

September 19, 2011
Moultonborough Heritage Commission
Moultonborough Town Offices

Present: Cristina Ashjian, Jean Beadle, Mark Borrin, Norman Larson, Bruce Worthen
Excused: Ed Charest
Public: Hollis Austin

Cristina Ashjian called the meeting to order at 5:35 PM and the Minutes of the July 18th meeting were approved (Mark Borrin abstained as he was absent at the last meeting). It was agreed that Cristina and Jean Beadle would review and update the FY2011 budget and submit any necessary materials to the Land Use Office for initial FY2012 budget discussions.

The Commission received updates on various activities and projects. Cristina reported that she and barn expert John Porter (UNH) had accompanied Gary Karp, Town Assessor, on annual inspections of barns with the 79-D easement on 9/8/11. The painting of the town-owned Historical Society buildings (Moultonborough Town House and Middle Neck School House) will be postponed until 2012; the Commission reviewed estimates for restoration of the historic signs on both buildings, which will also occur in 2012. The properties at Moultonborough Falls that the HC had urged the Town to retain (5/20/11 memo) were not included in the final sale list.

Area preservation issues and historic properties on the market were discussed, and Cristina provided handouts and articles on various topics, including the update on the Squam NRHP project. Cristina reported on the progress of the MPIC (last meeting 8/16/11) and on the newly-established Planning Board Roads Subcommittee (9/6, 9/20 meetings), noting that she and Norman Larson are both on that subcommittee and would provide future updates.

The Commission then reviewed and discussed recent correspondence, HC 2011 events, and ongoing projects. Attendance at HC summer Community Landmarks events continues strong (Farm at Laconia State School, 45 in May; Barn Preservation Information Session, 60 in June; Bald Peak Colony Club, 90 in July). Cristina's talk on Kona Farm held at the NH Boat Museum in August had 100 attendees. The Commission also sponsored the NH Preservation Alliance 'Preserving Community Character' planning workshop at the MPL which attracted 35 attendees. The Roxmont site is under consideration as a SCRAP (archaeology field school) site in 2012; Cristina will keep the HC informed as to upcoming meetings with the DHR and PSU faculty.

Upcoming events and workshops were noted, including the NHPA New Hampton Barn Workshop (part 2) on Saturday 10/1/11, and the NHPA 'Seven to Save' and annual meeting on Wednesday, 10/12/11. The next HC meeting will be at 5:30 PM on Monday, October 15th.

Motion: Mark moved to adjourn at 6:15 PM, Bruce seconded.
Motion Carried – Unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,
Jean Beadle, Secretary, Heritage Commission