

**November 6, 2023**  
**Whitefield Public Library**  
**Board of Trustees**  
**Minutes**

The meeting was called to order at 10:12. This meeting was to discuss the budget for next year. It will be presented to the Board of Selectmen at the December 18th meeting.

This year we are very close to the exact budget. We are trying not to exceed the current year's budget. Salaries are our biggest issue. It would be good to be able to offer what could be considered normal for the positions. Full time Library employees should be offered insurance benefits and retirement.

We need more staffing; what can we afford?

To pay what we should, and have the library open the hours that the town is appreciating, we would need a budget of \$173,950.

We looked at many ways to reduce the budget. Volunteer hours are saving us a good deal of money.

We think we could get by with a budget of approximately \$96,000, as this is what we asked for last year.

Next meeting will be at the Library at 10:00 on December 4. The budget presentation will be at the Select Board Meeting on December 18th.

Adjourned at 11:47. Beth made the motion and Judy seconded it..

Addendum: We do need to add to the budget for regular cleaning.

Architects were in the library last Thursday. Question :Is it more feasible to rehab the basement or to add an addition? Could be one or two stories. Our architect is Stuart Anderson from Alba Architectural firm.