

Minutes of the Ellsworth Public Library board of Trustees

May 21, 2025 / 6:30 PM

ATTENDEE

Sarah Lesko, Craig MacDonald, Kathleen Cravens, Vivek Philip, Rain Perez, Judith Lyles, Barrett in person. Zoom also available for public to sign in but no attendees from public present.

Call to Order

Meeting called to order by Craig MacDonald at 6:35pm.

Public Comment: None

Consent Agenda

- Friends of the Library Report
- Director's Report
- Minutes of April 16 meeting
- Financial Reports and Planning
- Building and Grounds Report

A motion was made by Judi and seconded by Craig to approve the consent agenda.

Friends of the Library Report

No Friends' report.

Old Business

- Hancock residents voted to approve funding request. We express our appreciation to Sarah for all her networking with Hancock patrons.

Unfinished Business

- Bathroom and sewage grinder project are in the works. Paid for by ARPA funds. Jag Construction will be repairing windows and rotten trim also with ARPA funds.
- Elaine and Sarah are working on Grant applications .Some of the grants need blueprints of the proposed renovation. The final amount from the

Jimmy Kemp fund is \$233,000. Sarah is looking into a Northern Borders Grant for \$100,00 for planning fees.

- Maine Community Foundation has awarded the library \$8,000 for the purchase of a mobile book bike. The bike will be launched in Spring of 2026.

New Business

- Discussion ensued regarding the need for a separate fund-raising meeting. We will send out a message asking attendee availability.
- Sarah asked that we reschedule our June meeting to Wednesday June 24th as she is on vacation the third week of June. Motion made and carried.
- Berit then presented information on rebranding passed on surveys she has done. Our current graphics were rolled out in the 90s. She is exploring new colors, designs and fonts. Some of the goals of the rebrand are to connect with the 30-40 years old population. We want to be timeless and not trending. Overall, we want to be noted as a reader friendly library. As one seasonal library supported recently reported to Sarah "I have traveled the world and this is my favorite library."

Executive session per MRSA Title 1, Chapter 13, Sec 406, Paragraph 6A to discuss employment matters Entered 8:13 exit 8:23 pm

DECISIONS, Action Items and Next Steps

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 8:35 pm

Next Meeting June 24, 2025 at 6:30 pm

Respectively submitted, Kathleen Cravens, Secretary