



HISTORICAL COMMISSION OF MILFORD

Memorial Hall, School Street
Milford, MA 01757



The Historical Commission meeting of March 9, 2016 was called to order by Chairman, Robert Andreola at 7 pm in Memorial Hall. Motion to accept the minutes as read was made by Pam Fields, seconded by Lyn Lovell. Motion was unanimous. We did not meet in January and February due to inclement weather.

Mike Shain attended the meeting to tell us about “Celebrate Milford” which will be held at Town Park on Saturday, May 14. A lot of festivities will be going on in the park from 10am to 8pm. The library has planned activities noting their 30th anniversary on the same day. Paul Surapine will present a concert in the GAR Hall, etc. Mr. Shain extended an invitation to be part of the daylong celebration.

We will welcome visitors to the Museum from 1 – 5 to view Milford memorabilia, Civil War artifacts and military items on display. All the commissioners will be on hand to show guests around and answer questions on local history. We will limit the number of people to 30 at a time due to space.

Mike Danello and Anne went to the Memorial School to see the Veterans’ wall. It is really impressive. Soldiers and sailors who died during war times – WWII, Korean, Vietnam and the Gulf War are pictured there along with their biographies. Mike suggested that the wall be replicated elsewhere so more people could view it.

The Doughboy statue in Calzone Park needs to have the bottom row of bricks tended to. We will send a letter to the Selectmen and request that they look into replacing the white bricks at the base of the statue.

We have noticed that the ceiling in the Museum is peeling in some places. Carlos Benjamin is aware of the situation and will check into it.

The Howitzer wheels are starting to deteriorate and we will see if students at BVT can repair them. Also, Lyn will call the highway department and ask if they will turn the wheels. The cannon needs to be painted, too.

Mary Villani presented literature on “How to Clean a Museum.” It is a good reference guide.

Motion was made by Lyn Lovell and seconded by Pam Fields to appoint Mike Lalime an Associate Member of the Commission. Motion was unanimous.

Once again we discussed installing a sign in front of the building noting that the Museum is located inside. Anne will check with Mass Historic for signs similar those used in other towns.

Donations have been made by Dan Canal who donated three business directories and several pictures. John Swift from West Virginia, grandson of Judge John Swift, sent a thank you note with a donation for information he found in the reference room and said he and his wife will be back this summer.

Robin Philbin gave us another DVD with 1,000 historical pictures to add to the one he previously donated. He also gave us a framed picture of the 1920 MHS graduating class and various scrolls.

Susan Elliot donated a binder containing Rev. Amariah Frost, Jr.'s diary that she typed from rather difficult hand-writing and a hand-drawn map of the town in 1792.

Deborah Eastman, Historical Collections Librarian, donated duplicate business directories, year books and pictures and Kathy Cogliandro donated eight year books this month.

Olivier Whelan and his father Dr. Whelan of Westborough visited the Museum to take pictures of old musical instruments for Olivier's Eagle Scout award. He is cataloging, describing and photographing musical instruments for the Boston Museum of Fine Arts. They were very impressed with the Museum and pianos and said it was the best they had visited while doing this project.

Stone Ridge Office Park has been re-approved by the planning board. Anne offered to send letters to remind those involved that in 2009 they were requested by Mass Historic, the Conservation Commission and the Milford Historical Commission to save the crystal quartz quarry and some of the stone walls that remain there from an early American farmstead. They are historically and architecturally significant.

Bills that should be accounted for are: \$88.38 each month to Comcast for our computer. And, \$177.95 to W. B. Mason for ink cartridges and supplies in December and \$26.99 for a three-hole punch in January.

Respectfully submitted,

Anne Lamontagne

Commissioners Present

Associate Commissioners Present

Robert Andreola, Chairman

Robert Samiagio, Treasurer

Lyn Lovell, Secretary

Anne Lamontagne, Secretary

Pam Fields

Ron Marino

Mary Villani

Steve Zaloga

Mike Lalime

Guests

Mike Danello

Linda O'Connor

Mike Shain

Brian Kelly