

**Ashland Town Library  
Minutes of Library Trustees Meeting  
November 9, 2022**

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

The meeting was called to order at 3:00 PM by Alice Staples.

**OLD BUSINESS**

- Purchase of 41 School Street
  - Alice reviewed some items in the P&S agreement that she clarified with our attorney.
  - **A motion was made (Ruell) and seconded (Staples) that Alice Staples, Chair, sign the Purchase and Sales Agreement for 41 School Street on behalf of the Library Trustees. The motion was approved unanimously, 3-0.**

**NEW BUSINESS**

- **BOS Meeting, November 7, 2022**
  - **2023 Proposed Library Budget**
    - The Trustees discussed the BOS refusal to discuss the proposed 2023 budget at their November 7, 2022, Selectboard meeting. The BOS Chair stated that they ‘can’t approve a budget that includes expenses for a building that the town does not own yet.’ They indicated that they were putting the 2023 library budget in at the same level as approved for 2022.
    - Sara has a letter (3/7/1995) from the Department of Justice, Division of Charitable Trusts that clarifies that the library budget is submitted by the library director to the library trustees, who then in turn submit the budget to the budget committee in a community which has adopted the Municipal Budget Law.
    - Alice will draft a letter to the Town Manager, Selectboard and Budget Committee clarifying the process.
  - At the BOS meeting, the Selectboard approved the signing of the P&S agreement for the 41 School Street building.
  - The BOS also gave the Town Manager the authority to investigate professional companies for the inspection of the 41 School Street building.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:54 PM.

*Minutes submitted by Mardean Badger*