

## Moultonborough Heritage Commission Annual Report



Moulton-Greene-Leach House, NH State Register of Historic Places, listed December 2009

Established in March 2009, the Heritage Commission will promote the proper recognition, use, and protection of significant historical and cultural resources in the Town of Moultonborough. Monthly meetings started in August 2009, and to date the advisory Commission has developed its Rules of Procedure with the aid of the NH Preservation Alliance and the NH Division of Historical Resources (adopted December 2009), and has begun to define its role in relation to other local boards and entities. Seeking to integrate preservation into the planning process, the Heritage Commission may advise and assist town boards on applications and other matters that affect historic buildings and sites. In November, the Planning Board agreed to include the Heritage Commission in the comment process for site plan applications. In December, the Board of Selectmen accepted the Commission's offer of assistance with the initial review and recommendations for the two preservation easements already adopted by the town, RSA 79-D (barn easement) and RSA 79-E (village revitalization easement).

In order to further public recognition and appreciation of local historical resources, the Heritage Commission has started a Community Landmarks Series focusing attention on significant buildings and sites throughout the town. These Heritage Commission events, hosted by the Moultonborough Public Library, have drawn enthusiastic public response and record attendance. In September, Cristina Ashjian lectured on Moultonborough's Estate Builders, and in October, resident Hollis Austin presented the history of his family's landmark Long Island Inn. In November, Dr. David Livingston of Laconia spoke on his restoration of the E. Howard striking tower clock formerly installed in the Kona Farm Barn. In December, the Heritage Commission assisted the Moultonborough Historical Society with the acquisition of a significant and distinctive architectural fragment, the Kona Farm Barn spire and weathervane. In 2010, the Heritage Commission will continue to collaborate with local organizations, businesses, and individuals on community preservation projects.

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