Meeting Minutes Town of New Hampton Heritage Commission

December 28, 2022 6 Pinnacle Hill Rd, New Hampton, NH 2nd floor meeting room

In attendance:

Mr. Katz (remote, via Zoom)

Mr. Denoncour

Mr. Moore

Mr. Harvey

Mr. Katz called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM with a quorum present and reviewed the agenda:

- 1. Mae Williams Town House update
- 2. Cristina Ashjian, Chair Moultonborough Heritage Commission (via Zoom)
 - a. Heritage Commission Lessons Learned
- 3. Membership
 - a. Alternates
- 4. 2023 Goals and Objectives
 - a. Master Plan Input
 - b. Identify and plan for grants
 - c. Heritage Fund
 - d. Publicity and Community Engagement
 - e. Other
- 5. Coordination with Historical Society
 - a. Potential projects
- 6. Next Meeting
- 7. Any other business

Ms. Williams was unable to attend. She made a draft of the Town House Condition Assessment available to the Commission on December 20, 2022. The draft will be reviewed by the New Hampshire Preservation Alliance staff (grant provider) and a final version available by the end of February.

Christina Ashjian participated via Zoom. Ms. Ashjian shared her experiences with the Moultonborough Heritage Commission and focused on setting up rules and procedures and various opportunities to further community engagement and outreach. She emphasized this aspect as a highly ranked attribute in grant applications and should be a standing item on Commission agendas.

The Commissioners welcomed Dan Moore as a full member of the Commission. There was consensus that candidates for alternate would be referred to the Select Board when capable candidates express an interest.

A copy of the Historic Resources section of the Master Plan was provided and reviewed. No immediate actions needed at present.

Mr. Katz reviewed near term grant opportunities. Most immediate is the Mooseplate Grant issued by NH Department of Historical Resources. This grant of up to \$20,000 requires no match. Letters of intent are due in May, full applications in June and awards later in the year. The members agreed to review the completed assessment report and identify scope. Mr. Katz will prepare the letters and applications as needed.

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Formation of a Heritage Fund was discussed. This will require a warrant article on the March 2023 Town Meeting ballot. The Heritage Fund will operate in a manner similar to the Conservation Fund.

Mr. Denoncour reviewed upcoming Historical Society activities. The Commission would offer its best and highest support to the Society whenever it makes sense.

The next meeting should occur after receipt of the Town House assessment and before the due date for Mooseplate letters of intent. Tentatively, mid-March to mid-April timeframe.

The meeting adjourned at 7:35 PM