

December 21, 2009

Moultonborough Heritage Commission

Moultonborough Town Offices

Present: Cristina Ashjian, Jean Beadle, Mark Borrin, Norman Larson, Bruce Worthen
Excused: Ed Charest, Doug Wyman
Public: Hollis Austin, Cami & Celeste LaPierre

Chair Cristina Ashjian called the meeting to order at 5:35 PM. The Minutes of the November 16, 2009 meeting were approved. Norman Larson arrived at 5:40 PM. The Commission then opened the Public Hearing noticed for this meeting, namely the final review and approval of the Heritage Commission Rules of Procedure. After a brief overview for the benefit of attending members of the public, the Commission unanimously moved to adopt the Rules of Procedure.

The Commission then briefly discussed a number of items. Cristina reported that the Heritage Commission letters of introduction / offers of assistance were received by the Board of Selectmen, Conservation Commission, and Planning Board. The Planning Board agreed on 11/24/09 that the HC would be included in the comment process for site plan applications. Cristina noted that the Planning Board was finalizing proposed ordinance changes, one of which would repeal commercial special exceptions in the residential/agricultural zone. It was agreed that the HC would support this zoning change, which would aid in the preservation of the town's scenic beauty and rural character, as prioritized by the recent Master Plan update.

Cristina announced that the Moulton-Greene-Leach House (on state Route 25 near the Moultonborough Neck Road intersection) was added to the NH State Register of Historic Places. The state press release of 12/8/09 notes that the property is "an excellent example of a Greek Revival-style connected farm building, the once-common house style that is key to the historic agricultural landscape of New England." In order to promote Moultonborough's agricultural heritage, the HC will co-host the program "Big House, Little House, Back House, Barn" presented by Prof. Tom Hubka at the Moultonborough Public Library on July 7, 2010.

The Heritage Commission proposed activities for 2010 were then briefly discussed. Cristina provided an update of her meeting with the NH Preservation Alliance regarding the planned HC "Early Inns and Estates" tour next summer (target date mid-August). Cristina and Jean will meet with representatives of the NHPA the last week of January 2010 to further review details.

The Kona Farm barn spire/weathervane was kindly transported back to Moultonborough by Ben Fullerton (Fullerton Landscaping LLC). The Heritage Commission will share in the stewardship of this historic object, which has been donated to the Moultonborough Historical Society. The next HC meeting will be at 5:30 PM on January 18, 2010.

Motion: Mark Borrin moved to adjourn at 6:30 PM
Bruce Worthen seconded.
Motion Carried – Unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,
Jean Beadle, Secretary, Heritage Commission