



HISTORICAL COMMISSION OF MILFORD

Memorial Hall, School Street
Milford, MA 01757



The Milford Historical Commission meeting of November 11, 2015 was called to order at 7 pm in Memorial Hall by Robert Andreola, Chairman. Motion to accept the Minutes of the Meeting was made by Pam Fields seconded by Bob Samiagio. Motion was unanimous.

Hiram Philpot's military memorabilia is being mailed to us by Donna Washburn for permanent loan. He enlisted from Milford when he lived on Thayer Street and has no known living relatives. The items include his Purple Heart, Bronze Medal and dog tag.

Discussion regarding children who occasionally come into the building to hangout after school was addressed. They will go to the Youth Center when it reopens but in the meantime they have had to be spoken to and sometimes asked to leave. Mike Danello offered to sit at the front desk and monitor the situation while he continues to fix the various blue albums. We will let Lenny Morcone know about this.

Mary suggested that we have a sign-up sheet for volunteers on Thursdays and requested that Ron let her know when he is going to rearrange the shelves in the display case so she can help with the project.

Motion was made by Mary and seconded by Bob Samiagio to purchase a book "Italian Days-Arabian Nights" for \$20.00. It was written by Milford author, Victor Palumbo. All were in favor except Ron who abstained. Motion carried.

Question of using Memorial Hall as a gathering place in case of inclement weather for Memorial Day and Veteran's Day was discussed. We will advertise that we are open to visitors before and after the parade which is something Lyn has done for years.

We will give a \$25 Lowe's card to Mark Keller for Christmas. He has mowed the lawn at the North Purchase District School for ten years. He lives next door to the school and mows it every time he mows his lawn.

Judge Swift's grandson, John Swift III sent a thank you note for information and pictures he received from us.

Matt Zaccarino, an eighth grade teacher, visited on a Thursday and requested that we show our DVD on Milford Pink Granite to school children on May 27th. These are the schoolkids who aren't going to Washington, D. C. but have field trips planned for the week instead. We have welcomed them for several years in the past and they are accompanied by teachers and volunteers.

Pam will follow up with Fr. Scioli on pictures of the Sacred Heart Church and School for our collection.

Mike Danello provided information on the Manchester, NH quarries. They have tried fences, signs and blocking the road to vehicles but quarries still pose a problem.

Talk of putting a small sign or a granite stone on the lawn of Memorial Hall noting that the museum is located inside was suggested. People often say when they come to visit that they didn't know the museum was there.

Motion to adjourn was made by Ron, seconded by Mary Villani. Motion was unanimous.

The next scheduled meeting is January 13, 2016 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
Ron Marino

Associate Commissioner

Steve Zaloga
Guests
Mike Danello
Mike Lalime
Linda O'Connor
Meghan Oliveira