



# Moultonborough Town News

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## WHAT'S YOUR SPEED? TAKE THE TEST @ [www.iwantbroadbandnh.org/speed\\_test](http://www.iwantbroadbandnh.org/speed_test)



Won't you please take our speed test? Now, we aren't talking about the flashing warnings you see set up in town about our roadway speed limits or police enforcement. We are talking about another very important – but different - speed; that of your internet access.

The SelectBoard has set a goal of addressing the areas of Town which do not have any access to the internet (unserved) or where the speeds are not high enough to meet your needs (underserved). In order to do that we need much better data on where there are complete gaps in the system (no wired or satellite coverage) and where the internet speeds are under what is necessary (underserved). While the

Town Meeting created a source of money to address this issue, we can't put it to work until we can identify the areas in need. That means mapping the town, and we need your help for that.

We are asking you all to take the speed test on your computer located in Moultonborough. The results of this test are then automatically plotted on a map to tell us the location and speed of the connection. Once we can see the gaps in coverage and the speeds you are achieving, we can develop an action plan to carry out the mission the SelectBoard has given us.

While there are many speed tests out there, only our speed test site will fill out our mapping so please do go to the New Hampshire Broadband Mapping and Planning Program site of [www.iwantbroadbandnh.org/speed\\_test](http://www.iwantbroadbandnh.org/speed_test). Certainly, for those without internet access, you may think it is silly we ask you to take the speed test if you have no internet access. For those folks we have some different ways for you to help us help you. One way, is you may fill out a "I Want BroadBand" card available at the Town Hall or Public Safety Building. A second way, when you or a friend do have internet access, is to send us an email, with your name, address and phone number, to [iwantbroadband@roadrunner.com](mailto:iwantbroadband@roadrunner.com). Likewise, from an internet connection, a third way is you will find a simple form to fill out at [www.moultonboroughnh.gov](http://www.moultonboroughnh.gov) (click on "Town Committees", click on "BroadBand Working Group" and click on "I Want BroadBand"). Finally, from an internet connection anywhere, you may go to [www.iwantbroadbandnh.org/broadbandsurvey](http://www.iwantbroadbandnh.org/broadbandsurvey).

Our goal is that everyone (residences and businesses) have access to high-speed internet, along with enough speed for modern internet applications. This survey is the first step in reaching that goal. As a point of interest there are two other Towns doing the same thing right now and – as a matter of community pride – surely we want to be the best in getting our map filled out so do please take the test soon and feel free to take it several times to help improve the speed data as this can vary by day, time of day and even what you may be doing on your computer at the time you take the speed test.

If you would like to hear more about this effort, or would like a speaker for your club or neighborhood association meeting, please contact the Town Administrator, Mr. Carter Terenzini, in person at Town Hall, by mail at PO Box 139, Moultonborough, NH 03254, by phone on 603.476.2347 or by email to [cterenzini@moultonboroughnh.gov](mailto:cterenzini@moultonboroughnh.gov). Results will be continually updated on the Town's website.

## MOULTONBOROUGH MILFOIL COMMITTEE UPDATE



We had another successful year combating milfoil and are hearing reports from numerous residents that Lake Winnepesaukee and Lee's Pond haven't been so milfoil-free in years. As our efforts expand, we find that we are in need of more volunteers. There are three on-going groups, which need to expand: Weed Watchers (who do monthly above water surveys), Lake Hosts (who staff the boat ramps to educate and do boat inspections) and Quality Control Folks (who check and empty each day's milfoil "haul"). In addition, we're adding a new group of divers/snorkelers to do some deeper water surveying. Finally, we are very saddened by the passing of our chairperson, Peter Jensen, and appreciate any support you can offer as we continue his unrelenting fight. If you could spare a few hours each month, and you'd like to help out with any of these programs, please attend our meetings or contact us at 603.253.7879. If you are looking to learn more about us, check out our Committee web page on the Town's website and our two new videos posted there.

## MOULTONBOROUGH LAUNCHES TALK OF THE TOWN VIDEO PROGRAM



The Town of Moultonborough has launched a new video program to inform its many residents, taxpayers, and visitors of current events in the community. The one-hour show is called "Talk of the Town" and is hosted by Town Administrator, Carter Terenzini. The format is a conversation between Mr. Terenzini and Town Officials or area leaders ranging from day-to-day operations to ongoing planning efforts such as the recently established Village Vision Committee.

