

**Ashland Town Library
Library Trustees
at Board of Selectmen Meeting
October 19, 2020**

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

The Board of Selectmen meeting was called to order at 5:30pm via a Zoom videoconference.

The Ashland Town Library Trustees, the Library Director, and the Scribner Trustees attended (virtually) to present a proposal for the dissolution of the Scribner Trustees and the Scribner Trust, as an item on the agenda.

The Scribner Trustees and the Library Trustees each read their respective statements regarding the dissolution of the Scribner Trustees and Scribner Trust.

The statement prepared by the Library Trustees was as follows:

The Ashland Town Library Trustees are in agreement that the Scribner Trustees board be dissolved, and responsibility of the property and building be turned over to the Ashland Town Library Trustees. We hope that the building and property can be retained for library use and be altered as needed to benefit the library and the town.

We feel that the trust fund should stay in existence, no matter how much is left in it, as it is a memorial fund which honors a past citizen. We do understand that the amount in the trust fund will have to be clarified in some manner. We would assume that the Town Trustees will continue to manage the investment of the funds, as they do with all town trust funds, but the Library Trustees will make decisions on how the funds will be spent to support the building and grounds. The Library Trustees would prefer that funds not be turned over as a cash outlay, but rather be allowed to grow for future use.

Even though the building and grounds are owned by the town, the Library Trustees would ask for participation in decisions about the future of the building and property.

All parties agreed that the dissolution of the Scribner Trustees and trust fund is an issue that would require advice and processing by the town's legal counsel.

After discussion among the Selectboard, the Library Trustees, and the Scribner Trustees, a motion was made (Selectman Newton) and seconded (Selectmen DeWolfe) "to send the Trustees' request on dissolving the Scribner Trust to town counsel." The motion passed by a roll call vote, 4 (Newton, DeWolfe, Fitch, Badger) to 1 (Cilley).

Meeting Notes submitted by Mardean Badger