

## Hopkinton News

### Marathon Flame to Come to Hopkinton



*MUSEUM OF THE MARATHON RUN located in the city of Marathon Greece. Above, Tim Kilduff with THOMAS COUNTRYMAN, Deputy Chief of Mission of the US EMBASSY in Athens, Ms ANN SIDES, Consul General of the Embassy, and SPYRO ZAGARIS, MAYOR of the municipality of MARATHON, in front of the HOPKINTON PHOTO EXHIBIT taken on the 4th of November 2007.*

November 5, 2007 — "We were taken aback by what happened," said Dimitri Kyriakides, whose father is memorialized in a statue at Weston Nurseries on the Boston Marathon course, and at Marathon, Greece, where Hopkinton Athletic Association President Tim Kilduff is visiting to strengthen the Twin Cities relationship between Marathon, Greece and Hopkinton, Massachusetts. Mr. Kyriakides phoned HopNews this morning.

"Marathon, Greece is becoming the center of the Marathon for the world," said Mr. Kyriakides, who was feted in Hopkinton during the dedication of the statue in 2006.

According to Mr. Kyriakides, "Hopkinton was well-represented by Mr. Kilduff," who was taken for a visit to Marathon, a city on the sea, as well as the Acropolis, and was asked to speak at the AMES Conference, an association of marathons.

Mr. Kyriakides said that a new Olympic Flame has been created in Marathon, Greece, and "It will come to Hopkinton for the next Boston Marathon if logistics are right. It will burn all of the time at the Marathon Museum"

Mr. Kilduff met members of the Greek government who are connected with Greek culture and tourism, and they all support the connection between Hopkinton and the Marathon, said Mr. Kyriakides.

"Next year, I am bringing four Marathon runners," said Mr. Kyriakides.

Mr. Kilduff is scheduled to return soon, and promises plenty of photos from his trip.