

**Ashland Town Library
Minutes of Library Trustees Meeting
January 2, 2020**

**Trustees Present: Alice Staples, David Ruell, Mardean Badger
Others Present: Sara Weinberg, Library Director**

The meeting was called to order at 6:06 pm.

Historic School – Bond Hearing -- Preparation

- **Bond Hearing** -- The Trustees and the Director discussed the possible dates (January 14 and January 21) that Charlie Smith, Town Manager, proposed for the required bond hearing for the purchase of the Historic School. **It was the consensus of the Trustees to hold the bond hearing at the January 14 Board of Selectmen meeting.**
 - We will notify the Town Manager of our decision. He will post the meeting.
 - The local PBTV staff will not be available to video tape the hearing, so we will see if we can find anyone else that can do it.
- **Presentation** ideas were discussed.
 - Basic timeline – 2009 survey, previous warrant article attempts, consultant report, evaluation of other sites, survey by PSC class, capital reserve funds, library building fund.
 - Financial – Explain that TCCAP has proposed several options. While we have a preferred option, the BOS is responsible for negotiating financial arrangements if the bond issue passes. We should put the annual cost in terms that are relevant to a property owner.
 - Handouts & Visuals – Mardean will work on a possible handout for the bond hearing with some basic information. We should have other visual available, such as the furniture layout, building diagrams, photos, etc.

Other Business

- **Scribner Trustees**
 - Alice will attend, as an observer, the Scribner Trustees meeting that has been posted for January 6, 7:00 pm.
 - The Scribner Trustees, at a previous meeting, stated that they had not received our mailed response to their ‘user fee’ letter. They also have not responded to our follow-up email enquiring if they had received the letter. We discussed having copies of the letter for their January 6 meeting.

NEXT MEETING

- January 9, 2020 – Library Trustees Meeting – 6:00 pm, Ashland Town Library

The meeting was adjourned at 6:54 pm.

Minutes submitted by Mardean Badger