

**TOWN OF WINCHENDON**  
**FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES**  
Tuesday, February 13, 2018  
Beals Memorial Library Meeting  
109 Front St., Winchendon, MA 01475

**Present:**

Thomas Kane, Chairman  
Christian Orobello, Member  
Dr. Maureen Ward, Member  
James Robichaud, Member  
Charles Corts, Member  
Doug Delay, Member

Katie Broome, Recording Secretary

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**List of Documents Presented At Meeting:**

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**5:45 PM Beals Memorial Library Meeting**

The Finance Committee meeting at the Beals Memorial Library with Board of Trustees at was called to order by Chairman Thomas Kane at 5:45pm.

The Finance Committee met with Library Board of Trustees at Beals Memorial Library, to further understand the services provided by the library to the town of Winchendon, as well as what Beals Memorial Library needs to run at its most efficient. The meeting began a presentation on the current status of the Beals Memorial Library. The library is currently undergoing construction to meet ADA compliance, and to refigure the current library layout. Upon the completion of this project, the library will be accessible to all individuals, with designated children's area in the basement, a new fire alarm and suppression system will be installed, and the walls and ceilings will be repaired and repainted. Despite this large renovation, the library is still open, and offers access to computers, internet, printing and fax services, access to microfiche, and holds lectures and presentations, movie nights, book sales, and entertainment for the town. The Finance Committee learned that the library is in need of more space for staff, as the current renovation does take away from the staff work spaces. The library will also lose shelving units in the stack area, in order to make the spaces between the shelves wider and ADA compliant, so the library will be looking for ways to expand more soon.

After listening to the presentation, the Finance Committee took a tour of the library, and the construction that has been occurring. After the tour, Chairman Kane called for a recess at 6:40pm, to reconvene for the finance committee meeting in the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor auditorium at the Winchendon Town Hall.