still no appetite in town for a large-scale project at the moment. In light of the possibility of American Rescue Plan Act money being available, discussions turned to the possibility of completely separating the two projects and focusing on finalizing the design, plans, and associated pre-construction work of the Fire Station. Ideally, the Committee could apply for some ARPA funding from the town to complete these items for the infrastructure-related project.

Minutes:

Motion: M. Nedzinski made a motion to approve the 7/26/2021 minutes. A. Quittner seconded.

Vote: All in favor.

Motion: T. Estey made a motion to approve the 8/13/2021 minutes. M. Nedzinski seconds.

Vote: All in favor.

Motion: T. Estey made a motion to adjourn the meeting. M. Nedzinski seconds.

Vote: All in favor

Meeting adjourned at 7:42

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the JCCC will be October 25th at 6pm at the SCHOOLHOUSE.

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