

# Nominating Committee Report for 2025-2026

The Wayland Historical Society, also known as the Wayland Museum & Historical Society, is governed by a Board of Managers made up of Officers and Directors. Endowment funds are invested and managed by a board of independent Trustees of Funds. Society members present at the annual meeting elect the Officers, Directors, and Trustees of Funds. The Board of Managers appoints Committee Chairs.

Each year, those present at the Annual Meeting vote on all open positions, including all Officers and the Trustees of Funds, and Directors. The Nominating Committee is very pleased to present the following nominees, along with their biographical notes, and their proposed positions. The Committee is still identifying a candidate to fill the Treasurer position for 2025-2026. Lynn Trimby has generously agreed to act as Interim Treasurer through the summer.

## **SLATE OF CANDIDATES**

### **Officers (One-Year Term) 2025-2026**

President ~ Sherry Anne Bryant  
Vice-President ~ Vicki LaFarge  
Secretary ~ Mary Farley  
Interim Treasurer ~ Lynn Trimby

### **Directors (Three-Year Terms)**

Neil Gordon (2024-27)  
Art Jahnke (2024-27)  
Joanne Berry (2023-2026)  
Greg Dale (2023-26) one year remaining in term vacated  
Elisa Scola (2025-28)  
Michele Davidson (2025-2028)

### **Trustees of Funds\***

Cliff Lewis  
Lynn Trimby  
Jon Weintraub

\*If the Membership approves the by-law change to staggered three year terms for Trustees, the Trustees will determine which Trustee will fill the one, two, and three year term lengths beginning in 2025-26.

Nominating Committee for 2025: Neil Gordon, Art Jahnke, Vicki LaFarge and Gretchen Schuler. Scarlett Hoey, ex-officio.

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## Biographies of those to be voted to the Board of Managers and Trustees of Funds

**Sherry Anne Bryant – President.** Sherry Anne has been a resident of Wayland for 54 years. She was the Assistant Editor of the Wayland Cookbook “375 Years and Still Cooking,” and designed and built a float for the 375th Parade. She was Cubmaster of Pack 88 Cub Scouts based at Claypit Hill School for 10 years, Popcorn Colonel of the Knox Trail Council, and recipient of the Silver Beaver Award. At Community United Methodist Church in Cochituate Village, Sherry Anne chaired the chancel renovation committee and created a script with choral selections for the Musical Matinee program celebrating its Sesquicentennial Anniversary. Sherry Anne is a longtime member of the WM&HS and has volunteered with developing programs, researching items, and serves as Collection Committee chairperson. She is a National Cherry Pie Baking Champion, has a Bachelor’s degree from Shepherd University and a Master’s from the University of Connecticut in Clothing, Textiles and Related Arts. She previously was an Assistant Professor in the Merchandising Program at Garland Junior College in Boston. Her family owned Mountain View Farm in WV with the 1854 Washington Gold house and the 1760 Joseph Rippey log cabin. Her Bryant line in Wayland begins with a great-grandfather, Thomas II, living in Wayland in the 1720’s.

**Vicki LaFarge – Vice President.** Vicki and her family moved to Wayland for 1989. Her professional career was at Bentley College as an Associate Professor of Management and Chair of the Management Department for 10 years before becoming Associate Dean for Academic Affairs and then, Associate Provost. She was the recipient of the Bentley’s Adamian Award for Teaching Excellence, the Advisor of the Year Award, and the Martin Luther King Diversity Award. Vicki earned a Masters in Forest Science from the Yale School of Forestry and Environmental Management and a PhD. in Organizational Behavior from Yale University. In Wayland, Vicki served on the Board of the Wayland Public Schools Foundation and the Friends of the Wayland Public Library. She was also a member of the Library’s Planning Committee.

**Mary Farley – Secretary.** Mary moved to Wayland in 2013 when she and her husband purchased the Mark Sibley House, two doors down from the Grout-Heard House Museum. She has had a lifelong interest in old homes, growing up visiting historic homes and sites with her history-buff parents. She has enjoyed learning about the history of Wayland, and has a keen interest in helping to preserve and share the history and beauty of our town. She studied English at Penn State, and after careers in journalism and teaching, took a left turn into landscape design. She now works as an account manager at a landscape firm. As Secretary, Mary will continue as one of the Officers.

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**Joanne Mazzarelli Berry – Director.** Joanne grew up in Milford Massachusetts and graduated from Regis College, Weston, MA with a degree in Political Science. After graduation and a summer in Europe, she lived in Washington, DC where she worked for a law firm. Joanne received a Master's degree in Political Science from Boston College and a University of Massachusetts, Amherst, Fellowship that entailed being assigned to work for State Senator John W. Olver (D-Amherst) who later was elected to Congress. She remained at the State House for eight years rising to the ranks of Chief Administrative Assistant. While staying at home to care for her two sons, she was offered a part-time consulting job with Congressman Chester G. Atkins (D-Concord). Her career then led to real estate where she has worked for over 40 years specializing in the Western Suburbs of Boston. Joanne has lived in Wayland 47 years and is married to Dennis Berry, Esq., former Selectman and Town Moderator. Throughout her children's school years she was involved in the Wayland Schools, is a member of the Boston College Council for Women, Newton-Wellesley Hospital Overseer for Life and plays the French horn in the Sudbury Valley New Horizons Band. As a member of the Wayland Historical Society Board, she has co-chaired the Holiday Open House for the last 2 years. She enjoys reading, knitting, traveling and spending time at their summer home in Rhode Island.

