

# MIDDLETON HISTORICAL COMMISSION

Anne Cote, Pike Messenger, Bob LeBlanc and Richard Andreucci

## MINUTES:

### **From Agenda:**

**Update on Historic Plaques Project:** Richard stated in an email that he met with John Hardacre, Interim CTAE Coordinator from Essex North Shore Agricultural School and he said he could make the plaques for the Historical Society out of weather resistant vinyl and charge the Society with just the materials. He also has requested that we place one order for all the plaques needed. Pike suggested a change in the Oak Tree design for the plaques. With the design a little more realistic looking in regards to the Middleton Great Oak. Richard and John will work on making a sample sign.

**Update on placing the Tramp House and Old Town Hall on National Historic Register.** Anne is still researching the requirements and the process to get both sites registered.

**Update on M Tyler walking stick.** Pike Messenger and Anne discussed the final wording for the plaque and information on the Chestnut wood that was used to make the holding case.

**Update on Middleton 300<sup>th</sup> Anniversary plans.** Town would like to have 9 members on this committee for this very important project that would include the school dept, the historical society, the veterans of the town. Anne was in communication with Jackie about potential prospects. No new updates on this topic as of 10/14/2025

**Update on Watkins Book reprinting:** Richard has made great progress on the reprinting of The Watkins Book of Middleton. He has received five quotes for reprinting ranging from \$1,395 to \$3,995 see attached quotes. Vote was taken to allow Richard to go forth and get official quote for 100 books and passed unanimously. Discussions also were brought up about funding the project. Anne will look into ways to finance the book printing.

**Update on the Bark Tanning Mill.** Pike suggested getting the town involved at some level with current land owner Daniels to either donate or purchase 1/10 of an acre so we can preserve the Mill and educate future generations with signage and how the Mill was operated.

**Update on Ingalls Cemetery Project:** Pike has sent a letter to obtain permission from the adjacent homeowners for access to the cemetery with no success at any feedback. Members of the committee will try to access the property through town property in the coming month.

**Tramp House:** The Tramp House is in dire need for a new roof and Anne will get working on getting some quotes to have the work done.

Discussion on having a sign on Anne's property with information of the trail that led to Boston. No action taken at this point.

2. Missing Sheldon Plaque from Mt Vernon/ King St stone. Possibly have town replace. No action taken at this point.

Reviewed August meeting minutes

**NEW BUSINESS OR UNANTICIPATED TOPICS:**

None

**NEXT MEETING: NOVEMBER 18, 5:00 PM**

**CLOSE MEETING: 6:00 PM**

Bob LeBlanc 10/14/2025 Clerk