

**ASHLAND BOARD OF SELECTMEN MINUTES**  
**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 21<sup>ST</sup> 2016**  
**ASHLAND TOWN OFFICE BUILDING**  
**7:30 AM**

The Board of Selectmen convened for a Wednesday morning meeting to continue discussion about next years' budget and address articles on the warrant. Chairman Newton called the meeting to order at 7:30 AM. Present: Chairman Fran Newton, Selectmen Steve Felton, Katie Maher, Harold Lamos, and Leigh Sharps. Also present was Town Administrator Charles Smith

1. At the start of the meeting the Selectmen reviewed a memo from the Ashland Town Library Trustees. The trustees requested to have input on the wording of a capital reserve warrant article for the Library. The board agreed to their request and changed the article, in summary, to be contingent upon the passing/failure of a petition warrant article for the Library.
  - a. The Library Trustees also requested the board provide confirmation as to whom should work on the potential financing options for the Library's petitioned article. The board deferred this preliminary option to the Library Trustees pending on approval of the article.
2. The Selectmen reviewed a draft copy of next year's warrant. The board made recommendations on certain warrant articles. Before finalizing the warrant and forwarding to the Budget Committee the board intends to revisit the wording of a few articles.
3. Anthony Randall provided the board information about the historical ownership of property near 44 Main St. The town has received an application for development near the property. It was determined the property might belong to the state and therefore the article requesting for a boundary line adjustment may have to be rescinded.
4. The board signed Police Chief Tony Randall, new three-year contract with an effective start date of March 2017.

The board adjourned their meeting at 9:28 AM and scheduled their next meeting for Wednesday, December 28<sup>th</sup> at 4:30 PM in the Town Office Building.

Respectfully submitted,

Charles Smith