

September 23, 2025
Moultonborough Heritage Commission
Moultonborough Town Hall

Present: Cristina Ashjian, Karel Crawford (BoS Rep), Diane MacArthur (Secretary)
Excused: Steve Buy, Michelle Frahm (Alternate), Scott Lamprey

Chair Cristina Ashjian called the meeting to order at 5:00 PM, noting that the Minutes of the June 25th meeting will be reviewed when appropriate members are present. The Minutes of the March 25th meeting were approved without changes. The Commission discussed a quarterly meeting schedule, and agreed to update the Rules of Procedure at the next meeting to simply read "Meetings of the Commission shall be held at the call of the Chair."

Cristina noted the Boston Chronicle program on Moultonborough in early July, which featured historic properties including Geneva Point Center, the Old Country Store, the Moultonborough Town House and Middle Neck School, the Old Country Store, and the Castle in the Clouds. She announced recent Town Hall staff changes, and historic properties for sale and under contract (Calendar, Roxmont). Cristina also distributed the Board of Selectmen's 9/8 letter to the owner of the Moultonborough Grange Hall regarding the condition and appearance of the building.

The Commission then briefly discussed applications at the Planning Board, including the Hancock Associates housing proposed on Whittier Highway, and the Board's progress with the HOP grant following the public input survey conducted in June (the survey report is online for review). The Planning Board is now working on potential Zoning Ordinance amendments; LRPC and HOP consultants are preparing an updated Housing chapter for the town's Master Plan.

Cristina and Marie Samaha (Conservation Commission) have prepared a joint news item for the Town newsletter about the Taking Action for Wildlife (TAFW) team (UNH Cooperative Extension) summer technical assistance project, focusing on additional interpretive signage and educational opportunities at the expanded Moultonborough Falls Conservation Area (MFCA). Cristina noted that surveys for MFCA and the two other major archaeological sites (Lee's Mills, Shannon Mills) have been completed by preservation consultant Mae Williams.

Members will review the updated Historical Resources spreadsheet, identifying properties of concern. This and other recent surveys, including the 9 surveys prepared by the Preservation Company for the DOT Route 25 project, should be online soon. The Commission briefly discussed the recent and unexpected demolition of 15 Lake Shore Drive, which was determined eligible for the National Register of Historic Places by the Division of Historical Resources.

Members noted the completed repairs/painting of the historic Moultonborough Town House and Middle Neck School (Barton Construction) at the center of the Village, as well as the plantings provided by Miracle Farms at the property. Building signs were also refreshed by JC Signs.

Motion: Karel moved to adjourn at 5:25 PM; Diane seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted, Diane MacArthur, Secretary, Heritage Commission