



## **HISTORICAL COMMISSION OF MILFORD**

Memorial Hall, School Street  
Milford, MA 01757



The Milford Historical Commission meeting of February 8, 2017, was called to order by Robert Andreola, Chairman, at 7:10 pm in Memorial Hall. Motion to accept the minutes as read was made by Lyn, seconded by Pam. Motion was unanimous.

Discussion on seven parking spaces proposed to be added on the grounds behind Memorial Hall was first order of business. We haven't heard back from the letter we sent to the Selectmen requesting that we be involved in the project because Memorial Hall is on the National Register of Historic Places.

Anne wrote a history of the area along the Upper Charles Trail for Amanuel Zimmerman who is working on a project for his Eagle Scout award. The first sentence will be changed to read: "Most of our trail" rather than "Our trail."

Archer Rubber is being demolished and pictures were added to our collection. It was built around 1880 as Jones & Shippee Shoe Shop and in 1901, became Union Rubber Company, then in 1907, Archer Rubber Company who ran the factory until 2006, when it merged with Uretek. In 2014 it was bought by Trelleborg. Archer Rubber Company had a long history of making rubberized coated fabrics, especially for the military.

We have had interesting visitors on Thursdays. Tyler Mikulis, a student at Yale, is doing his theses on fall-out shelters. He visited the NEMA headquarters last week and spent time in Switzerland checking out their shelters. We actually were able to give him a booklet on how to build one that was mailed to residents in 1967.

Another interesting person was Thomas Barnatt whose wife worked at Sturbridge Village. He knows Peter Oakley, the lead interpreter in the Shoe Shop, who demonstrates shoemaking in the 1800s.

Pam took all the names out of the jury box we have in the Museum and wrote down the names that are written on tiny pieces of paper that have been inserted into metal cylinders. Thelma Fields, Mary Negrotti and Jane Samiagio are among the names found in the box.

Chronicle is doing a story on the Irish Round Tower noting that it makes Milford special.

A concert by Ellis Paul will be held in the GAR Hall, Saturday at 7 pm. We will open the Museum to visitors.

Motion to adjourn at 8:35 was made by Lyn, seconded by Anne. Motion was unanimous. The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, March 8 at 7 pm in Memorial Hall.

Respectfully submitted,

Anne Lamontagne

Commissioners Present

Robert Andreola, Chairman

Lyn Lovell, Secretary

Anne Lamontagne, Secretary

Pam Fields

Ron Marino

Guest

Tim Goggins