January 14, 2015

Moultonborough Heritage Commission

Moultonborough Town Hall

Present: Ashjian, Beadle, Charest, Larson, Mudgett

Bruce Woodruff, Town Planner

Chair Cristina Ashjian called the meeting to order at 5:30 PM, and the Minutes of the last meeting on November 12, 2014 were approved without changes. Commission membership was briefly discussed, and it was agreed that Cristina should write a memo to the BoS requesting that Alternate Ed Charest be promoted to full member status, along with other re-appointments.

The Commission received an update of the progress of the Village Vision Committee from Planner Woodruff, noting that the VVC next meets on 1/20. The VVC survey results strongly support preserving and repurposing historic buildings in the village area, providing impetus for the Commission to focus efforts on vacant and underutilized village buildings in 2015, including the Adele Taylor House, the Moultonborough Grange Hall, and others. It was noted that the former Country Fare Inn property is on the market (an ideal candidate for RSA 79-E, the Community Revitalization Tax Relief Incentive program adopted in Moultonborough in 2009).

Upcoming events of interest include the annual NH Farm & Forest Expo in Manchester on February 6th and 7th this year. Cristina urged members to attend the barn education session on Friday 2/6 at 11:45, a survey of NH barn types and features by Prof. John Porter. Norman Larson noted that the NHPA statewide preservation conference is scheduled for 4/17 in Concord.

Motion: Joel moved to adjourn at 6:30 PM; Jean seconded. Motion carried – unanimously.

The next Heritage Commission meeting is set for Wednesday, February 11, at 5:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted, Jean Beadle, Secretary, Heritage Commission