The Chairman of the Moultonborough SelectBoard, Mr. Jonathan W. Tolman, was the guest for the first show. Mr. Tolman said "Talk of the Town will be a great tool for keeping our residents informed about their town government and the issues we are focusing on throughout the year. It will also be a venue through which residents and taxpayers can send in questions or concerns that they might not otherwise feel comfortable asking. I commend Carter on getting this program off the ground."

The show may be viewed on [www.moultonboroughnh.gov](http://www.moultonboroughnh.gov) by clicking on the "Video on Demand" icon on the home page. The show will also be available on Wednesdays at 9 a.m. and 7 p.m. on the Town's shared PEG channel which is Channel 3 on the Time Warner Cable system. At the conclusion of each show, the guest for the coming month is announced and people may submit questions for the upcoming guest or suggestions for future discussion topics to Mr. Terenzini by email to [cterenzini@moultonboroughnh.gov](mailto:cterenzini@moultonboroughnh.gov), by mail to PO Box 139, Moultonborough, NH 03254, or by fax to 603.476.5835.



## VILLAGE VISION COMMITTEE FORMED

While the Town may have compiled many studies and reports over the years on different issues in the Village, it has never yet assembled all of those puzzle pieces into one single picture. That is the task being undertaken by the Village Vision Committee recently formed by the Planning Board, in coordination with the Board of Selectmen. Comprised of representatives from the Planning Board, SelectBoard, Heritage Commission, village area businesses, property owners and residents at large, the group is charged with preparing a report with a vision of the Village in the future and recommendations on how to achieve that vision. They have an aggressive schedule to complete this charge, present it to the public for review and comment, and bring it before the Town for endorsement in early 2015.

The visioning process is meant to be a detailed, more refined part of the overall vision for the town that the Planning Board is working on as a whole as part of the new master plan preparation process. The Committee's first meeting, held on March 4<sup>th</sup>, was an orientation on past studies, reports and resources that they might use in accomplishing their work. All meetings are open to the public, and everyone interested is encouraged to attend. The Committee's meetings are generally set for Tuesdays at 7 p.m. in Town Hall, although the frequency (monthly or bi-weekly) has not yet been determined. These are all posted on the Town calendar at <http://www.moultonboroughnh.gov>. If you have any questions on the committee or its work, please call Town Planner, Bruce W. Woodruff at 603-476-2347 or email him at [bwoodruff@moultonboroughnh.gov](mailto:bwoodruff@moultonboroughnh.gov).

## NEWS FROM THE ASSESSOR'S OFFICE



Our program to measure the exterior of properties and verify the interior features continues. This year we were mostly on the western side of Moultonboro Neck Road. If we were not able to gain access to your property you will shortly receive a letter asking you to call to schedule an inspection. This program helps us have accurate records on all properties and allows us to keep assessments fair and equitable. We are also now completing our annual statistical update of values. This involves analyzing the recent qualified sales and comparing them to our assessed values to adjust land and building values of all other properties in Town. The annual statement of your new value and the opportunity for an informal hearing with appraisal staff will be mailed mid-summer.

While we ran into a glitch or two, we were able to offer taxpayers and others a complete copy of the property record card (tax card) on-line which has, overall, worked out very well. To view the property record cards you may go to our website, [www.moultonboroughnh.gov](http://www.moultonboroughnh.gov) and click on Tax and GIS Maps. You then query by name, address, or map and lot number to find the correct parcel and click on the Vision property card. If you have a problem viewing it, the issue is most likely because your browser is not set to allow pop-ups. By clicking the help screen, then FAQ's, you will find information on how to allow pop-ups on your browser. New this year is a change in the requirements to obtain a disabled exemption which was approved at town meeting. The change increases the income to be eligible from not more than \$13,400 to not more than \$25,000 (\$35,000 if married) and increases the asset limit to not more than \$100,000. As always, we are available to answer any questions you may have regarding your property assessment or assist you in access to the website information. You can contact us at 603.476.2347.

## FIREWORKS / NOISE ORDINANCE



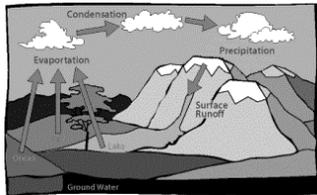
The voters at the 2014 Town Meeting, adopted an ordinance to "... limit the use of consumer fireworks" to the hours between 12 noon and 10:00 p.m. Exceptions are two holidays, as recognized by the Town: (1) the 4<sup>th</sup> of July: limit use to 12 noon to 12 midnight; (2) New Year, limit use to 12 noon and up to 15 minutes past midnight of the holiday. "Novelties" (like some sparklers) are not considered "fireworks" and are not regulated. Definitions for "consumer" and "display fireworks" are those at 27 CFR 555.11 and NH RSA 160-C:1." (our Article 22 under RSA 160-C: 6). As a result of that vote, fireworks are no longer allowed before 12 noon, or after 10:00 p.m., except on the two stated holidays.

