

November 19, 2012

## **Moultonborough Heritage Commission**

Moultonborough Town Offices

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

Chair Cristina Ashjian called the meeting to order at 5:40 PM, and the Minutes of the last Commission meeting on August 20, 2012 were approved without changes. The Commission briefly discussed the July 2012 Plan NH Charrette event; the charrette report is being finalized and there will be a public presentation with advance publicity. Commission members agreed that it may be best for such a presentation to happen in early January as a stand-alone event, after the holiday season, in order to engage as many members of the community as possible.

Cristina provided an update on recent efforts to save the at-risk Moultonborough Grange building and to plan for its future in Moultonborough Village. The Commission is partnering with the Moultonborough Historical Society in applying for grants that could provide funding to stabilize the building. To date, the NH Preservation Alliance building condition assessment grant was successful; preservation contractor Steve Bedard is now finalizing his report. Bedard Preservation & Restoration LLC did the necessary emergency stabilization of the Grange roof in late October, after sufficient funds were raised. A grant from the Bald Peak Community Fund of the NH Charitable Foundation contributed to the emergency stabilization work. In terms of recognition, the Grange hall is included in this year's NH Preservation Alliance 'Seven to Save' list, and recently listed in the NH State Register of Historic Places. Cristina shared PR articles with Commission members, and will provide an update on other grants at the next meeting.

The Commission then discussed the merits of the Board of Selectmen's proposal to rename Ossipee Park Road; a public hearing on the matter is scheduled for December 6, 2012, at 7 PM. Ossipee Park was Moultonborough's claim to fame from 1880-1912; the mountaintop park site was purchased and developed into the Lucknow estate (today Castle in the Clouds) by Thomas Plant in 1913-1914. Since there is much important town history associated with Ossipee Park, it was agreed that the HC would write a summary letter of its significance for the hearing.

The next Heritage Commission meeting will be at 5:30 PM on Monday, December 17<sup>th</sup>. Commission members are encouraged to come in with ideas for 2013 projects.

Motion: Norman moved to adjourn at 6:30 PM; Bruce seconded.  
Motion Carried – Unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Jean Beadle, Secretary, Heritage Commission