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**Danvers Historical Society Salutes Outgoing President Thomas M. Page for
Visionary Service to the Organization**

Danvers, MA— The Danvers Historical Society held its Annual Meeting on Wednesday, September 22, at Glen Magna Farms, welcoming a new group of community members to its Board of Trustees and celebrating the work of outgoing Society President Thomas M. Page.

The meeting was brought to order by incoming Society President David McKenna, who presented Page with a commemorative plaque for his dedicated service to the organization from 2016 to 2021.

Reading prepared remarks, McKenna said that Page had “put the Society on a path of momentum by finding new ways to engage our members, friends, and visitors, even during the pandemic. With Tom’s leadership, we have created stronger ties to our community and provided more opportunity to understand the history of Danvers and its significance to the Commonwealth.”

McKenna recalled Page’s work to complete the recent sale and transfer of the General Israel Putnam Homestead to a Putnam descendant preservation group, his efforts to secure nearly \$400,000 in grant and capital funding for restoration projects over the last five years, and his leadership in making Glen Magna Farms a community and private events destination on the North Shore.

In presenting the commemorative plaque, McKenna said, “On behalf of the Trustees, we recognize and deeply appreciate your visionary stewardship and your

tireless work initiating a business framework to help sustain the future of the Society.”

George Saluto, a supporter of the Society, also offered Page a bottle of Madeira wine, noting its special connection to Page’s earlier work as a professor of American History. Saluto recounted the first phase of restoration work at the National Historic Landmark Derby Summer House and the successful effort he and Page undertook to involve the State Legislature and the Danvers community in the fundraising process.

Saluto said, “Let’s keep this going for the Danvers Historical Society!”

In reflecting on the moment, Page warmly thanked the board, staff, and the membership for their partnership in stewarding the organization.

Page said, “The Danvers Historical Society is an vital part of this community. These historic buildings, gardens, and collections are treasures for us to share and preserve. I look forward to seeing friends and neighbors continue this work for the Town of Danvers.”

Announcing with his wife, Martha, the transfer of a \$9,000 gift to the organization, Page urged the membership and the wider Danvers community to step up in support of the Society’s education and preservation mission, especially as it seeks new sources of funding to complete the restoration of the nationally recognized historic buildings in its architectural portfolio.

The membership in attendance applauded Page’s work, and concluded the meeting with the election of officers and several new board members, who will begin their terms in October.

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The Danvers Historical Society (DHS) congratulates outgoing President Thomas M. Page (center). Incoming Society President David McKenna (right) and DHS supporter George Saluto (left) present Page with a commemorative plaque and a special bottle of Madeira wine.