

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING AGENDA

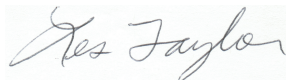
The members of First Parish of Norwell are hereby notified of the Annual Parish Meeting, to be held in the Meetinghouse, Sunday, May 31, 2026, at 11:45 a.m. to hear and act upon the following items:

ITEMS TO BE VOTED ON:

- ITEM 1: To act upon the acceptance of new members.
- ITEM 2: To approve the report and recommendations of the Nominating Committee.
- ITEM 3: To accept the report of the Parish Committee, the reports of all other committees and organizations as printed.
- ITEM 4: To approve the report of the Parish Treasurer.
- ITEM 5: To act upon the General Budget for the fiscal year 2026/2027 (beginning July 1, 2026) as presented by the Parish Committee.
- ITEM 6: To act upon the Capital Budget for the fiscal year 2026/2027 (beginning July 1, 2026) as presented by the Parish Committee.

OTHER BUSINESS (does not require a vote):

- ITEM 1: To hear a report from the James Library regarding their intention to submit grant applications to the Norwell Community Preservation Act (CPA) to fully fund proposed property improvements.
- ITEM 2: To hear a response to last year's Annual Meeting suggestions to the Parish Committee.
 - 1. Les Taylor suggested that with the current discussion about improving the relationship with the James Library, that there be more synergy opportunities between the Parish and the James Library. A single coffee hour is not enough. We should hold Parish events there and have the James Library have more of a presence here. There needs to be more transparency.
 - 2. Mary Mercier would like the Parish Committee to investigate the feasibility of allowing FPN members who are unable to physically attend Annual or Special Parish meetings but who listen and watch meetings on Zoom, the ability to vote on Parish Agenda items.
 - 3. Bernie Perry proposed that the current annual budget for the Fogg Committee be permanently set at a minimum of at least \$25,000 a year. Helen Fogg did many things in her life to help people and their causes throughout the world. She endowed our organization with a tremendous bequest which she hoped would enable us to continue the good work that she believed in. We have and will continue to do so. This action will guarantee that the Fogg Service Committee will be funded annually at a fixed amount of at least \$25,000 without having to compete with other areas of the budget. The Fogg Committee is the most important committee for what it stands for and for what it accomplishes. Past support of the Parish at our last Annual Meeting reinforces this belief. This proposal will ensure that the name of Helen Fogg will be honored and remembered at First Parish of Norwell for years to come.
- ITEM 3: To hear new suggestions to the Parish Committee.
- ITEM 4: To offer gratitude and acknowledge service to First Parish of Norwell.



May 10, 2026
Norwell, Massachusetts

Les Taylor
Parish Clerk