November 13, 2019
Moultonborough Heritage Commission
Moultonborough Town Hall

Present: Cristina Ashjian, Norman Larson, Diane MacArthur
Excused: Ed Charest, Joel Mudgett (BoS Representative), David Oliver
Guests: Celeste Burns (First Impressions Steering Committee); Bruce Woodruff (Planner)

Chair Cristina Ashjian called the meeting to order at 5:35 PM, and the Minutes of the October 28th meeting were approved as written. Cristina welcomed Celeste Burns, the Chair of the UNH First Impressions steering committee, and Bruce Woodruff (interim Town Planner). Commission members briefly discussed the application for Davisson Farm, LLC before the Planning Board; Cristina will prepare a comment to submit for the December 11th hearing.

Commission members and guests discussed the findings of the UNH First Impressions Report as presented on Tuesday, October 29th at Moultonborough Academy, and priorities identified by the Redevelopment and Business/Vacant Buildings group that evening. Recommendations include better utilization of both the Grange Hall and Taylor House (proactively finding an investor; marketing and creative financing; make buildings attractive/usable). Members were reminded to attend the Action Group meeting on Monday, November 18th at the Moultonborough Library.

Norman briefly presented the Fisher Engineering opinion on the Taylor House foundation and floor frame, confirming that the foundation is sound and that the framing would require minor support depending on the intended use of the building and loading requirements for that use. Full replacement of the foundation is not necessary. Commission members then discussed next steps for the Taylor House. Norman agreed to ask the Planning Board to request that the Selectboard list the property with a commercial realtor in the period until Town Meeting.

The date of the December HC meeting is TBD.

Motion: Diane moved to adjourn at 6:45 PM; Norman seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,
Norman Larson, Secretary, Heritage Commission