



## **HISTORICAL COMMISSION OF MILFORD**

Memorial Hall, School Street  
Milford, MA 01757



The Milford Historical Commission meeting of January 11, 2017 was called to order by Robert Andreola, Chairman at 7:05 pm in Memorial Hall. Motion to accept the minutes as read was made by Lyn Lovell, seconded by Mary Villani. Motion was unanimous.

Bob Andreola read the article he prepared for submission to the Annual Town Report which covered all the year's activities and items donated to the Museum.

Susan Gillis, a new volunteer, offered to set up a Website for the Commission. The CDs that Bob Samiagio made of the blue binders in 2008 will be posted so the information will be available on-line. Motion was made by Lyn to purchase a Web site for \$80, seconded by Mary. Motion was unanimous.

Mary Villani mentioned the "Glad Farm: A Memoir" written by Catherine Marengi, native of Milford. The book got its title for the plot of land where she was raised. Her parents grew and sold gladiolus flowers there. Catherine excelled in school and nobody knew of the poverty she experienced at home.

It was brought to our attention that seven parking spaces will be added to the back of Memorial Hall and our concern is to protect the integrity of the building which is on the National Register of Historic Places. Motion was made by Pam Fields to send a letter to the Selectmen requesting that the Commissioners be involved in the project. It was seconded by Lyn. Motion was unanimous.

Bob Samiagio presented two beautiful books, 80 pages each 12" x 12" that he photographed from General Grant's Funeral Cortège. He sent the pictures to Shutter fly for printing so they are now available for viewing anytime. The quality, color and size of the prints is outstanding. Bob also brought pictures of the Julia Child show for our collection.

Anne is working with Amanuel Zimmerman on a project regarding the history of the area along the Upper Charles Trail for his Eagle Scout award.

Motion to adjourn was made at 8:35 by Pam, seconded by Mary. Motion was unanimous.  
Respectfully submitted, Anne Lamontagne

Commissioners Present

Robert Andreola, Chairman

Robert Samiagio, Treasurer

Lyn Lovell, Secretary

Anne Lamontagne, Secretary

Pam Fields

Mary Villani

Associate Commissioner

Mike Lalime