Nahant Public Library
Board of Trustees
July 20, 2026

Board Members Present: Anne Spirn, Linda Jenkins, Anne Bromer

Others Present: Nori Morganstein, Jeff Musman

Convened: 5:01 PM

Acceptance of the Minutes of June 2, 2026. Board President Anne Spirn requested a Motion for acceptance of the Minutes of June 2, 2026. Motion made by Linda Jenkins, seconded by Anne Bromer, and Approved unanimously.

Director's Report.

Outreach and meetings. Nori attended the Department Head meeting at Town Hall on Tuesday 6/2. Nori and Carolyn attended a policy meeting with NOBLE on Wednesday 6/3. Nori met with Ilisa on Zoom to discuss fundraising on Friday 6/5. The whole staff stayed late on Wednesday 6/10 for a trial run of the new NOBLE system. On Wednesday 6/10, Nori sent a flyer to the Town for inclusion in the New Resident Welcome Packets that encourages new residents to come to the library and get a free library card (thanks to the suggestion of Anne Bromer and Jeff Musman). Nori attended the Friends of the Nahant Public Library Annual Meeting on Saturday 6/13, where she talked about joining the NOBLE network.

On Wednesday 6/17, Nori met with Alison Nieto, Town administrator, the DPW, and two childcare providers (Sue and Kelly) about changes to the Library Playground. On Wednesday 6/17, Nori and Carolyn met with Anne Bromer to do a trial run of the Musical Medley of Miniature Book Stories program at town hall. On Wednesday 6/17, Nori and Carolyn went to the Swampscott Public Library to co-host an America 250 program on public art. On Thursday 6/18, Nori attended a mandatory ARIS training on Zoom. The state is using new software for maintaining data so all library directors were required to go to the training. Also on Thursday 6/18, Nori and Carolyn went to further work on the technology setup at Town Hall for The Musical Medley of Miniature Book Stories Program because not all of the equipment was available previously. Nori attended the Annual ALA (American Library Association) conference in Chicago from 6/27-6/29. She was awarded a scholarship from MLS (MA Library System) to attend. She attended lectures and panels about sustainability, capital projects, the freedom to read, and more.

Nori attended and read at the Frederick Douglass event that took place at the Swampscott High School, hosted by the Nahant and Swampscott Historical societies. Nori, along with

the Friends of the Nahant Public Library sold garden books on the Garden Club Porch Tour on Sunday 7/5. Nori attended the Town Department Head meeting on Tuesday 7/7. Nori attended the Community Breakfast at the Nahant Village Church on Friday 7/10, where there was presentation on the Tall Ships. Nori celebrated the Tall Ships on Friday 7/10 and went to the Wharf. Nori caught up with fundraising business with Ilisa on Tuesday 7/14. Nori attended a fundraising events meeting on Wednesday 7/15.

Government Update.
The Town of Marblehead voted to approve a 15 million dollar over-ride, saving the Abbot Public Library from becoming de-certified on Tuesday 6/9/26. On Thursday 6/25, the Lynn Item printed that the Town of Nahant voted against a 1 million dollar over-ride. The Nahant Public Library still has a slightly increased Operating Budget. However, Nori, Carolyn, Raegan, and Joanne did not receive raises fit to Cost of Living increases and health insurance increases. The library also lost some increases to the operating budget that would have been available if the over-ride passed such as a larger supply budget.

Network update. Nori and Carolyn attended a policy meeting with NOBLE on zoom on Wednesday 6/3. The whole library staff met with NOBLE on Wednesday 6/10 for a trial run of the new system. The migration to NOBLE began after the library closed on Saturday 6/13. The book delivery increased from twice a week to three times a week. Nori and NOBLE are working to get it 4 days for every day the service runs while the library is open (it doesn't run on weekends). This might not start until after the fall survey is filled out for Optima, our book delivery company.

Technology. Nori worked with Freegal, OverDrive, and the library website creators about the change to NOBLE. She has worked with a team at NOBLE and with the IT person from Nahant to get everything ready. The website, newsletter, welcome pamphlets, and library card forms have all been adjusted and updated. Carolyn updated the library website to adjust library card signups to go directly to ASPEN (patron side of NOBLE). The library has flyers, newsletter posts, website posts and Facebook posts about the change.

Friends. The Friends of the Nahant Public Library Annual Meeting took place on Saturday 6/13. Nori spoke about joining the NOBLE network, and the friends spoke about their contributions to the library. They began the process of starting committees amongst the Friends for things such as social media, fundraising, and helping with library programming. The large outdoor book sale is scheduled for Saturday 9/19. Small sales at the Market by the Sea began at the end of June and will take place once a month through September. The Friends supported Nori with garden book sales on Sunday July 5th during the Nahant Garden Club Porch Tour. They also assisted Nori and Carolyn with the Musical Medley of Miniature Book Stories Program on June 27 where they earned $2,232. The Library Building Fund box at the front desk earned $82.00 in the months of June and July in small donations.

