



## **HISTORICAL COMMISSION OF MILFORD**

Memorial Hall, School Street  
Milford, MA 01757



The Milford Historical Commission meeting of January 8, 2020 was called to order by Robert Andreola, Chairman, at 7:05 pm in Memorial Hall. Motion to accept the minutes as read was made by Pam Fields, seconded by Mary Villani. Motion was unanimous.

Robert reviewed the budget and we have \$818.75 after we set aside money for the internet.

Milou and Redmond Thayer mailed a scrapbook from Lancaster, NH with newspaper clippings, various pamphlets and fold out posters dating back to the middle of the 1800s. The Thayer and Claflin families are related and mentioned throughout Milford's early history.

Mike is coordinating with Vincent Cifizzari and JoAnn Morgan on the veteran's pictures and biographies.

Mary Villani will call Chris Skelly, Director of Local Government Programs, for historic preservation information, the Demolition Delay Bylaws and the Community Preservation Act.

Bob will make copies of all the legal documents pertaining to Memorial Hall and the artifacts we have under our jurisdiction for preservation and protection. They will be filed in the Lyn Lovell Research Room.

Anne will make a note for Carlos of things we have mentioned that need attention to the building.

Peter Scandone stopped by on a Thursday to review plans the War Memorial Revitalization Committee has for Draper Memorial Park. The following week James Asam, Park Commissioner, visited the Museum and went over some of the plans for both Calzone Park and Draper Memorial Park. He has applied for a Veteran Heritage Grant to benefit both parks.

Fr. Peter Joyce, Pastor of St. Mary of the Assumption Church, celebrated the 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Mass. The first Mass was midnight Mass on Christmas 1870, marking the 150th consecutive celebration on Dec. 25, 2019.

The planning board will continue to discuss a proposal to build 12 houses near 174 Purchase Street on January 21. There is an old home, built in 1816, the birthplace of Gov. William Claflin abutting the project that is of interest. It is supposedly going to remain there.

Mary suggested that we don't hold a work session while we are greeting visitors on Thursday but rather do it on another day. It was decided that being opened every Thursday will continue to serve both purposes.

Donations this month: Joe Apicella donated the 1958 Townies Team trophy and program, John Pilla, Col. Angelo Pilla's uniform and medals, Diane Menard, Adin Ballou's "History of Milford," and Jeff Lovell, "History of the Methodist Church."

Motion to adjourn was made by Pam Fields at 8:40 pm, seconded by Bob Samiagio. Motion was unanimous.

The next scheduled meeting is Wednesday, February 12 at 7 pm in Memorial Hall.

Respectfully submitted,  
Anne Lamontagne  
Secretary

Commissioners Present  
Robert Andreola, Chairman  
Robert Samiagio, Treasurer  
Anne Lamontagne, Secretary  
Pam Fields  
Mary Villani

Associate Commissioner  
Jim Miller  
Guest  
Mike Danello  
Absent  
Ron Marino  
Steve Zaloga