



HISTORICAL COMMISSION OF MILFORD
Memorial Hall, School Street
Milford, MA 01757



Chairman Robert Andreola called the August 9, 2023 meeting of the Milford Historical Commission to order at 7 pm in Memorial Hall. Motion to accept the minutes as read was made by Bob Samiagio, second by Ron Marino. Motion was unanimous.

The new budget is set at \$2,411. This year we have fewer expenses thanks to the IT Department for assistance with the computer and printer.

Jennifer Doherty, Local Government Programs Coordinator, sent an email with the schedule of upcoming events and seminars that we are welcome to attend in person or virtual. Bob will update the Membership for Mass Historic after the August vacancy is filled.

Motion was made by Bob Andreola requesting that the Board of Selectmen appoint Scott Wilson a Commissioner to fill the vacancy left open by Jim Miller's passing. Ron Marino seconded the motion. Motion was unanimous.

Ron Marino made a motion to appoint Scott Wilson as the new Purchasing Agent. Anne seconded the motion. Motion was unanimous.

Bill Farrell has gone through numerous photos donated by Robin and categorized them. He has been helping on Thursdays for some time.

Motion was made by Bob Andreola to appoint Bill Farrell an Associate Member, Mary Villani seconded it. Motion was unanimous.

Ron will serve as backup for Recording Secretary and Bob A. will for Purchasing Agent.

Gray & Pape Heritage Management did an investigation at a site off Cedar Street for the New England Power Company. Ron attended the dig and no Native American artifacts were found.

Bob Andreola picked up the 2023 MHS Yearbook. Next year Ursula Hunt will be the contact person rather than Linda Johnson.

Greg Yanovitch, the new janitor, washed the windows in the vestibule and informed us that the front steps are going to be power washed.

Bob S. printed pictures of the items in the display cases and put them in a binder. This was done for safety sake in case of a theft or disaster.

Ron and Bob A. printed a description of items in the glass display cases and will set them in frames on top of each case.

Bill Farrell suggested printing a guide for the entire Museum. It is a project we will pursue.

Scott will purchase an external hard drive (4 terabytes) and 12 plastic holders for the display cases. We will eventually purchase a lightbox to view the negatives that Robin donated.

Anne opened the North Purchase Schoolhouse for 7 visitors; Betty Laramée and Marie Loosemore were among them. Betty was visiting from North Carolina and they were interested in seeing where their grandfather "Harding" went to school. Interestingly, they were Jan Consoletti's daughters who used to attend our meetings.

Becky Renault from Atria Place in Hopedale invited me to show a DVD on the Main Street. Residents enjoyed it and everyone shared their favorite stories of downtown. We all wished we could go back in time and relive those days.

Requests for information on Captain Joseph Hancock and the Timothy Shea Quarry ,aka Haskel's, were answered.

Roger Lamontagne came across an article in the MDN stating that Stone Mountain, Atlanta, GA has a monument engraved in the mountain, partly, under the direction of Theodore Bottinelli, formerly of Milford. It depicts, Jefferson Davis, Robert E. Lee and Stonewall Jackson.

Two ladies from the Mendon Historical Society visited the museum and in turn invited us to visit them. They are located in a home at 15 Hastings Street, across from Willow Brook.

Motion to adjourn was made at 8:05 pm by Ron, seconded by Bob S. Motion was unanimous. The next scheduled meeting is Wednesday, September 13th at 7 pm in Memorial Hall.

Respectfully submitted,



Commissioners Present

Robert Andreola

Robert Samiagio

Anne Lamontagne

Mary Villani

Ronald Marino

Associate Commissioners Present

Scott Wilson

Bill Farrell

Absent

Pam Fields