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**NOTICE OF 2026 ANNUAL MEETING**

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**April 8, 2026, 7:00pm**

**3rd Floor at the Hingham Heritage Museum or via Zoom**

**The 112th Annual Meeting of the Hingham Historical Society will be held in person and via Zoom on Wednesday, April 8, 2026 at 7PM at the Hingham Heritage Museum, 34 Main Street, Hingham, MA. A Zoom link for remote participation in the meeting is below.**

We will elect members of our Board of Directors, honor our departing Directors and hear reports from the Board Chair, Finance Committee, and Executive Director.

Only current Society members are allowed to vote at the Annual Meeting. If you are receiving this mailing, your membership is active, thank you.

The agenda and slate of candidates is below. Biographical information for new Society Board members serving a three-year term, from 2026 to 2029 follows:

**AGENDA**

7:00PM Call to Order

Board Chair's Report: Jim Taylor

Finance Committee Report: Neil Smith

Executive Director's Report: Deirdre Anderson

Election of Officers and Directors

Introduction of New Directors & Officers and Farewell to Departing Directors

Presentation of the W. Bradford Sprout, Jr. Architectural Award

Presentation of the Judith Kimball Service Award

8:00PM Drinks and Dessert

Respectfully submitted,

Zoom Link for Remote Participation

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86436580015?pwd=13U0J6n17wunYC77f4sabbStc4lBas.1>

Meeting ID: 864 3658 0015

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## 2026 Slate of Nominated Directors of the Hingham Historical Society

### Nominees for Officers (Two Year Term)

Treasurer: Matt MacDonald

Clerk: Cynthia Galko

### Nominees for At-Large Directors (Three-Year Term)

\*New Director Nominee - *please see biographical details below*

\*Alison Anderson

Jennifer Hunt

\*John Hussey

\*Jonathan C. Lane

Lauren Mahoney

\*Ruth Gilbert-Whitner

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**Alison Anderson** was born and raised in the Midwest, but fell in love with New England while attending Boston College. She started her career in the buying offices of Filene's before moving on to Talbots in 2006, where she discovered the charming town of Hingham. When her family outgrew the city in 2014, she and her husband, Lain, agreed that Hingham was the perfect choice. She now stays home with her three children in their historic house on Main St. When not blogging or attending youth hockey games and dance competitions, Ali is an active volunteer with the Hingham public schools, helping out the PTO at the high school, the middle school, and South Elementary. She previously served on the board of Hingham Nursery School, and spent many years involved in the Hingham Newcomers Club, including the role of President. Ali has spent the past several years growing and coaching the Girls on the Run program at South Elementary. Alison has served the Society on the Tavern Night Host Committee and with the Historic House Tour.



**John Hussey** has been a Hingham resident since 2000 and he and his wife Alyson have raised three children, all of whom now live in New York City. John has worked in the financial services industry his whole career, first for PIMCO and for the last 12 years, at DoubleLine Capital. When his children were younger he served as youth coach for many basketball, soccer, and baseball teams and also served on the Board of Hingham Youth Soccer. John and Alyson are active members of St John the Evangelist Church where he is a past Senior Warden and currently leads the High School Youth Group. John also served on the Board of Boston-based non-profit HomeStart for many years. He is a life-long student of history and has a BA in History from the University of Connecticut. John has served the Society on the Tavern Night Host Committee and as a regular tour guide at the Benjamin Lincoln House and on the popular History Cart.



**Jonathan C. Lane** brings more than three decades of leadership in public history, heritage tourism, and cultural programming. He serves as Executive Director of Revolution 250 in Massachusetts, where he leads the statewide commemoration of the 250th anniversary of the American Revolution, and is producer and host of the Rev250 podcast. In recognition of his leadership, he received the 2024 Governor of Massachusetts Revolutionary Achievement Award. A dynamic public historian, Jonathan has held roles at leading institutions including the Massachusetts Historical Society and Plimoth Patuxet Museums, shaping scholarship and public engagement around early American history. He is the author of a monograph on songs for British soldiers in the 18th century and editor of *From the Potomac to the Etowah: The Civil War Correspondence of Alonzo Hall Quint*. Though now a Rhode Island resident, Jonathan is proudly a “son of Hingham,” tracing his Lane family roots in the town back nearly 400 years. He often credits his grandmother—who brought him to the Old Ordinary as a child—as the spark behind his lifelong passion for history. In 2025, Jonathan was the Hingham Historical Society’s Lincoln Day speaker. He and his wife, Alison, have two adult sons.



**Ruth Gilbert-Whitner** has lived in Hingham for over thirty years in an antique home. Although she grew up in south central Pennsylvania, she discovered through her interest in genealogy that she is a descendant of early Hingham residents, Judith Hersey Vickery (1685-1751) and Nathaniel Gilbert (1678-1720). She traces her interest in history to third grade when her class was introduced to early American history. She recalls coming home from school and constructing a miniature colonial settlement in her backyard. A member of the Hingham Historical Society’s Education Committee for the past six years, Ruth has been actively involved in the planning of the Lecture Series including *Benjamin Lincoln’s World and Suburbia*. Ruth is an educational consultant and coach whose work, in conjunction with the Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE) and the Massachusetts Association of School Superintendents (MASS), focuses on supporting new school superintendents. Ruth is an experienced facilitator of Planning for Success, Massachusetts’ comprehensive approach to strategic planning in public schools, having led strategy planning in over thirty school systems since 2018. A life-long educator, she is a former school superintendent, assistant superintendent, administrator of curriculum and instruction, coordinator and teacher of gifted and talented programs, and middle school science teacher. Ruth holds a Doctorate in educational leadership from the University of Massachusetts, Lowell; a Certificate of Advanced Graduate Studies (CAGS) from Bridgewater State University; a Master’s degree in science education from the University of Virginia; and a Bachelor’s degree in biology from Marietta College. She is the mother of two grown children, Claire and Eric, and grandmother of three grandchildren, Lily, Addison, and Calder. Her husband, Michael, is a former Society Board member and currently volunteers as a member of the Collections Committee and the Society’s weekly clock winder.



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