Programming:

- Weekly Story Time

- Weekly Lego Club (turns to Outdoor Game Day in July)
- Weekly Italian classes (2 adult-beginner and advanced, and 1 for families)
- Monthly Mystery Book Club
- Bi-weekly Crafting Circle
- Apollo Club of Boston annual benefit concert Sunday June 7 at 3pm
- Friends of Nahant Public Library Annual meeting Saturday June 13 at 1pm
- America's 250th anniversary program in collaboration with the Swampscott Public Library June 17
- Virtual Celebrating America's 250th: "Boston, 1776" with author JD Dickey June 22 at 7pm
- Musical Medley of Miniature Book Stories fundraiser program with Anne Bromer and Katharina Radlberger on Saturday June 27 at 7:30pm.
- Garden Club Porch tour on July 5. The library sold garden books and more on the terrace.
- Virtual – Celebrating America's 250th: the black experience of the Revolution with "Herstorian" Gracia Collins Rich, July 20 at 7pm on Zoom
- Summer Reading Program for families:

June 26: Pop Up Art School painting class
July 9: Parties by Carol, Pirates
July 14: Lion Heart Puppet Show
All Summer scavenger hunt in the library
Weekly outdoor story times start in July\

- Summer Music Series Thursday evenings in July:

July 9: Don Hammontree, singer/guitar
July 16: Lisa Haley, singer
July 23: Marc Maccini, keyboard
July 30: Tomoko Iwamoto, Gypsy jazz\\

- Staff Celebration for Carolyn and Raegan July 18 at 1pm
- Copper bookmark (metalworking) workshop 9/3 at 5pm (already has 2 sign ups)
- "Antiques Roadshow" Style Appraisal Program, Co-hosting with the Nahant COA Saturday December 5 at 10am.

Building Report.

On Monday June 1, Poulin came to install light switches in the library. They did it in one day. Also, on Monday June 1, Nori checked in with Irvine, and they said they'd be done with the boiler work by the end of the week.

On Wednesday June 3, Nori met with Richard to go over all of the work completed at the library. Nori and Richard were happy with the masonry repairs outside the building and the painting inside the stacks. They went over the work done in the basement and the work completed in the attic. All of that work was successful. Nori pointed out more plaster debris left outside the library building by Campbell (along with a ladder). Both Richard and Nori agreed that the one corner in the ceiling of the nonfiction room needed a little more work. Richard said he thought Campbell should be back in the next weeks to fix that corner.

On Thursday June 11, the subcontractors returned to the library and cleared up the debris left behind outside. The ladder belongs to the painters. The painters and the contractor have not returned to look at the plasterwork. The library is not paying the retainage until the plasterwork is resolved.

On Monday June15, the fire extinguishers were checked for their yearly maintenance.

On Monday July 6, the work was finally completed on the new boiler. The library will have heat this winter.

On Tuesday July 7, the water cooler broke and hot water was leaking. Nori called Primo (the water company) and scheduled a repair as fast as possible. On Thursday July 9, Primo came and replaced the whole machine at no extra cost.

On Wednesday July 15, Nori received a final schedule from the head contractor and was told work would start again Thursday July 16 and staging would go up again Friday July 17 for work on the remaining corner.

On Friday July 17, the staging was setup and the work began on the final plasterwork.

New Business.

Jeff Musman spoke about presenting at the next Board of Selectmen meeting on Wednesday August 5. The Board of Trustees voted to meet the following Monday (July 27) at a town hall meeting room to discuss preparations for the presentation at the Board of Selectmen meeting. The meeting is to be posted. The Board also voted to meet Wednesday 8/5, during the Board of Selectmen meeting. The Board of Trustees will begin the process for a special town meeting to vote on spending capital funds from the Coast Guard Housing sales.

Linda handed out a list of potential future architects. The Board of Trustees hopes to keep Richard for the rest of the work on preserving the historic library building, but to find a new architect for the new addition.

Old Business.

Nahant Historical Society Books. Nori was in touch with Julie from the Nahant Historical Society, about two separate book collections. Julie told Nori that the NHS was almost finished with their work going through the boxes of books that are to come back to the library. The NHS Collections Committee will reach out soon about seeing the boxes of books the library is offering to them. The Board of Trustees asked Nori to give them a deadline, so the library can sell the books the Historical Society doesn't take, in the upcoming book sale,

Adjourned: 6:07 PM