Ashland Town Library
Minutes of Library Trustees Meeting
December 30, 2019

Trustees Present: Alice Staples, David Ruell, Mardean Badger

The meeting was called to order at 9:10 am.

The Trustees met to consider revision of the proposed warrant article for purchase of the historic school.

A motion was made (Ruell) and seconded (Staples) to propose the following warrant article, as amended today, to be presented to the Ashland Board of Selectmen at their meeting today:

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Six Five Hundred Twenty Five Thousand Dollars ($625,000) for the purchase renovation and furnishing of the former elementary school property (41 School Street) from Tri-County Community Action Program for the use of the Ashland Town Library, of which Five Hundred Twenty Five Thousand Dollars is for the purchase of the building and One Hundred Thousand Dollars is for the renovation and furnishing of the building, and to authorize the issuance of not more than Five Hundred Twenty Five Thousand Dollars ($525,000) of bonds and notes in accordance with the provisions of the Municipal Finance Act (RSA Chapter 33) for that purpose; and to authorize the Selectmen to issue and negotiate such bonds or notes and to determine the rate of interest there on; and to authorize the receipt and expenditure of any Federal, state or private funds that may become available for that purpose. Ninety-Five Thousand Dollars ($95,000) will be withdrawn from the Ashland Library Building Capital Reserve fund and Five Thousand Dollars ($5,000) will be withdrawn from the Ashland Town Library Building Fund for that purpose.

Renovation and furnishing of the building will be funded by Ninety-Five Thousand Dollars ($95,000) already raised in the Ashland Library Building Capital Reserve fund, which was established for that purpose, and over Six Thousand Dollars ($6,000 plus) already raised in the Ashland Town Library Building Fund.

The motion was approved unanimously, 3-0.

We briefly reviewed other dates for the 2020 town budget and election process.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:25 am.

Minutes submitted by Mardean Badger