Nahant Public Library
Board of Trustees
October 6, 2026

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

Others Present: Nori Morganstein, Carolyn Ziering, Jeff Mussman

Convened: 5:00 PM

Acceptance of the Minutes of September 15, 2026. Board President Anne Spirn requested a Motion for acceptance of the Minutes of September 15, 2026. Motion made by Linda Jenkins, seconded by Anne Bromer, and Approved unanimously.

Director's Report.

Finances. Nori submitted the Financial Report to the state on Friday 9/25.

Grants. Nori submitted the second statistical report about technology use for the Connected and Online technology grant awarded at end of FY2026. Nori wrote 3 Cultural Council grants for upcoming arts/culture programs this winter (1 paint night, 1 needle-felting workshop, and 1 program about tea and chocolate) and all were submitted by 9/30.

Outreach and meetings.
Nori attended the first NOBLE Advocacy Committee meeting of the fiscal year on Tuesday 9/15. Nori met the Friends of the Library and the DPW at 8am on Wednesday 9/16 to bring down all the books for the book sale on Saturday 9/19. Nori attended a library staff meeting on Wednesday 9/16. Nori attended the Finance Committee meeting also on 9/16.

Nori met with Anne Bromer on Thursday 9/17 to go over library tour information for the 9/19 book sale. Nori met with Haley from the Lynn Item to do a zoom interview about the book sale, her renewed contract, and the upcoming program on the Red Sox on Saturday 10/3. On Wednesday 9/23, Nori met with the Campaign Events committee on Zoom. Nori also attended the Finance Committee on Zoom on Wednesday 9/23.

Nori and Anne Spirn met with the anonymous donor and discussed terminology and moving forward with the matching grant.

Staff/Personnel. Raegan, the Children's Librarian left work for medical reasons on Tuesday 9/22. Nori was alone in the library from 11:00am-1pm. Joanne came in at 1pm and Raegan ended up returning to work.

Nori posted the On-Call Library Substitute position on Tuesday 9/29 and has so far received 4 applications. The Children's librarian will be gone from October through

December. The library will need a substitute at that time to help with some of the staffing needs.

Technology. The printer stopped working correctly on Saturday 9/19. Nori called for someone to come take a look at it as soon as possible. On Tuesday 9/22, a service agent arrived and took pieces of the machine apart. Nori learned the printer could not be fixed due to sticky labels permanently ruining pieces of the machine that cannot be replaced. There's a jam that would require taking apart the whole machine and then still not having replaceable parts. The servicer connected Nori to a sales rep. The sales rep came into the library on Thursday 9/24. Nori found a new printer to lease on state contract. Michael Doherty, the sales rep returned on Friday 9/25 with the quote and papers for Nori to sign. The library hopes to have a new printer soon.

Friends The Friends hosted the 55th annual outdoor book sale on Saturday 9/19, earning over $3,000 dollars. This fair had an ice cream truck, tours of the library, and information about the upcoming campaign. A Lynn Item reporter took each tour and interviewed those in attendance. More than 200 people came to the book fair. The final totals of the sale (including post-sale inside and PayPal numbers) will be available soon.

Programming:

- Weekly Story Time
- Weekly Lego Club
- Weekly Italian classes (2 adult classes for beginners and more advanced students, and 1 family class)
- French classes are in the works.
- Monthly Mystery Book Club
- Bi-weekly Crafting Circle
- Copper bookmark (metalworking) workshop 9/3 at 5pm
- Intro to Mahjong: 9/15 at 10:30am (Event is all full with a waitlist of 13 people)
- Second intro Mahjong: 10/6 (Event is also all full)
- Big Outdoor book sale Saturday 9/19.
- Red Sox presentation Saturday 10/3 at 1pm
- Special Town Meeting scheduled for 10/20, with only warrant article being about the Library.
- "What's Brewing at the library" fall festival scheduled by Campaign Planning Committee for Saturday 10/24.
- Special Ballet Story Time with a dancer from the Greater Salem Ballet Company (ahead of the Nutcracker performance at Lynn Auditorium) 11/5 at 10:15
- "Antiques Roadshow" Style Appraisal Program, Co-hosting with the Nahant COA Saturday December 5 at 10am.
- Felt art workshop for adults (CC grant) Tuesday 1/19 at 5:30pm
- Perky Pairing presentation on tea and chocolate (CC grant) Saturday 2/27
- Paint Night (CC grant) in the works

Building Report.

On Saturday 9/19, the painter returned to re-finish the windowsill in the Nonfiction Room.

On Tuesday 9/22, Richard came in to check on the windowsill. He and Nori agreed the windowsill looked too glossy and was not blending in with the rest of the space. Richard asked Nori if he could pick up the correct material and come by to do it himself. Nori said sure.

On Wednesday 9/23, Richard worked on the windowsill with a less glossy material. The whole project is now complete.

On Friday 9/25, the door handle fell off when Anne Spirn entered the library. Nori reached out to Scott, who said to put a sign up and that he'd fix it on Saturday morning. When Nori arrived at work on Tuesday 9/29, the door handle was working.

On Thursday 10/1, another piece of the outer door fell off and Nori notified Scott. The handle is fine and the door can still be opened/closed and locked/unlocked.

Old Business.

Special Town Meeting. The Trustees will host 5 sessions on various days and times to inform community members about why the Library is asking for $1 million at a Special Town Meeting on October 20. There will be another meeting or two to prepare what each advocate will say and how they will prepare for the meeting.

Staffing. The Board of Trustees and Nori discussed ways to prevent her working too many unpaid hours. The library is short-staffed with one librarian on maternity leave, so it's not easy for Nori to schedule extra meeting and late nights with fewer staff. The Board of Trustees will come to the library twice to help staff, so librarians will not need to work alone in the library or for too many hours. Nori is working on hiring a substitute librarian as well.

Adjourned: 6:03 PM