

**Ashland Town Library
Minutes of Library Trustees Meeting
January 31, 2022**

Trustees Present: Alice Staples, David Ruell, Mardean Badger

Others Present: Sara Weinberg, Director; Anne Richards

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 PM by Alice Staples.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

- Sara has emailed to Marissah the vacation hours that each employee should have.
- Lynne Uhlman will start training on February 8 and will start working with Sara on February 17.

TREASURER'S REPORT

- The treasurer has received a 2021 year-end report from Marissah, although it still needs to be reviewed. There are a couple items which do not seem to be related to library expenses. The report also included a \$618 deduction from the 2021 balance for payroll processing fees. We were never told that this was being charged to us and we have not allowed for it in the 2022 budget. David will respond to the BOS and Finance.

DELIBERATIVE SESSION SPEAKING POINTS

- Numbers are important, but we should turn the conversation to the benefits of a library.
- We need other speakers in addition to the trustees.
- The current library has not been maintained – expenses are cheap if you don't pay for maintenance.
- This money allows us to open the library to everyone. Our current services are limited because the space is limited.
- The town should be proud to own the building.
- Access for children to the library after school.
- We serve all ages on a walk-in basis.
- There are always requests from social service agencies on the town warrant. The library is also a social service agency; we provide services to all regardless of income.
- Think about a better place to live, not a cheaper place to live.
- Whether we go or stay, it will cost the town additional money.
- It's not fair to only move forward in one department.
- We should determine the impact of the additional expenses on the tax rate.

TCCAP EXPENSES

- We received 3 years of TCCAP building expenses – 2018/19; 2019/20; and 2020/21. We reviewed the spreadsheet of the relevant expenses. Questions about some of the expenses are being forwarded to TCCAP for clarification.

The meeting was adjourned.

Minutes submitted by Mardean Badger

