

**Minutes for Ainsworth Public Library Trustee's Meeting  
Held at Ainsworth Library  
Friday, November 5<sup>th</sup>, 2021  
(unofficial)**

**Special Meeting of the Board of Trustees**

**Time:** 9:11 AM

**Call to Order:** Helen Duke, Chair called meeting to order.

**Attendance:**

Helen Duke – Trustee Chair  
Tammy Griggs – Trustee Secretary  
Jill Plastridge  
Karla Perkins  
Kathy Retchless (sp ?)  
Sarah Snow - Librarian

**Public Comment:** N/A

**Chairperson Report:** Chair reminded Trustees that we are only here to discuss the following:

- Budget
- Vote on having an auditor and mediator come in to check our budget over the past three years.

**Budget Discussion:** The Librarian discussed with the Trustees the letter that was presented to us by the select board denying our budget. We do not know what agreement the select board are referring to between them and the Board of Trustees. And why the select board is not willing to do more than a 4% increase when it does not cover the added expenses to our budget that we have no control over.

- The board decided to draft a letter to the select board asking the following three questions.
  1. What is the agreement the select board is referring to and we would like to see it in writing?
  2. Why can't we go over the 4% increase without doing a separate article to cover the added expenses that we have no control over? Could we have this in writing?
  3. With these unanswered questions, could we have an extension on presenting our budget to the November 29<sup>th</sup> select board meeting? This would help the Trustees make an informed decision on our budget.
- Jill Plastridge suggested to have the select board committee to bring the above questions in writing to the town select board.

Motion made by Karla Perkins.  
Seconded by Tammy Griggs.  
Passed.

- Depending on how the answers we receive from the questions above. The Trustees voted and agreed that if we must keep our budget with only a 4% increase then we will include a separate article for Town Meeting.

Motion made by Tammy Griggs to accept budget discussion.  
Seconded by Jill Plastridge.  
Passed.

**Auditor and Mediator VOTE:** Trustee Board agreed to hire a professional auditor and mediator to check our budget over the past three years.

Motion made by Tammy Griggs to hire an auditor and mediator.  
Seconded by Jill Plastridge.  
Passed.

EXECUTIVE SESSION IF NEEDED – 1 V.S.A. § 313

Next Meeting November 12<sup>th</sup>, at 10:00 AM

**Adjournment:**

Motion made by Tammy Griggs to adjourn.  
Seconded by Jill Plastridge.  
Motion Passed.

**Time:** 9:50 AM

**Minutes submitted by:** Tammy Griggs, Trustee Secretary