**Greg Dale – Director.** Greg is an accomplished product development leader with over 30 years of experience in the medical device, in-vitro diagnostics, and biotechnology industries. Greg serves as Vice President of Product Development at Sherlock Biosciences, a Boston-based startup revolutionizing home diagnostics using CRISPR DNA technology. Greg's entrepreneurial spirit led him to found a company specializing in high-speed photographic equipment. He holds a B.S. in Mechanical Engineering from Virginia Tech and is an inventor with 36 issued patents. A Wayland resident for the past decade, Greg serves on the Wayland Historic District Commission and has contributed his photographic skills documenting Historical Society events.

**Michele Davidson – Director.** Michele Davidson and her husband moved to Wayland in 2001, before their first child was born, and to their current house, built in 1823 (and located next to the Grout Heard House), in 2004. She has held former board positions at Gore Place in Waltham, MA, the vestry at St. Peter's, where she coordinated and led the Church School, and as secretary for the Cottonwood Gulch Foundation in Thoreau, NM, an outdoor education summer camp. A former elementary school teacher, she has maintained a strong interest in both history and education. She looks forward to helping build and support the educational programs of the Wayland Museum and Historic Society, a cause that is close to her heart.

**Neil Gordon – Director.** Long-time Wayland resident and member of the Wayland Historical Society, Neil has a B.S. from Dickinson College, an M.C.R.P. in Energy & Environmental Policy from the Harvard Kennedy School, and is the recently retired CEO of the Discovery Museum in Acton, MA. He currently serves as a director of the Historical Society and on the Long-Range Planning Committee. Neil will begin his second term as a director.

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**Art Jahnke – Director.** Art and his wife, Nancy Zerbey, moved to Wayland in 1996 with their three children. Art started his career as a journalist at the Real Paper, next as writer and editor at Boston Magazine for 12 years, and an editor at CIO Magazine, an IDG publication about technology and business, for 10 years. At Boston University for 14 years Art was assistant vice president of Marketing and Communications, editing the University's daily news website, BU Today, Bostonia (alumni) magazine, and other publications. He taught journalism at Suffolk University, Emerson College and Harvard Summer School. In Wayland, Art has served on the Wayland Reads committee of the library and for the past year has edited the WM&HS newsletter.

**Elisa Scola – Director.** Elisa and her family moved to Wayland 17 years ago from France. After moving to Wayland Elisa delved in to volunteering – first for the Wayland Historical Commission of which she served as Chair for many years; the Community Preservation Committee, a Library Trustee and a term as an Historical Society Director several years ago. She also volunteered for the PTO in the Wayland Schools and was a Girl Scouts Troop leader. Elisa is the president of the Wayland Garden Club. She conceived of and organized the Dollhouse Open House in March. She will be chair of the Program Committee. Elisa graduated from Wellesley College and Boston College for her JD.

## *Trustee of Funds*

**Cliff Lewis - Trustee of Funds.** A current Trustee of Funds for the Historical Society, Cliff is a 45-year resident of Wayland. He is a member of the Wayland Route 20 South Landfill Visioning Committee and has served as Chair of the Wayland Board of Public Works and the Town's OPEB Advisory Committee. He is a Chartered Financial Analyst with a B.S. in Chemical Engineering from Rose Hulman Institute of Technology and an M.B.A. from the Tuck School of Business at Dartmouth College. Cliff is gainfully employed as a financial analyst at Traub Capital Management LLC, a registered investment adviser.

**Lynn Trimby - Trustee of Funds.** Long-time Wayland resident and member of the Historical Society, Lynn, has just completed an interim year as Treasurer of the Society, and will continue as a Trustees of Funds for another year. She has served as treasurer, board member, and chair of the investment committees for several other non-profit organizations over the years. She earned a B.S. from Cornell University and an M.B.A. in finance with honors from Questrom School of Business at Boston University. She is a retired Chartered Financial Analyst and a financial consultant.

**Jon Weintraub - Trustee of Funds.** Jon is a two-time Wayland resident. He grew up in Wayland and graduated from Wayland High School class of 1990. Growing up, Jon had a deep interest in both Wayland's history and its conservation lands - he still retains th books and maps of Wayland that he collected in his youth. Jon and his wife Emily returned to Wayland to raise their family. A graduate of Bates College, Jon worked in the equity capital markets as an analyst, and institutional broker and managed equity sales and trading desks. Currently, Jon consults with private and public companies. Jon is also a USCG licensed Captain. He has served as a Trustee of Funds for several years.