Town of Nahant
Joint Meeting
Select Board and Library Board of Trustees
Wednesday August 5, 2026 – Hybrid – ZOOM and Town Hall
Robert Tibbo, Patrick O'Reilly, Patty Karras
Alison Nieto, Town Administrator

Attendance: Robert Tibbo (RT), Patrick O'Reilly (PO), Patty Karras (PK), Alison Nieto (AN)

1. ***Meeting Opening***

RT: opened the meeting at 6:32pm

2. ***Opening Comments***

RT:

a. **No Dogs on Beaches:** May 1st through September 30th
b. **Resident Parking Stickers:** Now available for purchase at nahant.org
c. **Metal/White Goods/TV Recycling:** Last Saturday of each month thru October 31st
d. **Compost Area:** Open on Wednesdays and Saturdays from 9:00am to 3:00pm
e. **Purple Heart Ceremony:** Friday August 7, 2026 6:00pm
f. **Market by the Sea:** Saturdays on August 15th and September 12th

3. ***Library Board of Trustees*** – Presentation on next phase of Library Capital Project

MOTION RT: I move the Select Board open the joint meeting with the Library Board of Trustees"
PK: seconded the motion
Roll call vote: Select Board all in favor

Anne Bromer (Chair of the Library Board of Trustees): joined the meeting: Gave a presentation on the history of the Library and the current building needs.
Anne Spirn (Member- Library Board of Trustees): joined the discussion on the current needs of the Library.

MOTION: RT: "I make a motion to support a Special Town Meeting to be arranged in agreement with the Town Administrator and the Town Clerk for the purpose of discussion and possible allocation of funds in support of the Library goals of reconstruction."
PK: seconded the motion
Roll call vote: Select Board all in favor

MOTION RT: "I move the Select Board close the joint meeting with the Library Board of **Trustees".**
PK: seconded the motion
Roll call vote: Select Board all in favor

4. ***New Business***
   a. ***Vote to Approve Event Requests: Library Book Sale and S.W.I.M Fall clean up and Fall Youth Soccer***

MOTION RT: "I move the Select Board vote to approve the following event requests: Nahant Youth Soccer on Saturdays beginning on September 6, 2026 at 8:00am at Flash Road Park, The Friends of the Nahant Library outdoor Book sale on Saturday September 19, 2026 on Pleasant Street from 9:00am to 4:00pm and The SWIM Fall beaches clean up on Sunday September 20, 2026 starting at 11:00am on Doggie Beach and Short Beach."
PK: seconded the motion
Roll call vote: Select Board all in favor

   b. ***Vote to Approve a Nahant Police Officer Detail for the State Primary Election on September 1, 2026.***

MOTION RT: "I move that the Select Board Vote to Approve a Nahant Police Officer Detail for the State Primary Elections on Tuesday, September 1, 2026 from 6:45AM and until final votes have been counted and tallied at the Nahant Town Hall, 334 Nahant Road, Nahant, MA 01908."
PK: seconded the motion
Roll call vote: Select Board all in favor

   c. ***Vote to Approve Early Voting hours for the September 1, 2026 State Primary Election***

***MOTION RT*:** "I move that the Select Board vote to approve the Early Voting hours for the September 1st State Primary Election at the Nahant Town Hall, as discussed to:Saturday, August 22nd; 9am – 1pm, Monday, August 24th thru Thurs., August 27th: 9am – 1pm and Friday, August 28th: 9am - 12pm."
PK: seconded the motion
Roll call vote: Select Board all in favor

d. Vote to Approve Warrant for the September Sate Primary

MOTION RT: "I move the Select Board vote to approve the Warrant as provided by the Town Clerk and Elections Officer for the State Primary on September 1, 2026."
PK: seconded the motion
Roll call vote: Select Board all in favor

e. Vote to Approve Appointment of Assistant Treasurer/Collector

MOTION RT: "I move the Select Board vote to approve the appointment of Jenn Craft as the new Assistant Treasurer/Collector effective September 07, 2026."
PK: seconded the motion
Roll call vote: Select Board all in favor

f. Vote to Approve Appointment a Full Time Police Officer

MOTION RT: "I move the Select Board vote to approve the appointment of Joseph Barber as a Full-Time Police Officer with the Nahant Police Department."
PK: seconded the motion
Roll call vote: Select Board all in favor

g. Vote to Approve Appointment of Reserve Police Officer

MOTION RT: "I move the Select Board vote to approve the appointment of Elizabeth Hernandez as a Reserve Officer with the Nahant Police Department."
PK: seconded the motion
Roll call vote: Select Board all in favor

h. Discussion – Student-led Local Environmental Initiatives

Maeve Nugent (student/Girl Scout and Resident): joined the meeting to discuss future ideas for student led environmental projects. Maeve was instrumental in the basket program at Tudor and Short Beach which allows the public to help collect litter and debris at the local areas and beaches in Town. She is interested in expanding the project to Doggie Beach and other areas in Town.
Vi Patek (SWIM): working with Maeve and another student on local environmental projects

5. ***<u>Ongoing Business</u>***
   a. Discussion and possible vote – Lynnway Multimodal Project

AN: The MBTA posted two open houses at Town Hall over the past year talking about the redesign of the Lynnway and asking for public input. They are moving the project forward. The final project is unknown but they do want to incorporate a bus lane on the lynnway.
PO: I had submitted my own comments and concerns on the project about the lynnway and transportation**.** Met with other surrounding towns and we discussed submitting comments all together.
PO drafted a short letter/comments to send to State Reps/MBTA and read aloud. Document can be provided upon request.
Further discussion on safety concerns, traffic concerns, emergency response etc.
MOTION RT: "I move that the Select Board as the Town Administrator, Alison Nieto, issue the letter as drafted by Select Board member Patrick O'Reilly."
PK: seconded the motion
Roll call vote: all in favor

b. Discussion – Castle Road re-design and sidewalks

AN: the Planning Board met last week. I wanted them to finalize a date for a joint meeting to discuss the redesign. They picked a date of August 20th. That will be the initial kick off of this discussion

c. ***Discussion – Parking policy***

AN: We had a meeting on July 16th. We discussed a number of issues but we focused on what we can address first which is the signage. Looking at it by street, old signage, inconsistencies, and while we do that look at the parking capacity on each street. There was a sign audit done a few years ago. But it was hard to decipher. We are going to now divvy up the streets to committee members and then take a look at the data.

6. ***Town Administrators Report***

AN: I received an email from Chief Furlong that the Lynn Boys and Girls Club has received a commitment to youth award.
There has been notification from FEMA that they are pulling back funding on a number of outstanding projects from the 2018 storm. Nahant is listed on the memo and the Governor drafted a response criticizing that as we could lose funding. The funding we would lose would be for forty steps. We are in the permitting process and the design is finished for the revetment project.

7. ***Citizens Comment***

Kerry Collins (22 Breezy Hill Terrace): Asked questions and commented on the Library

8. ***Adjourn***

RT: motioned to adjourn
PO: seconded the motion
Roll call vote: all in favor

Meeting adjourned on Wednesday August 5, 2026 at 7:56pm
Meeting Minutes Prepared by Administrative Assistant Kristin Taylor on September 21, 2026.
Meeting Minutes approved by the Select Board on the 23rd day of September 2026