



HISTORICAL COMMISSION OF MILFORD

**Memorial Hall, School Street
Milford, MA 01757**



The Milford Historical Commission meeting of January 8, 2014 was called to order by Robert Andreola, Chairman at 7:15 pm in Memorial Hall.

Motion to accept the minutes as read was made by Lyn Lovell, seconded by Pam Fields. Motion was unanimous.

Joseph Sliney completed his project at the North Purchase District School and was presented reached his goal to become an Eagle Scout. The ceremony was held in the Town Library where two other young men also received their Eagle Scout awards. To show our appreciation we presented Joseph with a plaque that had a picture of the schoolhouse on it along with an engraved brass plate noting his accomplishment.

Lyn, Anne and Deborah Eastman, Reference Librarian, are writing a book, "Images of America – Milford Massachusetts." We have a February 17th deadline to submit all the material for the book and it should take six months to be published. Bob Andreola and Bob Samiagio will proof-read the chapters this month.

Discussion followed on a request for Jack Porter to put a plaque in the Senior Center noting that the property was the site of Porter Shoe, previously. We agree with the decision not to accept the plaque because there were so many other shoe shops and businesses in the area, for example, straw shops, heel company, leather factory, etc.

Anne is planning on leading another tour around the quarries this year. Saturday, June 14th is probably going to be the date with Sunday, June 15th as a rain date. Permission will have to be obtained first from the management at Shadowbrook and Walden Woods.

Dan Malloy has an extensive Web site not only on Hopedale but on Milford and Mendon, as well. Dan recently added new pictures taken in the vestibule of Memorial with all the marble tablets that list the soldiers from the Civil War and the granite steps.

Bob Samiagio brought in a collection of Mike Minichiello's video tapes that he took over the years. They include the demolition of the State Theater, the Plains Park, and the Bicentennial. He also donated letters that Mike wrote home to his mother when he was a Navy Seabee in the World War II. Mike's son, John, is donating these to have for the Museum.

A bill for \$490 from Custom Alarm brought about a discussion but as it turns out it was for the fire alarm system for the building. It was not the bill for our security alarm.

Motion to adjourn was made by Pam Fields, seconded by Anne Lamontagne at 8:15 pm. The next scheduled meeting is Wednesday, February 12 at 7 pm in Memorial Hall.

Respectfully submitted

Anne Lamontagne

Commissioners Present

Robert Andreola, Chairman

Robert Samiagio, Treasurer

Lyn Lovell, Secretary

Anne Lamontagne, Secretary

Ronald Marino

Guests

William Mack

Joseph Sliney