

Minutes of the Ellsworth Public Library Board of Trustees

March 18, 2026 at 6:30 PM

ATTENDEES

Sarah Lesko, Craig MacDonald, Kathleen Cravens Berit Becker, Judith Lyles, Rain Perez, Vivek Phillips, Guest Marina Smith

Call to Order

Meeting called to order by Chair Craig MacDonald at 6:30 pm.

Public Comment

Marina Smith is present. The meeting is available on Teams as well.

CONSENT AGENDA

- Friends of the Library Report
- Director's report
- Building and Grounds
- Minutes of February 2025 meeting
- Financial Reports and Planning

A motion was made by Judith and seconded by Rain to approve the consent agenda.

Old Business

Sarah and Craig give a shout out to Edmund for his recent roof repair and paint job of the tile. As always, we are so grateful for Edmund and his meticulous care and love of the library. Sarah also reminds us to be mindful of the First National quarterly report which we have not received yet as we are expecting fluctuations. Sarah also gets a shout out for her work and presentation of the amendment to the charter which passed at the City Council meeting. Also, the congressional spending grant application which we hope to hear from soon. We have requested 3 million but will accept less. Sarah met with Senator King's office who were very supportive and felt we were a strong candidate as did Jared Golden's office of Rural Development.

New Business

We discussed ways to promote information about increasing the size of the Board by voting for the change to the charter. Suggestions included bookmarks, letter to the editor of the American and also a letter from the Board and having a table with a member of the Board at upcoming functions to discuss and educate about the charter.

Sarah reported that Michael Sealander has recommended a Qualification bid process for the renovation. Sarah found support for this type of bid in her management meeting with the city and they said this has been done in the past.

Branding is complete and the staff is very happy with the results as is the Board. Sarah and staff will decide the bike colors soon so it will be ready for the launch. This is very exciting to have a Library on the Go. Sarah and Jeanne will bike to Knowlton Park, the parklet and concerts at the river. We all express our gratitude to Sarah for this wonderful addition to services.

Sarah reports Jean has a meeting with Ellsworth Middle School. Jean will teach a crochet class on Monday as a pilot for having small groups come to the library once a week as part of the after school program. We are very impressed and appreciative of this out reach.

Volunteer breakfast is June 6th from 8-9:30. We have 4 new volunteers that started last week. We are so lucky to have so many wonderful volunteers.

APRIL 29TH is our meeting from 8-10 am to meet with Michael Sealander to review the plans for the renovations.

Executive session per MRSA Title 1, Chapter13, Sec406, Paragraph 6A to discuss employment matters

Entered 7:34 P.M. exit 7:41 P.M.

DECISIONS, Action Items and Next Steps

ADJOURNMENT 7:55 pm

Next meeting is April 15, 2026

Respectively submitted,

Kathleen Cravens, Secretary