



## **HISTORICAL COMMISSION OF MILFORD**

Memorial Hall, School Street  
Milford, MA 01757



The Milford Historical Commission meeting of August 14, 2019 was called to order by Robert Andreola Chairman, at 7:11 pm in Memorial Hall. Motion to accept the minutes as read was made by Pam Fields, seconded by Ron Marino. Motion was unanimous. Note: We do not meet in July.

The new budget is set at \$2,411. Of that we will set aside approximately \$1020 for our internet connection and \$200 for the police detail at the schoolhouse this coming Sunday.

Bob received a phone call from an out-of-state gentleman requesting a “welcome letter” to come to Milford and display a rare limo. He answered that we have no interest in doing that.

We will welcome Kristen Heitert from (PAL) Public Archaeology Laboratory who will present a talk in the GAR Hall regarding Wildcat Pond, Oct. 19 at 2 pm.

Mike Daniello was contacted by Gerry Moody who is looking for an old map showing Old Cedar Street.

Discussion was brought about by Dan Malloy’s inquiry regarding Lena Nargi Spencer who operates Caffè Lena in New York. Her father and uncle, Antonio and Pasquale, founded the Union Café in the 1930s which originally included a hotel, restaurant and men’s bar. It is now Café Sorrento.

Pam suggested that there should be a sign posted to help keep kids off the cannons.

We noticed that the brownstone at the entrance to Memorial Hall is deteriorating and should be checked.

The lawn gathering at the North Purchase District School is scheduled for Sunday, Aug. 18 from 2 -4 pm.

Mike Danello volunteered to paint the Howitzer. This should help preserve it for a while.

Three signs denoting special places are being considered. Signs on poles similar to the Veteran’s signs are being proposed. Places that should be recognized are Central Street, a boot and shoe sign, on West Street near Cherry Street where 11 Armenian’s lost their lives in a devastating fire and the third on Purchase Street at the Hose 4 fire station that also served as an Air Defense outlook post.

Mike will make an effort to collect old telephone directories which have advertisements of local businesses with their addresses. We have several years where this information is not available.

Donations this month were: Lawrence Jones donated “Flight of the Bullet, Powder to Target” by F. W. Mann.

Jeff Lovell gave us “Montgomery Lodge 1797 – 1997” and Scout’s pictures with news stories.

Mike Danello received 60 “Oak Lily and Ivy” books from the Friends of the Library.

Ron received several items from Peter Mazzini and the Milford National Bank which will be on display soon. There is a document box, an old ledger book, money bags with the bank logo and numerous advertising items.

Motion to adjourn was made by Mary Villani at 9:30, seconded by Bob Samiagio. Motion was unanimous.

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, September 11, 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 Member

Jim Miller

Guest

Mike Danello

Absent

Steve Zaloga