

Moultonborough Heritage Commission Annual Report 2022



The Moultonborough Heritage Commission works toward the proper recognition, use, and protection of significant historical and cultural resources throughout the Town. In June 2022, the Commission was honored with an Award of Excellence for its Main Street Banners project at the 55th annual meeting of the Lakes Region Planning Commission. The Main Street Banners were installed in May 2021, promoting key historic buildings and points of interest in the downtown area. Intended to welcome visitors, and to physically and visually define the historic Main Street, the banners (and the accompanying brochure) celebrate existing natural, cultural and historical resources in Moultonborough Village.

In mid-June 2022, the Commission organized the Community Landmarks Tour “Historic Barns and Camps of Moultonborough Neck” in collaboration with the Geneva Point Center and the New Hampshire Preservation Alliance. Attendees gathered for an introductory lecture on historic barns by John Porter (author of *Preserving Old Barns*, which features six Moultonborough properties), and then toured private barns along Moultonborough Neck Road and at Camp Tecumseh. The barn tour ended with a summer kick-off party and pig roast at host site Geneva Point Center’s restored barn (image above). The Town continues to support historic barn preservation through the RSA 79-D barn easement program.

Moultonborough’s major heritage event of 2022 was the 50th Anniversary of the Lee’s Mills Steamboat Meet in September, and the Commission supported the creation of a painting and poster by artist Peter Ferber to commemorate this landmark community event. The original watercolor is now on view at the Moultonborough Public Library; the anniversary poster is reproduced on the cover of this year’s Annual Report. The Board of Selectmen’s proclamation (which notes that a steamboat is depicted on the Town’s unique seal) honoring the dedication of founder David W. Thompson and members of the Lee’s Mills Steamboat Association was presented at the annual banquet concluding Steamboat Week.

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

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