



HISTORICAL COMMISSION OF MILFORD

Memorial Hall, School Street
Milford, MA 01757



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

Lyn and Anne presented a program on the history of Milford and the granite quarries at Walden Woods. They gave bouquets of flowers and a \$50 donation that was deposited into the Historical Commission gift account.

Veterans' Day is being celebrated Friday and we will welcome visitors before and after the parade.

We noted that the Rockingham Hotel and two other smaller buildings on Central Street will be demolished to make room for parking. They have been in disrepair for years.

Kristen Heitert, RPA-Archaeologist stopped by to say that she had just walked the site on Cedar Street where Gutierrez Co. is going to build the Stone Ridge Office Park. The agreement we signed along with the Conservation Commission requesting the preservation of the stone walls at the Cheney farmstead is still valid.

Joseph and Natalie Walls from Santa Fe Springs, CA came to do genealogy on the Ruzzamenti family. They were happy to find Joseph listed on the WWI monument and the information on General Draper's monument. Joseph is a firefighter in CA and presented a medallion from his fire station as a thank you gift.

May Richards donated a Pyne/Smith bottle to add to our collection. Other visitors were Joe Williams researching the "Poor Farm" and Scott Humphrey from Sacramento, CA, related to the Casey family.

Carol Conway moved from 87 Congress Street and donated several pictures of the Conway's, Carter's, and a very early picture of the Telephone and Telegraph Company. The old house was originally home of the Belknap's.

Jim Miller volunteered to transfer our VHS tapes to DVDs. He has a number of taped videos on town events which he will share with us. He suggested that we purchase a tape player before they are obsolete.

Motion to adjourn was made at 8:38 pm by Lyn, seconded by Pam. Motion was unanimous. The next meeting is scheduled for January 10, 2018 at 7 pm in Memorial Hall.

Respectfully submitted,

Anne Lamontagne

Commissioners Present

Robert Andreola, Chairman

Robert Samiagio, Treasurer

Lyn Lovell, Secretary

Anne Lamontagne, Secretary

Pam Fields

Ron Marino

Mary Villani

Guests

Mike Danello

Jim Miller