



HISTORICAL COMMISSION OF MILFORD

Memorial Hall, School Street
Milford, MA 01757



Chairman Robert Andreola called the August 11, 2021 meeting of the Milford Historical Commission to order at 7:00 pm. Motion to accept the minutes as read was made by Pam, seconded by Ron. Motion was unanimous.

A moment of silence was observed for Thelma Floyd, a longtime Associate Member of the Historical Commission. She was a lovely lady who reached the age of 103. May she rest in peace. Amen.

Jim Miller questioned the New Horizon bill which was higher than the Comcast. Bob explained that we have now become part of the town's internet system and every department is billed the same. We now have faster internet, WiFi throughout the building, a phone and security cameras that are monitor remotely for \$131.

Our Comcast provider was \$89 a month and we didn't have to do cyber security tests every month and we already have a motion detector alarm system. Bob will review the pros and cons again at the Town Hall considering the fact that we are only at Memorial Hall three hours a week, not 40 hours.

Ron will talk to Chief Jim Falvey regarding an Auxiliary Police detail for the schoolhouse. The school will be opened to visitors Sunday, August 22 from 2 – 4pm.

Bob thanked Mary Villani for the care she gives the Museum every week and Ron for his expertise in arranging the displays along with Bob Samiagio, and Jim for converting a VHS tape to a DVD featuring the Home National Bank. We are also grateful to Carlos Benjamin for repairing the brownstone on the front of Memorial Hall.

Ron will make some calls for an appraiser to be featured at our Annual Open House in October. We will aim for a Saturday, either the 16th or 23rd.

Donations: Mark Bozzini donated a Powers Post 1952 jacket and cap with thanks to his mother Constance, Kelly Griffith donated a brick from the demolition of the Draper Corporation, Mario F. Bruno donated an 1876 framed map of Milford, Ron Howland donated 3 albums, WWII, Korea, and Viet Nam. Carol Ann Thompson donated two dolls, old tools, 3 mortars and pestles and Anne Berard, librarian, "Upton's Heritage."

Mike suggested that we have a sign installed marking the site of the Armenian boarding house fire of 1914 where eleven men lost their lives. It is the worst fire in Milford's history.

Pam mentioned that it would be nice to have a granite bench on the lawn of Memorial Hall.

Motion to adjourn was made at 8:30 pm by Anne, seconded by Pam. Motion was unanimous.

The next scheduled meeting is Wednesday, September 8, 2021 at 7 pm in Memorial Hall.

Respectfully submitted,



Anne Lamontagne

Commissioners Present

Robert Andreola, Chairman

Robert Samiagio, Treasurer

Anne Lamontagne, Secretary

Pam Fields

Ron Marino

Mary Villani

Associate Commissioners

Jim Miller

Brian Long

Volunteer

Mike Danello

Absent

Steve Zaloga