

**Ashland Town Library
Minutes of Library Trustees Meeting
November 18, 2019
at Board of Selectmen Meeting**

Trustees Present: Alice Staples, David Ruell, Mardean Badger

Others Present: Sara Weinberg, Library Director

Others Present: TCCAP Officers: Jeanne Robillard, Regan Pride, Randall Pilotte

The Ashland Selectboard meeting commenced at 6:30 pm.

BOS Agenda – New Business

- *Ashland Library Trustees*
- *Tri-County Community Action Program*
 - *Subject: former Ashland School Building, 41 School Street*

Alice noted that we had recently sent to the Board of Selectmen our request for a 2020 warrant article to add \$25,000 to our library building capital reserve fund. The BOS Chair acknowledged its receipt and said they had not started to act on such items yet.

Alice introduced Regan Pride, COO of TCCAP, who introduced Jeanne Robillard CEO and Randall Pilotte CFO. Mr. Pilotte explained the four owner financing options approved by their bank. The options have been offered to Ashland and the Town Library as they consider whether they will purchase the TCCAP building (Historic School) for the Ashland Town Library. TCCAP is willing to work with the town and is eager to see the building back in Ashland's ownership as a library.

The Library had a packet of information for each BOS member, including a history of our bond issue and capital reserve warrant articles, summary of TCCAP's financing proposals, and the four site evaluations we have completed (current building, Historic School, former liquor store, and St. Agnes Church).

Alice also announced the survey that Plymouth State University students have created to gather the public's view of our library's value and future. It is available on social media and a link will also be added to the survey from the Library website and the Town website.

Alice noted that the Library Trustees had received a letter from the Scribner Trustees requesting an annual \$10,000 user fee from the Library for use of the building. The BOS noted that they are consulting their legal representative regarding some Scribner Trustee issues.

Minutes submitted by Mardean Badger