

Town of Starksboro  
Jerusalem Community Center Committee  
Minutes  
October 23, 2019  
(Unapproved)

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Present: Susan Klaiber, Jeff Dunham, Tom Estey Luke McCarthy, Megan Nedzinski, Alan Quittner  
Unable to Attend: Greg Orvis  
Others Present: Doug Viehmann

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The meeting was called to order by Chair Susan Klaiber at 6:10 p.m.

**Visitors Business:** None

**Review of Progress to Date:**

Water Quality – Water was collected from the taps and tested. All results came back below acceptable levels with the exception of Lead. This is likely due to the age of the plumbing and fixtures. Once plumbing and fixtures are replaced the high lead levels should be abated.

Review of Cost Estimates – GVV presented a second, more detailed estimate of costs based on the conversations from the previous meeting. The committee still feels that some of the estimates are inflated due to the fact that contractors who were contacted were not bidding on the project, but simply offering rough numbers. Extended discussions revolved around services contained within the estimates and what services the construction process may or may not need. The committee used the established estimates, added in “soft costs” and other unaccounted for budget items, and came up with a very rough total budget based on current documents available. The committee then attempted to establish a total project cost they were comfortable bringing to the Selectboard and subsequently the Town taking into account how grants and fundraising could impact the total budget. Finally, the estimates were reviewed again to identify areas to cut out of the budget entirely. In the above discussions, the committee considered the overall potential tax burden on the town using a home assessed at \$200,000, and a 10-year loan. The committee discussed getting a second entity to obtain a construction estimate for the project. This should not cost the committee any extra money, however time is an issue. The committee will contact a few estimators and see if they can work with our schedule.

Plan for meeting with Selectboard – The committee initially proposed meeting with the SB in November however due to the extended discussions surrounding the estimates the committee will ask to present in December instead.

The committee discussed tabling the remaining agenda items for the next meeting.

**Motion:** T. Estey made a motion to table the remaining items. L. McCarthy seconded.

**Vote:** All in favor

**Motion:** M. Nedzinski made a motion to adjourn. J. Dunham seconded.

**Vote:** All in favor

Meeting adjourned at 8:15.