

Ashland Town Library Minutes for July 11, 2013 – Meeting with Budget Committee (Draft)

Those in attendance: Ashland Town Library Trustees: Lynn Davis, David Ruell, Alice Staples – Ashland Town Library Director: Sara Weinberg – Budget Committee: Mardean Badger Dave Toth, Fran Newton, Ingrid Heidenreich, Sandra Coleman, Mark Scarano, David Ruell, Christine Cilley – Select Board Representative: Jeanette Stewart – School Board Alternate: Renee Liebert – Members of the Public: Normand DeWolfe, Eli Badger, Steve Heath and others.

The Library portion of the meeting began at 6:45 pm.

Budget Committee's Mid-Year Review of the Ashland Town Library Budget

Mark Scarano explained the purpose of the mid-year review.

David explained our 2013 budget report highlighting unexpected expenses. He explained that one expense occurred because the Scribner Trustees would not pay to have the fire extinguishers serviced. Mark asked if money needed to be added to the budget for future code compliance expenses.

Another unexpected expense was the purchase of email software needed for the computer that was returned after the burglary.

David reviewed each line item explaining reasons for under or over budget expenditures.

Mark Scarano wanted to know why our budget report format was different from other town departments. He was looking for consistency in budgetary reporting.

Dave Toth asked if the Library was part of the CIP process. Alice assured him that we were and would be looking to the CIP committee for funds to relocate the library if the situation between the Scribner Trustees and the Library Trustees cannot be resolved.

Mark Scarano asked Jeanette Stewart for her impression of the situation between the Library and the Scribner Trustees. She said that each side had completely different views about how the Scribner Memorial Building should be used.

David explained that, by law, we had to open an account to hold the payments made by patrons for lost or damaged books.

Our portion of the meeting ended at 7:06.

Respectfully submitted,

Lynn Davis
Ashland Town Library Trustee
Secretary