There are other conditions under which fireworks may be used that are established in state law (RSA 160-C). Anyone purchasing, possessing, or displaying permissible fireworks must be 21 years of age or older, and be on property which

they own, or **have written permission** from the landowner. This is noteworthy for homeowners who rent or lease their property or allow guests to use the property without the landowner being present.

We urge you to first check with your insurance provider for guidance if you plan to provide written permission to a renter or guest to use fireworks on your premises. We also urge you to remind your guests of the time restrictions in the new ordinance and that not everyone is on vacation. Many of your neighbors are permanent residents who may not have the same level of appreciation for fireworks.

Finally, violations may result in a fine. Persistent violations, circumstances amounting to disorderly conduct, or violations of RSA 160-C, could result in arrest. We want everyone to have their best memories of our community so do please pass along this important information.



## MOULTONBOROUGH BAY INLET STUDY & EFFORT

After several tries, the Town has secured a Watershed Assistance Grant (WAG) from the NH Department of Environmental Services and the US Environmental Protection Agency. These monies will be used to prepare the first elements of Watershed Restoration Plan Development and Implementation plan for the Moultonborough Bay Inlet. This plan will lay out strategies to mitigate the degradation of the water quality of the Moultonborough Bay Inlet Watershed; a large, unique part of Lake Winnepesaukee. The project has the unanimous support of the Conservation Commission and SelectBoard, who jointly pledged a combined \$15,000 cash match for the project.

The Town and our Moultonborough Bay Inlet Watershed Project Partners, the Lake Winnepesaukee Watershed Association (LWWA) and Lakes Region Planning Commission (LRPC) will be coordinating with the NH DES over the next few weeks to develop the final Grant Agreement documents which must be approved by the Governor and Executive Council (G&C). Official kickoff for the project is tentatively scheduled for the fall given this timeline and the need to issue a Request for Qualifications (RFQ) to select an engineering consultant. Once the project begins, there will be considerable effort put forth to engage the public at every stage.

Please check the Major Projects link on the Town Web page in the upper, right-hand corner for future updates and materials on this exciting project to help protect the water quality and natural resources of Lake Winnepesaukee and its watershed now and for future generations. For more information, please call Town Planner, Bruce W. Woodruff at 603.476.2347 or email him at [bwoodruff@moultonboroughnh.gov](mailto:bwoodruff@moultonboroughnh.gov).



## "FIZZ, BOOM, READ" IS THE THEME FOR SUMMER READING

It begins June 30<sup>th</sup> and runs for seven weeks. We'll be offering a variety of fun science activities. Also feature magicians, storytellers, singers, and puppetry. We'll be painting rocks, constructing space ships and fairy houses and getting up close and personal with some wild animals. To add to the fun and create a challenge that will keep kids reading throughout the summer we offer incentives such as chits for ice cream cones, passes to mini-golf, movies and theme parks and small toys. We are fortunate to have so many local businesses that donate to this as well as the Friends of the Library who fund our special programming. Check our website: [www.moultonboroughlibrary.org](http://www.moultonboroughlibrary.org) to learn more about events or pick up a "FIZZ, BOOM, READ" brochure at the children's desk.

## RECREATION DEPARTMENT NEWS



The Moultonborough Recreation Department has a full schedule of events and activities planned for the summer. Information can be found on the town's website – [www.moultonboroughnh.gov](http://www.moultonboroughnh.gov) – go to the Recreation Department and click on summer brochure. The brochure is also available in hard copy at The Recreation Department, Town Hall and various other places around town.



