

ASHLAND BUDGET COMMITTEE

OCTOBER 19, 2016

Members Present: Ruell, Badger, Lamos, Lyford, Hoerter, Downing,
Coleman

Others Present: Alice Staples, Sara Weinberg, Lee Nichols, David Williams

The meeting began in the Ashland School library at about 6:30 p.m.

Library Budget. Library Treasurer Ruell briefly explained the changes in the proposed library budget. The committee discussed the budget, including supplies, programs, wages, and the downloadable book fee, with Trustees Staples, Badger and Ruell, and Library Director Weinberg.

Electric Department Budget. The committee discussed the proposed electric department budget with Superintendent Nichols and Assistant Superintendent Williams. Lines discussed included various labor increases, FICA, billing and accounting, superintendence, on call pay, postage, in lieu of taxes, street lighting, audit, health insurance, telephone, stores and shops in expenditures, and misc. income and New Hampton power purchase, misc. user charges and fees in income. The union contract and the number of employees were also discussed.

Town Budget. Selectman Lamos stated that he expected the Selectmen's budget to be essentially completed at their October 24 meeting, save for a few items whose costs are not yet known. The budget should be given to the committee members soon thereafter.

Question. Lyford asked about how pistol permits were recorded in revenues. Lamos will inquire at the Town Office.

On a motion by Hoerter, seconded by Lamos, it was voted to adjourn at 7:25 p.m.

David Ruell, Chairman