

East Haddam Public Library System
Finance Committee Meeting
February 1, 2016
7 PM at EHFPL Branch

In attendance: Dawn Barlow, John Bielot, Eileen Schwartz, Michael Gilroy

The committee reviewed the draft 2016-2017 budget.

- Grounds and Maintenance line was increased by \$1000 to reflect the cost of unscheduled maintenance and some additional cleaning to help maintain the new carpeting recently installed at each branch.
- The travel reimbursement line which had no funding last year has funding restored to cover the cost for staff at both branches to attend LION training (since both branches are now on LION there is increased need) and for attendance at library conferences.
- We discussed and reviewed the programming budget - found in the communications line – the trend for libraries is to increase programming. After discussion we decided to increase this line by 400.00 bringing the total to 2000.
- Under income projections – we removed the \$1000 grant from the State – this line was reduced in the state budget last year and may be removed this year – we decided to anticipate that this will happen again this year.

John motioned to approve the draft budget as amended (based on the increase to the communications line for programming) Dawn seconded. Motion was approved.

Budget draft will be submitted to the town on Friday, February 5th.