

Town of Starksboro
Jerusalem Community Center Committee
Minutes
February 25, 2019
(Unapproved)

Members Present: Susan Klaiber, Alan Quittner, Greg Cousino, Tom Estey, Greg Orvis, Megan Nedzinski.

Others Present: Jeff Dunham

Unable to attend: Luke McCarthy

The meeting was called to order by Chair Susan Klaiber at 6:05 p.m.

Visitors Business: None

Minutes: The 1/28/19 minutes were reviewed.

Motion: A. Quittner made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by G Orvis.

Vote: All in favor

Consideration of Fire Station location – T. Estey reports that the Fire Department is willing to continue further studies on a proposed firehouse on the same property as the Jerusalem School House. G. Orvis claims that the current store owners could possibly be selling the store, and J. Dunham declares a boundary adjustment would be the best and that 10' would be ideal.

Structural Assessment Report – The assessment was reviewed, S. Klaiber recommends changing the language as to not mislead the public to “definite” changes, more or less present possible concepts. M. Nedzinski says that the report will give the committee information and recommendations on items such as the foundation, structural concerns, insulation issues, etc. Much discussion was had about the best way to handle these problems. J. Dunham and M. Nedzinski talk about the benefits of heat pumps versus traditional heating systems. M. Nedzinski talks about the efficiencies of heat pumps, and G. Orvis states that the current furnace and chimney may be dated and inefficient too.

Schedule for Environmental Assessment – S. Klaiber recommends we hold off on the environmental assessment for the time being, and M. Nedzinski confirms that the items such as lead paint, asbestos, etc. are not issues to worry about immediately.

Community Survey – S. Klaiber contacted L. Ryan, who recommends an online survey as well as a paper version. A. Quittner states that he would like to see it posted in the Gazette. L. Ryan asks S. Klaiber as to “what is the goal for the survey” and how will the board use the information from it. S. Klaiber states that there is approximately \$25,500.00 available and that as of now, Barnard and Gervais has 3 bills totaling \$2,127.54 with the possibility of one more bill that would almost meet the \$2k-\$2,500 estimate. Engineering Ventures gave an estimate of \$2,500, with the total actually being \$1,900.00, with another \$982.86 charge expected as well. The discussion was had about the \$80 per hour charge that the survey would cost, and it was

determined that the cost was justified to ensure the public was included. It is S. Klaiber's recommendation to have L. Ryan proceed with a survey, M. Nedzinski adds that we receive a cost proposal first.

Quarterly Report to Selectboard -- S. Klaiber reports that costs could rise for unforeseen circumstances. P. Marsh asked if the Fire Station was physically going to fit on the property. L. McCarthy will speak on behalf the JCCC at town meeting.

Overall Plan of Action -- S. Klaiber recommends fundraising and grants for discussion in future meetings. M. Nedzinski believes that conceptual designs and cost estimates are necessary so that community members and committee members can see actual costs.

Motion: Motion was made by A. Quittner to adjourn. Seconded by M. Nedzinski

Vote: All in favor.

Meeting adjourned at 7:30.