

Hampton Historical Society

Annual Meeting Minutes - October 20, 2024



The 2024 Annual Meeting of the Hampton Historical Society was opened at 1:00pm by President, Lori Cotter. She welcomed the group and reminded everyone that only members may vote during the business portion of the meeting.

Lori asked for a motion to approve the 2024 annual meeting minutes. These could be found in the program, had been published in the newsletter and posted on the website. Mike Compos motioned to approve the minutes, Gary Grashow seconded and the motion passed.

The program was turned over to Tracey Dewhurst, the chair of the nominating committee. Every year the nominating committee is tasked with searching for new candidates for our Board of Directors. Tracey, Bill Keating, Betty Moore, Gail Klein and Christine Dalbec were on the committee this year. Tracey thanked the members of the committee for all of their efforts. The slate of new trustees was moved by Betty Moore and seconded by Kathleen Hall to a unanimous approval. The motion passed. The new trustee bios are attached and included with the minutes.

The following board members agreed to continue another term: Lori Cotter (3), Amy Hansen (3) and Betty Moore (1).

We would like to thank our outgoing Board Members: Molly St. Jeanne, Kathleen Hall and Rich Hureau. On behalf of the Hampton Historical Society we deeply appreciate all of your efforts over the years and wish you well.

The business meeting adjourned at approximately 1:15pm. Tracey then turned the meeting back to Lori who then introduced our speaker, John Cass. John Cass has been a family historian since the 1980s, researching history in the UK, the west coast, and New England. John has presented at Boston National History Camp in 2023/2024.

John spoke about genealogical research and following historical evidence but when a family historian focuses on lineage and then does not put family members in context with their communities or their society, the family history is diminished in its extent and value. He showed us how to look for those possible connections by extending our research to neighbors, spiritual leaders and tradesmen.

After the presentation the trustees met briefly to elect the following officers for 2024-2025. Tracey Dewhurst also agreed to chair the Nominating Committee again next year. Meeting adjourned at 2:25

President-Lori Cotter
Vice President:-Pat Bushway

Co-Secretary- Amy Hansen and Mary Ann Nelligan
Treasurer- Ed Baechtold