

**Ashland Town Library
Minutes of Library Trustees Meeting
November 8, 2021**

Trustees Present: Alice Staples, David Ruell, Mardean Badger
Kathleen DeWolfe, Alternate
Others Present: Ann Richards; Naomi Butterfield, Attorney

The meeting was called to order at 5:00 pm by Alice Staples.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- **A motion was made (Badger) and seconded (Ruell) to approve the minutes of October 21, 2021. The motion was approved unanimously, 3-0.**

HEARING FOR ACCEPTANCE OF DONATION

- The Trustees discussed the process for accepting the recent anonymous donation of \$400,000 for the purpose of purchasing the former elementary school (currently owned by Tri-County CAP) to be used as the Ashland Town Library.
 - The hearing process and subsequent legal steps was discussed.
 - The hearing date was set for November 18, at 6:30 pm, at the Conference Room in the Utilities Building.
 - Mardean will submit the public hearing ad to the Laconia Daily Sun and David will mention the hearing in his weekly Record Enterprise column.
 - Items to be prepared for discussion at the hearing include:
 - Anonymous donation and the restrictions set by the donor
 - Verbal agreement on price of the building from TCCAP
 - History of trying to purchase the TCCAP building
 - Advantages of the TCCAP building
 - Legal process for town purchase of the TCCAP building for the library
 - History of current library and changes in the Scribner Trust
 - Plans for the current library building and estimated costs
 - Costs of minor construction and furnishing of the TCCAP building
 - Added costs of the annual library budget for the TCCAP building

[Kathleen DeWolfe and Ann Richards left the meeting.]

NON-PUBLIC SESSION

- **A motion was made (Badger) and seconded (Ruell) to go into non-public session for NH RSA 91-A:3, II(a), the dismissal, promotion or compensation of any public employee or the disciplining of such employee, or the investigation of any charges against him or her. The motion was approved unanimously by roll call vote, 3-0 – Staples, yes; Ruell, yes; Badger, yes.**
- The Trustees (Staples, Ruell, Badger) entered non-public session at 5:40 pm with Attorney Naomi Butterfield and discussed a personnel matter.

- **At 7:33 pm, a motion was made (Badger) and seconded (Ruell) to return to public session. The motion was approved unanimously, 3-0.**
- **A motion was made (Badger) and seconded (Ruell) to seal the minutes of the non-public session. The motion was approved unanimously, 3-0.**

NEXT MEETING

- November 22, 2021 – Library Trustees Meeting – 6:00 pm at the Ashland Town Library.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:35 pm.

Minutes submitted by Mardean Badger