

## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE – TAYLOR OPENHOUSE ON JULY 4<sup>TH</sup>



The Moultonborough Heritage Commission will host a community open house at the historic Taylor House on Thursday, July 4<sup>th</sup> from 10 AM to 12 noon, prior to and during the 4<sup>th</sup> of July parade. Located at 970 Whittier Highway (Route 25), the Taylor House is an important community landmark, significant both for its history and for its architecture. This is an opportunity for Moultonborough residents and visitors to see the house's interior. The house is located directly across from Murphy's Village Store.

As recently announced, the Town of Moultonborough is seeking proposals from qualified parties for the purchase, rehabilitation, and redevelopment of this historic property on 'Main Street' at the center of Moultonborough Village. The approximately 4000 square foot structure (house with attached barns), is suitable for office, retail, residential, and mixed uses as per the Town's recently established Village Center Overlay District (VCOD). Incentives and associated opportunities are detailed in the Request for Proposals on the Town website. Proposals are due on Friday, September 13<sup>th</sup>, 2019.

The house's 2019 listing on the NH State Register of Historic Places provides benefits for its redevelopment (and no restrictions), such as special consideration or relief in the application of access, building, and safety codes. In 2017, the Taylor House was added to the NH Preservation Alliance's statewide 'Seven to Save' endangered properties list. Saving community landmarks and retaining small-town character are seen as essential in statewide efforts to attract investment, draw new residents and visitors, support local businesses, and promote economic vitality and year-round tourism.

The Town's RFP notes how "The Town aims to be flexible in accommodating the needs of potential partners and investors and welcomes proposals that will best take advantage of the opportunities that this high traffic, high visibility location offers. An attractive project will retain the historic character and defining features of the house while accommodating new functions." Recent Town planning efforts and incentives are focused on village revitalization and the promotion of economic development opportunities.