

# Hampton Historical Society

## Minutes of the Annual Meeting

### 10/20/2025



The 2025 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 HHS members may vote during the business portions of the meeting.

Lori asked for a motion to approve the 2025 annual meeting minutes. Motion to approve by Ellen Ornaf and seconded by Mike Compos. 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. Bill Keating, Gail Klein and Christine Dalbec were on the committee this year and we thank them for the work they did in helping select the slate of candidates we put forward today.

We would like to thank outgoing board members for their service, Mary Ann Nelligan served three years as a Board member; also serving on the Finance Committee. She will be continuing on with her passion for local historical research. Also, Larry Marsolais, who was inducted last year, has resigned.

Board Members Betty Moore and Gary Grashow have renewed for three year terms. Thank you!

The following candidates were nominated for this years addition to the slate of trustees: Joanne Hobin, Jack Hafey and Cameron Rees. Mike Compos moved forward the slate of trustees. Ellen Ornaf seconded. Motion passed. Welcome to all!

The floor returned to President, Lori Cotter. She expressed her thanks to the nominating committee for their hard work. At this time, she requested 2 volunteers for the nominating committee for 2026. Thank you to Christine Dalbec and Betty Moore for volunteering. Tracey Dewhurst (as decided at the end of the meeting) will return as chair.

The business meeting adjourned at 1:14pm. Lori Cotter introduced our speaker, Roger Lathsbury, a professor of American Literature. The lecture began in the Victorian age and culminated in 1929. He focused on five categories that impacted change of the time: social, technology, culture, politics and finance. Many in attendance enjoyed the topic and interacted with the presenter. The presentation ended at 2:05pm.

Lori Cotter provided a brief recap of our 100th anniversary year mentioning the 100th anniversary quilt, the documentary about Hampton, the 1920's dance, Hampton trolley tours, the old timey baseball game and our final soiree, the speakeasy. We should all be proud of our work this year celebrating 100 years of the Hampton Historical Society! All members and guests were encouraged to enjoy refreshments, to socialize and ask questions of the presenter, Roger Lathsbury.

#### **After the presentation the Board of Trustees met briefly to elect officers for 2025/2026.**

**President:** Lori Cotter

**Co-Secretary:** Amy Hansen and Joanne Hobin

**Vice President:** Ellen Ornaf

**Treasurer:** Ed Baechtold