



**Babson Historical Association Inc
2025 Annual Trustees' Meeting
Saturday, November 1st 2025**

Pursuant to proper notice, the Annual Trustees' Meeting of the Babson Historical Association, Inc (BHA). convened on November 1st 2025 in-person and via Zoom video conference call. The following Members were present:

Trustee (in-person) Attendees:

Robert Babson
Matthew Babson
Margaret Babson
Amanda Babson
Marcia Rogers

Mark Babson
Stephanie Babson

Guest (Zoom):

John Babson
Abbigale Rogers
Christine Babson
Jerry Babson

Trustee (Zoom) Attendees

Kathleen Hanzeli
David Babson

The Annual Trustee Meeting was called to order at 11:20 am on November 1st by Chairman Robert Babson. Clerk Margaret Babson recorded the minutes of the meeting. Attendance was taken and a quorum was established with 9 Trustees, and 4 Guests present.

The minutes from the 2024 Annual Trustee Meeting were sent out after the conclusion of the 2024 Annual Meeting. No edits were made. Amanda Babson moved to accept the minutes, Matthew Babson seconded the motion, and the Minutes from the 2024 Annual Trustee Meeting were approved.

After the approval of the 2024 Annual Meeting meeting minutes, the Nominating Committee made their report which included the renewal of Trustee membership, election of officers, and presentation of new Trustee nominations. Margaret Babson called for the election of officers which included the Clerk, Treasurer, and Assistant Treasurer positions. Margaret noted that the Vice Chair position is currently vacant, and she would encourage anyone interested to reach out so an election can be had for the role. On a motion by Robert Babson, the following trustees were elected to serve as officers for the coming year.

Clerk:	Margaret Babson
Treasurer:	Matthew Babson
Assistant Treasurer:	Katherine L. Babson

Margaret then reported on 2 new candidates for consideration, after asking any individuals on the call to exit for discussion. Both candidates, Abbigale Rogers and John R. Babson, were recommended by members of the current board. Matthew Babson made a motion to accept 2 new members, seconded by Amanda Babson.



The Nominating Committee closed with a reminder that anyone interested in recommending a Trustee, or taking on a position at the 2026 Annual Meeting should reach out to Margaret Babson (mbabson107@gmail.com) at any point in the coming year. She also wanted to note a topic for future discussion at the winter/spring meeting to ensure that the Board has a clear election process for officers.

The Treasurer's report was made by Matthew Babson, the details of which were sent out prior to the Trustees' Annual Meeting. The report outlined the fiscal year which ended on June 30, 2025, and included the expenses from the reunion. Matthew Babson reported there was not much change in the finances, and that initial rounds of donations have been recorded to avoid excise tax. Robert Babson asked a question regarding a fund specifically designated for the James Babson museum managed by the City of Gloucester. Matthew Babson will look into what the amount entails and how it can be utilized. Matthew Babson also noted for the first time the association received a donation from another foundation, the Paul and Edith Babson Foundation. These are discretionary funds the Board can use towards costs or initiatives during the year. There was a motion by Robert Babson, seconded by Marcia Rogers, and the Treasurer's report was approved.

Chair Robert Babson followed with his comments on the past year.

The chair reported on the work of various areas supported by donations from the Babson Historical Association. The Sawyer Free Library exhibit has been completed, and Robert encouraged Trustees in the area to stop by and see how our donation has been utilized! The Cape Ann Museum also wrote a letter of thanks for the previous years donations and how it has been put to use supporting the museum's efforts.

Chair Babson reported on the work at the Babson-Alling House, relating to the excavation work on the privy by UMass Boston students. They are continuing to sort and categorize what has been found, and bringing in more experts to test the age of the structures.

Chair Babson reported on the work of the summer intern, and noted that there is no report to review this year, as the intern did not complete it. This raises questions related to the requirements for the position, and the Board had some discussion regarding methods to drive interest in the role, and better utilization of an intern's time over the summer. Margaret Babson recommended that the topic be brought forward for discussion in more detail at winter/spring meeting, to allow for research to be done on specific topics around more hours, higher wages, research work, social media management, etc. There will be no bonus for the intern as the work was not finalized.

Chair Babson also highlighted the work of the James Babson Museum exhibit consultant, and her multi-phased approach to create a more integrative and informative experience. Robert will share the quote from Naomi, so the Board can better understand each part of this project, moving from categorization of all museum items, to the next phase of "concept design & development".



Finally Chair Babson noted that a discussion around the overall mission and purpose of the Babson Historical Association, had not occurred since last meeting. Robert will connect with those from that working group (identified as Marcia Roger Babson, Matthew Babson, and Stephanie Babson).

New Business was then discussed by the Board.

Kathleen Hanzeli shared her research on the societies some Babson might be able to engage with based on their family history, specifically highlighted the Daughters of the American Revolution, and the Colonial Dames. She will continue looking into other societies or organizations, so we can share these as opportunities for Babsons on our website. The Board recommended a post on the website aligning in the new year with the 250th anniversary of the United States would be a great opportunity.

Amanda Babson reminded the Board of an event in December, called Middle Street Walk. The event was mentioned by Annalei Babson who described the event as a festival/block party event that is celebrating history and the winter season. Annalei's law office is located at 180 Middle Street, the birth home of Rober Babson. Amanda recommended to the Board that we reach out to get involved in this event (tabling or information sharing) for next year.

A request from David Babson was made to the 2 new Trustees to write a short paragraph of introduction to be shared on the website. David also asked to be sent the updated officer list so those positions can be updated on the website.

A motion to adjourn the 2025 Annual Trustee Meeting of the Babson Historical Association Inc was duly made by Marcia Rogers and seconded (Matthew Babson). A date in March 2026 was proposed as the next meeting (to be held on Zoom). It was moved to adjourn at 12:40 pm on November 1st, 2025.

Submitted By

Margaret Babson, Clerk