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HISTORIC SARANAC LAKE SEEKS INPUT ON MUSEUM EXPANSION

Saranac Lake, NY — On Wednesday, July 17, from 6:00PM to 7:30PM, Historic Saranac Lake (HSL) will host a public meeting to gather input for the expansion of the history museum for the Saranac Lake region. Everyone is welcome to come share their vision for the new expanded museum campus on the corner of Church and Main Streets.

This spring, HSL purchased the former home and medical office of Dr. E. L. Trudeau at 118 Main Street. The building will undergo major rehabilitation in order to bring it back to the time period of Dr. Trudeau. It will reopen with exhibits that complement HSL's existing museum in Dr. Trudeau's laboratory on Church Street.

"Historic Saranac Lake's mission is to preserve and share the history of the Saranac Lake region to build a stronger community," said Executive Director, Amy Catania. "The new building opens up exciting new opportunities to explore more of the rich history of the Saranac Lake School District area. We want to know, what stories are important to the community? What is the community's vision for a history museum that truly represents and serves the people who live here?"

Professional museum planner Kate Cravens will be leading the meeting as part of a week-long consultation with HSL in order to develop an interpretive plan for both museum buildings. Ms. Cravens currently works as a private consultant in Minnesota, and she has years of experience on many planning projects. For 11 years she was Director of Interpretation at the National Museum of Racing and Hall of Fame in Saratoga.

Thanks to generous lead gifts and the award of a major state historic preservation grant, HSL has raised over \$850,000 towards the total \$2 million project cost. "We are thrilled with our success so far, but we have a lot of work ahead of us." said Catania. "In order for this project to be a success, we need the community's ideas and involvement early on. We want this museum to belong to the whole community."

The meeting will be held at the Harriestown Town Hall on Wednesday, July 17 from 6:00 to

7:30PM. To reserve a spot, residents are asked to call Historic Saranac Lake at (518) 891-4606 or email mail@historicsaranacake.org.

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The community gathered in front of the new sign at 118 Main Street on April 30, the day that Historic Saranac Lake took ownership of the building. Photo courtesy of Historic Saranac Lake.