



HISTORICAL COMMISSION OF MILFORD

Memorial Hall, School Street
Milford, MA 01757



The Milford Historical Commission meeting of November 13, 2019 was called to order by Robert Andreola, Chairman, at 7:00 pm in Memorial Hall. Motion to accept the minutes as read was made by Pam Fields, seconded by Mary Villani. Motion was unanimous.

The “Wildcat Pond Site Complex” presentation by Archaeologist, Kristen Heitert on October 19th and Michael Tougias’ program on “The King Philip War” the following day were both well attended.

Mike Danello spoke about the Veteran’s pictures that have been on the wall at Memorial School for many years. Jo-Ann Demaria Morgan was in charge of preparing the pictures and biographies and a committee is working to have a similar display in the lower level of the Town Hall.

Mike attended a meeting regarding the Draper Memorial Park renovation and related some of the ideas they are considering. Some of the names on the War Memorial should be “shadowed” because the lettering has faded. There are corrections to names that should be noted, as well. There was no mention of Calzone Park.

Discussion followed regarding the purchase of a framed town seal or a decal from Signs Plus. It remained undecided. On another topic, Ronnie will let us know when he has information on the old Home National Bank clock.

The laminated picture of WWII veterans killed in action we are planning to frame is incomplete, listing only 41 men. We will check to see if the newspaper printed an additional page of veterans who were killed.

The Town Crier noted in the Sewer Board’s minutes that the “Purchase Commons” is a plan to build 12 small houses near the historic home of Gov. William Claflin. After checking with Larry Dunkin, Town Planner, the plans for the old home, built in the 1700s, is not planned for demolitions if the project is built.

We will order two mannequins from Roxy for \$96.95 each. That is \$69.00 & \$27.95 shipping.

A bus tour around town requested for residents of Cornerstone was held this month. Anne gave a brief history of the town, the buildings, stores, churches, the hospital, Prospect Heights, the train station and industries.

Bob Samiagio made copies of David Rubenstein’s funeral DVD for Vincent Cifizzari and Mary Villani.

New lighting should be installed in the wall display case. The lights installed in 2002 no longer work and the small lights we use are not sufficient.

The building needs attention in several areas. We spoke to Carlos Benjamin regarding some of the repair issues and we will also inform Rick Villani that the trim on the building needs painting.

Jo-Ann Dillon donated newspapers from the blizzard of '78 and Michael Tougias donated "Exploring the Hidden Charles" because the Charles River runs through Milford.

The next scheduled meeting is January 8, 2020. We do not meet in December.

Respectfully submitted,

Anne Lamontagne
Secretary

Commissioners Present

Robert Andreola, Chairman
Robert Samiagio, Treasurer
Anne Lamontagne, Secretary
Pam Fields
Ron Marino
Mary Villani

Associate Commissioner

Jim Miller
Guest
Michael Danello
Absent
Steve Zaloga