

Reconsider Tom Quick monument in Milford

Editor, the Record:

Being neither a Native American nor a resident of Milford, I wanted to let you all know how I (Lithuanian-Slovak/American) view this subject from the outside, looking in.

Since the words on the monument are offensive and glorify the hatred of the past, especially towards the Delaware-Lenape people, then the words should not be spoken or placed in a prominent public place on a monument. These words are neither "fun" nor "colorful" as quoted in Sunday's front page article.

If Milford had decided instead to make monuments praising the hatred in the past, of any redcoats, Japanese, Germans, blacks, Jews, gays — or any other minority, for that matter — there would be a lot more going on than a peaceful letter to the editor campaign. Milford would be preparing for a very public and messy, expensive lawsuit.

What makes them think the Indians any less human than these other people? Milford Town Council should wake up to the hurtful nature of the "words." The Indians are justified in their protests. Milford should reconsider the placing of this monument, even though it sounds like their minds are already made up.

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