

October 24, 2023

Moultonborough Heritage Commission

Moultonborough Town Hall

Present: Cristina Ashjian, Karel Crawford (BoS Representative), Michelle Frahm (Alternate), Diane MacArthur (Secretary)
Excused: Steve Buy, Scott Lamprey
Public: Mae Williams, Preservation Consultant (Unlocking History)

Chair Cristina Ashjian called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM, and Commission members introduced themselves. Cristina then introduced Mae Williams of Unlocking History, consultant for the Historical Resources town-wide survey now underway. It was noted that Commission membership is now up to date, following Board of Selectmen re-appointments on October 19th. The Board of Selectmen's Conference of Committees initiative was also noted, and the Minutes of the Commission's February 15, 2023 meeting were approved as written.

The Commission briefly discussed site plan applications on the Planning Board agenda for October 25th. Greenleaf Tree Experts (822 Whittier Highway, aka Route 25 in Commercial Zone A) has requested continuation until December 13th. Cristina noted the DOT informational meeting on the Route 25/Lake Shore Drive project held on October 3rd (project documents including the public survey are available online on the DOT website for review). The Heritage Commission has consulting party status for the project, since there are significant cultural resources in the impact area; additional survey work is presently underway for the project.

Preservation Consultant Mae Williams then gave an overview of the ongoing town-wide survey project, which is the Heritage Commission's main focus for 2023. Commission members were enthusiastic about the project's progress, reviewing a working spreadsheet and sample completed inventory forms. Cristina will continue to provide historic photographs and other documents to Mae to keep the project on schedule. It was also noted that Cristina and Jane Rice's 'Images of America: Moultonborough' book, full of relevant photographs, will be published mid-November.

On October 3rd, Cristina and Anni Jakobsen of the Conservation Commission met with Wendy Scribner, Carroll County Forester, to update Moultonborough trees on the NH Big Tree list. Two will be removed from the list (the American Sycamore at Bank of NH was cut down; the Eastern Cottonwood at Long Island Inn has died), two on the list were re-measured (Shagbark/Common Hickory and Red Mulberry, both Long Island Inn). Four additional trees were measured for potential inclusion on the list (Ash, White Mulberry, Tulip Poplar, and European Linden).

Motion: Diane moved to adjourn at 5:55 PM; Michelle seconded.
Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,
Diane MacArthur, Secretary, Heritage Commission