

**Nahant Public Library
Board of Trustees
May 16, 2023**

Board Members Present: Anne Spirn, Dan Munnelly

Board Members Absent: Linda Jenkins

Others Present: Sharon Hawkes, Carolyn Ziering

Convened: 6:38 PM

Nomination of Board Chair. Daniel Munnelly nominated Anne Spirn for the position of Chair of the Board of Trustees. Seconded by Anne Spirn and Approved by roll call vote:

Anne Spirn – Aye

Daniel Munnelly – Aye

Acceptance of the Minutes of April 25, 2023. The Board Chair suggested some amendments to the minutes of April 25, 2023 and the Board tabled the acceptance of the minutes until the next meeting.

Director's Report.

Fundraising. The Friends will be selling mugs and cups of iced Nahant Blend tea outside of town hall this Saturday, May 20, for the annual town meeting. They will next be present with refreshments for their Apollo Club fundraiser on June 11 at 3:00, the Market by the Sea in July-October, then the Book Sale in September.

1819 Collection. Sharon gave a talk on William Wood and the development of Nahant's original book collection at Wood Library in Canandaigua, NY on May 13. She will send along copies of the Library's unique research files on the subject to the Nahant Historical Society, Wood Library, and Ontario County Historical Society.

Long Range Planning. The community survey was closed after 105 responses were received. Interesting ideas included the importance of the Friends Book Sale to residents, an idea for reaching out to new residents, the importance of the events calendar and the Library Facebook page, and that we should probably step up our food program offerings! When it comes to offering programs of a more controversial nature, most people were fine with the idea (the Library occasionally does that already), but it would be a good idea to inform the public about why such a program is being offered.

The Focus Group will meet again on Friday, May 19. Two weeks ago, they saw a slideshow about the Library's various accomplishments. They will finalize a Vision Statement for Nahant and consider a list of service priorities, eventually settling on several that will be the topics that the Library should emphasize during fiscal years 2025-29.

CPC Library Inventory Grant. Sharon is winding up the inventory grant that was begun in 2017. Various federal Library Service and Technology Act were used to double the grant of \$21,000 over the years as was described in the grant application. Begun as an idea by the CPC to track and describe the Library's furniture, it was expanded in the application to include other parts of the collection, including:

- The local history/local authors collection
- The antique furniture, sculptures, and accessories
- The Florence Johnson Herbarium
- The historic Art and Artifacts Collection
- The William Wood Book Collection of 1819

A report on the activities around these collections will be submitted next month. Sharon is still waiting to hear from Boston Public Library about uploading the William Wood Book Collection to DigitalCommonwealth.org.

Party. The Library hosted a 3 year-old's "Wild and Three!" birthday party on May 13, with Emma providing stories and room for them to have cake. With such a beautiful day, they rotated from outdoors, to the park and back. The Library rents space for such purposes when it is able.

New Business.

Library Program Policy. The Library staff develop programming consistent with the needs and interests of the community which includes a wide range of diverse perspectives and opinions. This proposed policy provides context for library programs and creates a process for residents and cardholders to request reconsideration of a program.

The Board members present were in favor of the proposed policy, but agreed to postpone a vote until the next meeting.

Adjourned: 7:15 PM