

TOWN OF NORTH ANDOVER
POET LAUREATE COMMITTEE



Remote Meeting

Monday, January 27, 2025
Open Session 6:00 PM

Pursuant to Section 20 of Chapter 20 of the Acts of 2021, this meeting of the North Andover Poet Laureate Committee will be conducted via remote participation. For this meeting, members of the public who wish to watch the meeting may do so via Google Meet link: meet.google.com/qpi-rkwd-unn.

1. Call to Order
2. Anne Bradstreet Poetry Contest 2025
 - a. Theme: Growing Our Community – Planting Seeds of Poetry
3. Contest Schedule
 - a. Review Contest Schedule
 - i. Celebration Date – Saturday May 3 (May 10 rain date)
 - ii. ACTION Followup: Karen – reserve common/bandstand with town (both dates)
 - b. Review near term goals
 - i. Create graphics - Christa
 - ii. Setup website - Christa
 - iii. Input to Announcement Email – from last year’s annc on google drive
 - iv. Prepare for Announcement Email – send by Jan 31st (earlier if ready)
4. Contest Funding - go to local business, try gofunding?
 - a. Use Contest Flyer, talk about contest 5th year, Anne Bradstreet history in town, Valley of the Poets
 - b. Ask for contribution support to help us pay for signs and promotion
 - i. 3 names / 3 levels (\$50, \$100, \$200)?
 - c. Idea to have a poem written by local poet to display in a restaurant
5. Contest Rules
6. Contest Promotion Plans/New Signs - need funding
7. Upcoming Poetry Events
 - a. April for National Poetry Month / The First Step at Stevens Memorial Library
 - b. An International Zoom event / "Anne Read 'Round the World for Peace" / June 2025?
8. Anthology book - idea to publish poems from previous years - maybe do it for Fall
9. New Poet Laureate
 - a. Contact Gayle Heney for possible local poets
 - b. Proposal & committee decision - ask Mark Bohrer to serve as honorary Poet Laureate for contest
10. Website (Christa) – Decision to go with Mecca Hosting \$60/year. People offered to contribute.
11. New Business
12. Next Meeting
13. Adjournment

Discussion items listed are those reasonably anticipated by the Chair, which may be discussed at the meeting. Not all items listed may in fact be discussed and other items not listed may also be brought up for discussion to the extent permitted by law. Times listed are approximate and topics may be taken out of order. Those submitting information at meetings are requested to send electronic copy to the committee chair prior to or immediately following the meeting for public posting.