



HISTORICAL COMMISSION OF MILFORD

Memorial Hall, School Street
Milford, MA 01757



The Historical Commission meeting of August 10, 2016 was called to order by Chairman, Robert Andreola at 7:05 pm in Memorial Hall. Motion to accept the minutes as read was made by Pam Fields, seconded by Bob Samiagio. Motion was unanimous.

We returned \$163 to the town and received \$2411 for our line item this year. Approximately \$1032 will go to pay for our internet for the year. We purchased a case of paper for \$41.84 and supplies for \$15.48 this month.

The picture of the monument dedicated to the NY 40th Mozart Regiment in Gettysburg should have a sign on it. Milford men enlisted in that regiment, among them was Major Emmons Fletcher for whom our GAR post was named. Anne will go to the NE Stamp Company for a brass plate to identify it.

Mike Danello had information on .01 cent stamps that were published for Hopedale in 1849. They are very rare and perhaps some were on letters at the estate sale held recently. They are quite valuable to collectors.

We will hold our annual Lawn-gathering at the North Purchase District Schoolhouse on Sunday, August 28 from 2 – 4 pm. Historical pictures, maps and books will be available for viewing.

September 18, at 2 pm we will sponsor a walk along the Main Street noting the historical buildings along the way. Plans are to go from Memorial Hall to Draper Memorial Park and then proceed back to the Sacred Heart Church.

Our annual open house was discussed. “Meet Julia Child!” was suggested and we will contact her to check her availability and fee.

Bob Samiagio visited a museum in Indiana where they had a free standing, multi-paneled swing display for pictures. They were very sturdy and available in 10, 20 or 30 panels which could hold up to 560 – 5” x 7” photos. It sounds like something that would be a great addition to the Museum. He will get more information on it.

Bob Andreola brought to the meeting the “Journey” which is the title of the 2016 Milford High School yearbook. Carolyn Tebbetts who is the yearbook advisor donated the book.

Pam offered two items from the Woodland School that is being demolished but we decided against keeping them. It was a thoughtful gesture, though.

Jim Williams, a recent Kent University graduate, gave us a very informative talk on abolition and slavery. He wrote his thesis on the subject and referred to Rev. Adin Ballou and his views on abolition and his non-violent and non-resistance religious beliefs.

Motion to adjourn was made by Mary, seconded by Mike. Motion was unanimous. The next scheduled meeting is Wednesday, September 14 at 7 pm in Memorial Hall.

Respectfully submitted,
Anne Lamontagne

Commissioners Present

Robert Andreola, Chairman

Robert Samiagio, Treasurer

Anne Lamontagne, Secretary

Pam Fields

Mary Villani

Associate Commissioner

Steve Zaloga

Mike Lalime

Guests

Mike Danello

William Mack

Jim Williams