

Heritage Commission



The Moultonborough Heritage Commission works toward the proper recognition, use, and protection of significant historical and cultural resources throughout the Town. In May 2023, the foundation project at the Middle Neck School was completed, with granite work by mason Jim Huston (image above). Led by Stan Graton (3G Construction), the foundation replacement commenced in September 2022, when the school building was lifted and moved forward on the lot to allow for excavation. Thanks are due to Randy Bickford (East Coast Foundation) and to Scott Lamprey for their generous contributions to this project.

In 2023, the Heritage Commission embarked on the town's first historical resources survey, a priority project identified by the Historical & Cultural Resources chapter of the town Master Plan in 2021. This important community survey project, to be completed in 2024, is conducted in phases (field work and photography, research and documentation, online database and GIS mapping), in collaboration with architectural historian and preservation consultant Mae Williams (Unlocking History). The resulting survey will provide critical documentation to help guide Planning and other Land Use decisions in the future, with its town-wide inventory of landmark historic buildings and sites, which are broadly understood as the resources that define our town's unique character and cultural landscape.

The newly published Arcadia book *Images of America: Moultonborough*, a collaborative endeavor by Cristina Ashjian and Jane Rice, was launched at the Moultonborough Public Library in late November 2023. Intended to celebrate the community's history, it is hoped that the book will promote further appreciation of the town's historic built environment. The authors are grateful to the Moultonborough Historical Society, and to many residents of the town, for contributing photographs from their collections. A number of these images of historic buildings will also enrich the community survey project underway.

Respectfully submitted, and with thanks to our many community partners,

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