

**Town of Starksboro
Jerusalem Community Center Committee
Minutes
July 13, 2020
(held via video conference call)
(Unapproved)**

S. Klaiber called the meeting to order at 6:13 (slightly delayed due to some technical and connectivity issues)

- 1) S. Klaiber read the official open meeting law announcement, included below for reference.
- 2) Roll call was taken, with the following present: Susan Klaiber, Jeff Dunham, Alan Quittner, Tom Estey, Greg Orvis, Megan Nedzinski, (Luke McCarthy – joined at 6:38)

Visitors' Business

- 1) No visitors present

Review of Town Meeting Input

Potential Impact of COVID-19

Review and Discussion of Selectboard Committee Charge for 2020

- 1) It was noted that draft Town Meeting minutes have been posted. An overview/summary of the key items of the Town Meeting discussion was shared which included:
 - a. Cost of the improvements
 - b. Community Survey results
 - c. Items noted requiring attention with Zoning Administrator and DRB
- 2) An overview summary of the questions raised by the committee to the town at Town Meeting and requesting the Town's feedback/input was shared. While no items were unanimously agreed to, all were seen as favorable to proceed with from the majority of attendees.
- 3) The Town Selectboard charge to the committee for 2020 was read and raised for discussion by the committee. The following were central items to the discussion:
 - a. Cost and review of the zoning items seem to be the most concerning items to be addressed
 - b. Alternatives to the current approach that could be considered were discussed, including:
 - i. Continued discussion ensued regarding support of co-locating these uses but with a revised site plan addressing zoning concerns and with reduced scope to address cost concerns. A potential scope modification was discussed which included to still co-locate, but to provide a one-bay facility at this site
 - ii. Concerns raised by some members of the community regarding the issue of co-location were discussed and included the potential for truck ingress

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and egress and other traffic congestion should an event at the school house and a fire event be concurrent in the future.

- c. It was noted that cost has become a more significant concern since Town Meeting given the current situation with COVID and the potential for future unknown economic implications.
 - i. One-bay at another location could be favorable, but needs to be weighed against the cost of land development
 - ii. The potential “least-cost” option should maybe not yet be abandoned, as cost will continue to be a significant concern.
- d. Next steps:
 - i. Review the plan with ZA to determine what opportunities for co-location exist
 - 1. M. Nedzinski to call Doug Viehman, architect re: zoning issues and if he’s amenable to helping address the open issues
 - ii. T. Estey to solicit feedback from Fire Dept.
 - iii. Following next meeting:
 - 1. T. Estey to reach out to potential land owners for opportunities for new location
 - 2. J. Dunham and T. Estey to communicate regarding size requirements of potential land

Plan for Report to Selectboard

- 1) On-hold until further investigation for items “d” described above can be carried out.

Review and approval of minutes

Motion: T. Estey made motion to approve the minutes of February 24, 2020 meeting. J. Dunham seconded.

Vote: All in favor

Other Business - none

Date for next meeting – Aug 31, 6pm (via Zoom)

Agenda for next meeting

- 1) Review and discuss outcomes of next steps identified in Item “d” above
- 2) Discuss next steps and additional research needed
- 3) Plan for report to Selectboard
- 4) Review and approve minutes
- 5) Other business

Adjournment

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Motion: M. Nedzinski made a motion to adjourn. T. Estey seconded.

Vote: All in favor

Respectfully submitted by: Megan Nedzinski

Open Meeting Law Introduction read by the Chair at beginning of meeting:

“As Chair of the Jerusalem Community Center Committee, I find that, due to the State of Emergency declared by Governor Scott as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic and pursuant to Addendum 6 to Executive Order 01-20 and Act 92, this public body is authorized to meet electronically.

In accordance with Act 92, there is no physical location to observe and listen contemporaneously to this meeting. However, in accordance with the temporary amendments to the Open Meeting Law, I confirm that we are: a) Providing public access to the meeting by telephone and video conference call, with additional access offered through telephone. We are using Zoom for this remote meeting. All members of the Committee have the ability to communicate contemporaneously during this meeting through this platform and the public has access to contemporaneously listen and, if desired, participate in this meeting by electronically raising a hand or speaking up during the call and being recognized by the Chair; b) Providing public notice of instructions for accessing the meeting. We previously gave notice to the public of the necessary information for accessing this meeting, including how to access the meeting using telephone means in our posted meeting agenda. Instructions have also been provided on the town website at: www.starksborovt.org; c) Providing a mechanism for the public to alert the public body during the meeting if there are problems with access. If anybody has a problem, please contact Susan Klaiber at 453-5537; and d) Continuing the meeting if necessary. In the event the public is unable to access this meeting, it will be continued to a time and place certain.

Please note that all votes taken during this meeting that are not unanimous will be done by roll call vote, in accordance with the law. Let’s start the meeting by taking a roll call attendance of all members participating in the meeting.”