HISTORICAL COMMISSION OF MILFORD



Memorial Hall, School Street Milford, MA 01757



Chairman Robert Andreola called the Feb. 14, 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 Bob Samiagio. Motion was unanimous.

Bob reported that the balance in our account is \$1,688.14.

Mass Historic announced that they are awarding 50/50 matching grants for projects supporting the preservation of properties. Deadline to apply is March 15, 2024.

Bob ordered 100 reprints of each the Memorial Hall and Draper Memorial Park brochures from Minute Man Press. He also received a receipt for the 2024, Oak Lily & Ivy from Ursula Hunt.

Bob submitted the MHC's article for publication in the Annual Town Report.

The alarm in the Historical Museum has been repaired.

We will prepare a floor plan, of items in the cases, the mannequins and wall pictures, etc.

Anne reported that MHC may not take Thelma Floyd's home (44 Silver Hill Road) off the National Register. Ben Haley, requested pictures of the house so they can decide if it should be removed.

Joyce Crivello and the Cultural Council, are putting together a video on Draper Park, St. Mary's, Sacred Heart, Doughboy Monument, Irish Round Tower, RR and Quarries, Memorial Hall/Museum, Armory/Youth Center, Town Hall and Flatiron building. We will be invite them to come into the Museum on a Thursday when we are open.

Alan Earls, from Franklin, emailed us regarding a "Historic Trail" along Rt. 140. Historical Museums would be listed along the way. Grafton offered to host the first meeting.

Elizabeth Allegrezza, teacher at MHS, has exchange students coming from Italy, and would like to visit the Museum. They will be here Wednesday, Feb. 28, at 9 a.m.

Theresa Knapp, Editor, for the Free Press requested an article for March and I submitted one on the Irish Round Tower and the "The Great Hunger" monument for St. Patrick's Day.

Scott bookmarked the Halloween Special that Jim Miller did on cable TV so we have it now.

Lisa Regan, Senior Center Director, invited me to talk on the History of Milford and the stores that were downtown. It will be Tuesday, Feb.27th at 1 p.m.

Robin Philbin offered to let us copy his flash drive that has information on the town. We will offer him a copy of our blue binders that have been digitized.

We may request Jim Asam's thoughts regarding Draper Memorial Park and the Department of the Interior.

Scott will order two digital frames for the museum and Ronny will check out Ebay for any Milford items.

Motion to adjourn was made at 8:45 p.m. by Ron, seconded by Mary. Motion was unanimous. The next scheduled meeting is Wednesday, March 13, 2024, at 7 p.m. in Memorial Hall.

Respectfully submitted,

anne Lamontagne

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