September 16, 2013

Moultonborough Heritage Commission

Moultonborough Town Hall

Present: Ashjian, Beadle, Borrin, Charest, Larson, Worthen

Public: Bud Heinrich

Chair Cristina Ashjian called the meeting to order at 5:35 PM, and the Minutes of the last meeting on July 1, 2013 were approved without changes. Cristina updated the committee on various issues, including the establishment of a non-lapsing Heritage Fund (RSA 674:44-d) with a \$500 donation from Enid Holmes, approved by the BoS as per RSA 674:44-b (see BoS Minutes 8/29/13). Summer resident architect John Smits has provided his time and equipment to create 3D laser scans of the Moultonborough Grange Hall exterior and interior spaces.

The Commission then discussed the proposed Town acquisition of the 'Adele Taylor property' (Map 52 / Lot 14, approximately 5 acres at 970 Whittier Highway). The Taylor property was identified in the 2008 Master Plan as one of the vacant/underutilized historic properties in Moultonborough Village with great potential for adaptive re-use and village revitalization; this centrally located parcel presents an opportunity for the Town and for the Moultonborough schools, which at this time is yet to be defined. The Commission drafted a recommendation for purchase for the BoS, urging that the Town explore options to retain the landmark historic buildings, conduct a feasibility study, and look at nearby adaptive re-uses of historic structures for contemporary needs. The Commission is available to assist in this endeavor.

Finally, the Commission discussed the site plan application for a Family Dollar Store now under consideration by the Planning Board, which would be located on Route 25 adjacent to Tedeschi's near the Redding Lane intersection. The Commission will prepare a comment for the next hearing on the application (10/9/13), focusing on impacts on the historic Maple Cottage boarding house property opposite on the Lake Kanasatka side of Route 25. It was noted that the Planning Board has a site plan amendment application for CG Roxane for more parking on the uphill site.

The next Heritage Commission meeting is scheduled for October 21st at 5:30 PM.

Motion: Ed moved to adjourn at 6:40 PM; Mark seconded. Motion carried – unanimously.

Respectfully submitted, Jean Beadle, Secretary, Heritage Commission