

September 23, 2015
Moultonborough Heritage Commission
Moultonborough Town Hall

Present: Ashjian, Beadle, Charest
Absent: Larson

Chair Cristina Ashjian called the meeting to order at 5:35 PM, and the Minutes of the July 22nd meeting were approved without changes. The Commission then discussed two upcoming professional development opportunities: the Raising NH planning workshop in Peterborough on 9/26, and Historic New England's annual Field School in Preservation on 10/2-10/4. It was agreed that Cristina would attend the HNE workshop, which focuses on building conditions assessments, scoping and treatment plans, project review, and property care.

The Commission reviewed and discussed the Community Landmarks Series program *Preserving Community Character: Opportunities for Historic Village Buildings* held at the Moultonborough Library on August 24th. Norman Larson moderated the session, Cristina gave a PowerPoint overview, and panelists Mark Borrin (Preferred Rentals), Peter Michaud (NH DHR), and Maggie Stier (NHPA) led a lively and informative discussion. The audience was comprised of residents and board members from Moultonborough, Tuftonboro, Wolfeboro, Sandwich, Center Harbor, Meredith and beyond. The presentation used key vacant, for sale or rent, and/or underutilized historic buildings in Moultonborough Village as case studies. The Commission then received updates on and discussed the status of the former Village School (now owned by the Methodist Church), the Taylor House, the Moultonborough Grange Hall, and the former Country Fare Inn.

The next HC meeting is scheduled for Monday, October 26th at 5:30 PM. Cristina reminded Commission members of upcoming events, including the quarterly Cultural & Heritage Tourism Roundtable on October 1st at the Castle in the Clouds, and the NH Preservation Alliance Seven to Save event and annual meeting at the Wolfeboro Town Hall on October 21st (the Commission successfully nominated the Moultonborough Grange Hall to the Seven to Save list in 2012).

Motion: Jean moved to adjourn at 6:15 PM; Ed seconded. Motion carried – unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,
Jean Beadle, Secretary, Heritage Commission