



## HISTORICAL COMMISSION OF MILFORD

Memorial Hall, 30 School Street



Chairman Robert Andreola called the April 10, 2024 meeting of the Milford Historical Commission to order at 7 p.m. in Memorial Hall. Motion to accept the minutes as read was made by Ron Marino, seconded by Mary Villani. Motion was unanimous.

Bob reported that we have \$817.23. We have received invitations from Mass Historic to view virtual workshops and updates. And, Rick Villani, Town Administrator, sent an email notifying us that updates and changes to our town website are due by April 12, 2024.

Scott sent the updates to Dave Spinney at the IT Department. He removed Lyn's name from the "Walking Tour of Milford" and added links including our "History of Milford 1780-1980," and an Index to Searchable Historical Documents.

There will be a meeting Monday, May 13<sup>th</sup> 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. for the "Milford Comprehensive Plan Community" in the Upper Town Hall. The last time it was published was 2003.

Exchange students from Florence, Italy, visited the Museum with Liz Allegrezza.

After discussing the purchase of a digital camera, a projector, and a podium it was decided to purchase the projector and podium. Bob recently purchased a desktop display rack with 10 double sided panels.

Geri Eddins, of the Cultural Council, invited us to apply for money that they receive yearly from the Massachusetts Lottery. They received \$20,000 this year for distribution.

Jim Stoney sent us an email looking for help financing the restoration of the Congregational Church. It is listed on the State Inventory, but is not on the National Register. Usually, the building has to be on that first before it can submit an application for funding. It takes up to two years to be recognized on the National Register in Washington.

The Historical Commission usually submits the National Register application. We were advised by Jenn Doherty from Mass Historic, that they now prefer a professional person rather than a volunteer to submit the application form. We should hire someone in July when we receive our new budget to submit both the Draper Memorial Park and the Congregational Church to the National Register.

Carol Abram, an artist, requested pictures of notable buildings and monuments in town. They will be painted on a mural in Town Park as part of the renovation that is presently underway.

Scott and I sent pictures and articles to Jocelyn Crivello and Martin Montoya from the Cultural Council. They are working on a "Video-Audio-Tour" of Milford.

Bob acknowledged all members of the commission for their contribution to projects that are ongoing in the Museum. Everyone works together making the Historical Commission successful and enjoyable.

Motion to adjourn was made at 8 p.m. by Scott, seconded by Bob Samiagio. Motion was unanimous. The next scheduled meeting is May 8, 2024 at 7 p.m. in Memorial Hall.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Anne Lamontagne". The signature is written in a cursive style and is positioned above the list of commissioners present.

Commissioners Present

Robert Andreola, Chairman  
Robert Samiagio, Treasurer  
Anne Lamontagne, Secretary  
Mary Villani  
Ron Marino  
Scott Wilson

Commissioner Absent

Pam Fields

Associate Commissioners Present

Bill Farrell  
Marsha Mancuso

Anne Lamontagne