

North Andover Poet Laureate Committee – AGENDA

Tuesday March 11, 2025 6:30 PM online only

Public access email: poetemails@northandoverma.gov

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/xwk-ctwb-qnd

Invitees: PLC chair: Karen Kline, PLC members: Dan Speers, Past Poet Laureate: Mark Bohrer
Graham Jackson, Signe Spencer, Christa Lamb, Michael Finegold, Dave Kres (Select Board)

1. Review Minutes last meeting

2. Town of North Andover

- Line item created:

- o Fund Name: NA Poet Laureate Committee – Anne Bradstreet Fund

- **ACTION: Karen – get line item number to use for reimbursement requests.**

ACTION: Karen – check with town on May 3/May 10 Town Common Reservation

3. Website – Christa

4. Update on Contest Announcement - Mark

- Announcement sent to schools (public & private) this past weekend

- Sent

- o Public Schools: North Andover & Andover – Superintendents & administrators

- o Private schools: Philips Andover, Brooks, Pike, St. Augustine, Saint Michael

Saint Michael only had 1 email address published on the website: info@saintmichael.com

ACTION Karen – can you call Saint Michael and let them know they are invited to take part?

· Get email address of school headmaster/principal

- To Do

- o Andover Montessori had no publicly published email addresses on their website

- o Merrimack College – **ACTION: Karen – send email addresses**

· **Bronwyn McCarty, Ellen McWhorter, Debra Michael**

· **Finding Anne Bradstreet – Christie Pottroff**

5. Contest Promotion

- yard signs – Mark ordered 25 signs for \$94 (\$75 + \$19 shipping) from sign company: Practical Image (Framingham)

- flyer for stores - **ACTION Need someone to make this - who would like to do this?**

- NA Poets Corner on FB – Mark

- **ACTION: Mark – send to Eagle Tribune newspaper**

- **ACTION: Mark – send contest blurb to Dan for his interview**

6. Contest Fund Raising - not discussed

- Idea: Ask for contribution support to help us pay for signs and promotion

Use Contest Flyer, talk about contest 5th year, Anne Bradstreet history in town, Valley of the Poets

- Idea to have a poem written by local poet to display in a restaurant?

7. Judges

- Invite poet friends to be judges

- **ACTION: Mark – invite Jason O’Toole, Joanna Kerr**

8. Other topics

Poetry Events :

Anthology book – idea to publish poems from previous years

New Poet Laureate

8. New Business - None

9. Next Meeting