

October 19, 2009

Moultonborough Heritage Commission

Moultonborough Town Offices

Present: Cristina Ashjian, Jean Beadle, Mark Borrin, Ed Charest, Norman Larson,
Bruce Worthen, with Dan Merhalski (Town Planner)
Excused: Doug Wyman
Public: Hollis Austin, John Millet

Chair Cristina Ashjian called the meeting to order at 5:35 PM, introducing Town Planner Dan Merhalski to the Heritage Commission members. The Minutes of September 14 were approved.

The Commission reviewed the draft Rules of Procedure distributed at the September meeting, discussing and incorporating suggested edits and additions forwarded by the NH Preservation Alliance. A revised document will be distributed for further review and discussion at the November meeting. The Heritage Commission page on the Town website was also reviewed.

An update of a potential Demolition Delay/Review Ordinance led into a broader discussion of the role of the Heritage Commission in planning activities and the Master Plan implementation. As an advisory entity, the Commission may comment on applications before town boards; Dan Merhalski suggested that the Commission write a letter to formalize a comment request system similar to that of the Conservation Commission.

The Commission briefly discussed RSA 79D (Barn Easement) and reviewed the existing town application form along with comments from the NHPA. It was agreed that the Commission would write the Board of Selectmen to offer assistance in updating the town form for RSA 79D, and in reviewing applications for RSAs 79D and RSA 79E (Village Revitalization). Cristina will circulate the draft for review and discussion at the November meeting.

Cristina announced that the present owner of the Kona Farm Barn Tower Clock has offered to donate the steeple/spire and weathervane to the Town. She will explore options with the present owner and has already contacted Mary Lamprey Bare of the Moultonborough Historical Society.

Cristina reminded Commission members of the upcoming presentation on the Long Island Inn on October 26th, and raised the possibility of a November talk for the Community Landmarks Series on the restoration of the Kona Farm barn tower clock (time and date TBD).

The Commission set its next meeting for 5:30 PM on November 16, 2009. It was agreed that the third Monday at 5:30 PM will be the regular monthly meeting time and posted as such.

Motion: Jean moved to adjourn at 7:00 PM
Mark Seconded.
Motion Carried – Unanimously.

Respectively submitted,

Jean Beadle, Secretary, Heritage Commission