## LIBRARY NEWS

We have a wide variety of fascinating programs planned for this summer. Local attorney and scholar Don Mitchell will be teaching a three week course on the **U.S. Constitution: Founding Fathers: What Were They Thinking?** on Tuesdays in June. Visiting **mystery author MK Graff** will be selling and signing her books on June 14<sup>th</sup>. A NH Humanities Council program: **“The Connecticut: New England’s Great River”** will be on June 16<sup>th</sup>. The Friends of the Library will host another wonderful **House Tour** on June 26. There will be four lovely homes, a charming B&B and two beautiful gardens on the tour. On June 30, Elaine MacAdam will enlighten us with her program: **“Astrology: Understanding How Universal Energy Affects You.”** July will begin with our huge **Book Sale** on Friday (7/4) and Saturday (7/5). **“A Visit with Abraham Lincoln”** (special Living History / Chautauqua presenter Steve Wood) will be on July 7<sup>th</sup>. We’ll learn about the **“Mount Washington Observatory: Life and Work”** on Monday, July 14<sup>th</sup> and Chef Liz Barbour from **The Creative Feast** will return for another cooking demonstration on July 17<sup>th</sup> (advance sign-up is required). Author and adventurer Donna Dearborn will be here to talk about her memoir, **Every Sunday**, a tribute to her beloved father on July 28<sup>th</sup>.

We’ll start August off with a **Zombie Party** (co-sponsored by the Recreation Dept.) on August 1<sup>st</sup>. Then **Buffalo and Tough Cookie** will discuss their memoir/trail guide about their adventures hiking **52 With a View** mountains on August 4<sup>th</sup>. The very popular **Moose Man** returns with his stunning photography and stories on August 18<sup>th</sup>. The UNH Coop Extension program, **350 Years of NH’s Wildlife**, is scheduled for August 25<sup>th</sup>.

Don Campbell of PC Handyman will again teach **computer classes** all summer. Our growing **Stitch ‘n’ Chat** group will continue to meet every Friday morning.

Looking ahead to fall, we are collaborating with the Moultonborough Historical Society for an evening program sponsored by the NH Humanities Council: **“Spies in Time: George Washington Spied Here”** on Tuesday, Oct. 14<sup>th</sup>.

## MOULTONBOROUGH OPEN-BURNING PERMITS NOW AVAILABLE ON-LINE



Residents and taxpayers needing open-burning permits can now obtain one 24/7 on-line on the Town website of [www.moultonboroughnh.gov](http://www.moultonboroughnh.gov). From the home page, click on Departments and Boards, click on Fire & Emergency Services, and then click on Open-Burning Permits. People can also go to the state website: <https://nhdfweb.sovsportsnet.net/> to fill out the required information, and print off a permit, all without leaving their home. The cost of an on-line permit is \$3.00. This is an additional means of obtaining the permit.

For those who prefer, they may continue to apply in person for the no-cost fire permit at the Town’s Public Safety Building at 1035 Whittier Highway or at Chick-A-Dee Station at 473 Whittier Highway. Commercial Permits still require an in-person application to the local Fire Warden at the Town’s Public Safety Building. Joel Mudgett, Selectmen said, “This is but one more way in which the Town continues to expand people’s access to Town services anywhere anytime. I want to thank the Town Administrator Carter Terenzini and Fire Chief David Bengtson for turning their idea of last summer into reality.”

For more information, questions or comments on how you think the on-line process might be improved, you may contact the Chief David Bengtson at the Moultonborough Fire & Emergency Services Department at 603.476.5658 or [dbengtson@moultonboroughnh.gov](mailto:dbengtson@moultonboroughnh.gov) or the NH Division of Forests and Lands at 603.271.2214.

## STATES LANDING UPDATE



Our second States Landing Clean-up Green-up Day is scheduled for 9:00 a.m. on Saturday May 31<sup>st</sup> with a rain date of Sunday June 1<sup>st</sup>. All workers are welcome and are encouraged to bring work gloves, garden and lawn rakes, hedge clippers, loppers, etc. and a folding chair if possible for the presentation. We will work until roughly 11:30 a.m. and then will break for a cookout lunch – burgers and dogs, chips, soda and cookies. We are hoping to have our star chefs from the 2013 event back again. During lunch we will have an updated presentation on the developing plans for the road, boat launch, beach and park area. At the most recent Town Meeting on March 15<sup>th</sup> \$25,000 was approved for the following improvements at the States Landing Facility: tree trimming, removal and planting, fencing and mulch, drainage and Castle Shores/States Landing Survey & Preliminary Engineering. Future improvements of this facility are a priority for the SelectBoard and ideas, suggestions and questions are most welcome.



## WEDNESDAY NIGHT SUMMER CONCERT SERIES

Be sure to check out our Wednesday Night Summer Concert Series at the Lion’s Club gazebo July 2<sup>nd</sup> and running through August 20<sup>th</sup>. Concerts begin at 6:30 p.m.