

September 24, 2014

Moultonborough Heritage Commission

Moultonborough Town Hall

Present: Ashjian, Beadle, Borrin, Charest, Mudgett, Worthen
Bruce Woodruff, Town Planner
Excused: Larson

Chair Cristina Ashjian called the meeting to order at 5:30 PM, and the Minutes of the last meeting on June 11, 2014 were approved as written. Bruce Woodruff provided an overview of the Master Plan update process underway at the Planning Board. The Commission will continue ongoing activities identified on its work plan through the year's end. Inspection visits to the RSA 79-D barns are being scheduled with Bruce Woodruff and Town Assessor Gary Karp.

Town committees with HC representation were discussed; Bruce Worthen updated the Commission on the progress of the Village Vision Committee. Despite an attempt to meet in early August, the MPIC has not met since December 2013, and the Moultonborough Grange Committee has not met since July 2013. Kathy Garry of the Moultonborough Historical Society updated Cristina by phone about minor repairs and the overall Grange Hall situation.

The Commission briefly discussed the Conservation Commission's present focus on the 37-acre property on Route 25 abutting the Red Hill River and Lee Pond, and agreed to support efforts to conserve the property because of its historical and archaeological significance. Cristina will meet with Conservation Commission members and provide documentation and images of historic buildings and sites at Moultonborough Falls for their use in the project.

Commission members reported on summer programs: Cristina attended the NHPA 'Who's Taking Care of Your Town's History?' workshop in Ossipee on May 20th, the Madison Historic Barn Tour on July 12th, and the NH Boat Museum Boathouse Tour on August 14th. In this centennial year of the Lucknow estate (Castle in the Clouds), the Commission organized a successful and well attended Tom Plant book launch and presentation on July 15th.

Potential programs for 2015 were discussed, including a demonstration of the proper cleaning and restoration of historic gravestones, as recently hosted by the Tuftonboro Historical Society. Cristina noted upcoming events of interest, including the NH Preservation Alliance's Hollis Barn Tour (9/27) and the Franklin Historical Society's Panel on Protection of Historic Buildings (10/2), urging available Heritage Commission members to attend.

Motion: Ed moved to adjourn at 6:30 PM; Mark seconded. Motion carried – unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,
Jean Beadle, Secretary, Heritage Commission