



Minutes of the Meeting of the Ellsworth Public Library Board of Trustees

April 15, 2026 at 6:30 PM

ATTENDEES

Trustees: Craig MacDonald (chair), Rain Perez, Vivek Philip, Judi Lyles; Library director: Sarah Lesko; Guest: Marinna Smith.

The meeting was called to order at 6:30pm.

Public Comment

None

Consent Agenda:

- Meeting Minutes March 18, 2026
- Financial Reports and Planning
- Building and Grounds Report
- Director's Report

Noted that building infrastructure and equipment (e.g., air conditioning, computers and copiers, and elevator) will need repair/replacement in the coming months. Currently there is a budget freeze requiring additional approval for previously approved budgeted items. *Rain Perez moved to accept the consent agenda; Craig MacDonald seconded; motion carried 4-0.*

Unfinished Business

- Building remodel next steps.** 1) Mike Sealander, Craig MacDonald and Sarah Lesko met with Charlie Pearce to discuss the remodel bidding; Charlie supports the proposed qualification bidding process. 2) The feasibility study is near complete. Gary Friedmann and Associates will meet with the feasibility study steering committee on 4/24/26 to preview findings.
- Preparation for June election.** Craig MacDonald will draft a letter to the editor outlining the need to expand the board from 5 to 7. Library staff and trustees will hand out bookmarks promoting the proposed expansion to patrons, businesses, and organizations.

New Business

- Town budget meetings.** Sarah will attend town meetings in Surry, Trenton, and Hancock.
- Sustainable Library Initiative.** Sarah distributed a draft of the new purchasing policy that outlines sustainable and environmentally sound purchasing practices. *Rain Perez moved to adopt the policy; Craig MacDonald seconded; motion carried 4-0.*



- c. **Congratulations to Rain Perez who was named the City of Ellsworth's Volunteer of the Year!** Rain will receive her award at the City Council meeting Monday, April 20, 2026, at 6 pm.

Executive Session per MRSA Title 1, Chapter 13, Sec 405, Paragraph 6A to discuss employment matters. *Vivek Philip moved to enter executive session at 7:15; Rain Perez seconded; motion carried 4-0. Rain Perez moved to exit the session at 7:25; Craig MacDonald seconded; motion carried 4-0*

Adjournment *Craig MacDonald moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:30; Rain Perez seconded; Vivek Philip seconded; motion carried 4-0.*

Respectfully submitted,
Judi Lyles for Kathleen Cravens