

Cheney Mill Project Meeting Wednesday February 27th, 2019 7 p.m. Town Office Building

In Attendance: Greg Meuleman, Michael Abrams, John Kurland, Peter Andrus, Karen Ameden

Discussion on the roof. Asa has some time soon, but we decided that it would be best to hold off on the rest of the roof repair until we have the assessment done by Stevens & Associates. Plus we want to explore matching grants and our use of the building.

The Vermont Historical Preservation Group has picked Stevens & Associates to do the assessment on the mill building. The Vermont Historical Preservation paid \$250 with a matching amount from the Jamaica Historical Foundation to pay Stevens & Associates.

There was some discussion on the role of this group and of the Town of Jamaica on this project.

Discussion on the name of the project and the building. We voted on ***“The Mill at Jamaica”***. We liked the fact that Jamaica is in the name and it is easy to direct people in promoting to “The Mill”.

Peter brought up another project that he has been involved with – The Mill Hollow Heritage Association. It is more involved as a working mill but along the same idea with cultural arts and education.

We voted on a Mission Statement –

“To enrich the Town of Jamaica through the preservation and community use of our historic mill.”

We need to continue working on the Vision Statement. A rough draft is below.

“Our vision is to preserve the last physical manifestation of a 19th century millworks, which represents the heyday of Jamaica’s water-powered prowess, as a cultural resource translated from its historical tethers to a cultural commodity.

To create a recognized, vibrant and engaging destination and landmark for culture, arts, education, events, local talent, markets, exhibits and history in the Jamaica Community.”

Minutes submitted by Karen Ameden