



Moultonborough Town News

Summer 2011



CodeRED is a community notification system by which we provide important advisories to the public about traffic, construction, emergency, and weather events. Since its launch in March of 2010, our

CodeRED system has delivered 10 such notifications to land line and cellular telephones, fax, email and text messaging. The system currently serves 1,995 residents, businesses and property owners. Currently 205 contacts receive notification via email and 168 via text message, so you can see it is flexible to meet your needs.

If you did not have a published land line or are not one of more than 400 that signed up through our web site you are not yet enrolled in the system. We urge you to do so. Please go to www.moultonboroughnh.gov, click on the CodeRED icon on the upper right-hand corner, and select the features you wish to receive. You may also pick up a registration form at the Town Offices or Public Safety Building. Simply mail the completed form to Chief David Bengtson, Moultonborough Fire & Emergency Services, PO Box 446, Moultonborough, NH 03254. The system does allow for temporary registration for 1, 3, and 6 months as well as one year, so seasonal residents, renters and guests are also able to be registered into the system. Many other Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) are answered on our Town web site as well. Specific questions may always be addressed to the Chief at dbengtson@moultonboroughnh.gov.



HERITAGE COMMISSION INFORMATION SESSION ON BARN PRESERVATION

Tuesday, June 21st
6pm - 8pm

The Town's Heritage Commission will hold an information session on barn preservation on Tuesday, June 21 from 6 - 8 PM at the Moultonborough Library. John Porter, UNH professor and co-author of *Preserving Old Barns*, will present an overview of common New Hampshire barn types. Helpful tips and materials on barn preservation, including Barn Assessment Grants and RSA 79-D (the barn easement), will be available. There are presently five barns in Moultonborough with 79-D easements. The Heritage Commission is dedicated to promoting the appreciation and protection of significant historical and cultural resources in Moultonborough.

For further details, please refer to the Heritage Commission web page at www.moultonboroughnh.gov.

MEDICAL SHARPS ARE NOT ALLOWED IN HOUSEHOLD TRASH



Medical "sharps" (needles) are not allowed in the waste stream due to the potential risk of injury to the staff and potential landfill contamination to the ground and groundwater in landfills. In recognition of these risks, the Moultonborough Waste Management Facility-Transfer Station has always offered residents a safe means of disposing of these.

You need only put these sharps into a plastic container of good condition [Laundry Detergent preferred], tape the top shut and mark it DO NOT RECYCLE-HOUSEHOLD SHARPS. When bringing this container to the Transfer Station you should give it to an attendant for proper processing. These sharps are processed by our vendor who properly and safely disposes them.

MOULTONBOROUGH COMMUNITY RESOURCE FAIR

Friday, June 3rd
10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Moultonborough Community Center & Library

Presented by the Moultonborough Community Services Team
(Recreation, Visiting Nurse Service, Human Services, & Library)

Have you wondered what services are available to meet your needs or how you might volunteer to serve the community or engage in social interaction with folks of a like mind? Visit with local clubs, organizations, and town entities to learn all about the many great services, activities, programs, clubs, organizations, and volunteer opportunities for adults. There will be refreshments, raffle items and prizes throughout the day. For more information, please call 603-476-8868 or email dtatro@moultonboroughnh.gov.

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NEWLY-PASSED ORDINANCE AMENDMENTS

There were six amendments to the Zoning Ordinance adopted at the 2011 Town Meeting polls. The changes vary from the barely noticeable to the significant and we'd like to update you on their impact and effective dates.

Several amendments were relatively minor. The first was an addition of a Table of Permitted Uses which placed the existing uses into a table to display which use is permitted in which zone in a more clear and concise manner. It did not change any uses from their existing status. The second minor change was to require that easements and walkways be included in the Village Zone's 65 percent impervious surface analysis to conform to action approved by the voters in 2010. This revision of the wording was for clarity and had no effect on development requirements as they have been enforced over the past year.

In a major change, the Special Exception requirements for development outside of commercial zones was amended in an attempt to mitigate the potential negative impacts of commercial uses in residential districts and include requiring screening of such uses, ensuring that no additional burden on town infrastructure is generated by the use, and requiring fire protection for such facilities.

A second significant change is an addition to the requirements for Site Plan Review setting certain thresholds before a Site Plan Review is required. Small but intensive use development, such as drive through facilities, which generate over 100 vehicle trips per day, or which may create "substantial impact" on Town services or infrastructure must now undergo Site Plan review. However, this business friendly amendment change now sets certain minimum thresholds before Site Plan review is required. Site Plan review is otherwise no longer required for commercial uses on lots under 1 acre that develop under 200 sq. ft. of area, or for lots over 1 acre, development under 500 sq. ft. in area. Those with a new development or change in use will submit a letter outlining the full extent of the proposed development to the Code Enforcement Officer for a determination of whether a Site Plan Permit is required.



The Town also adopted Steep Slopes Protection to reduce damage to streams and lakes from erosion, stormwater runoff and flooding, and to preserve natural drainage patterns and topography. The provisions are triggered for Building Permits, Subdivision Approval and/or a Site Plan Review Permit, when the proposed site disturbance is 20,000 sq. ft. in the aggregate on slopes of 15% or greater. The development is not prohibited, unless it is on slopes over 25%, but will be required to obtain a Conditional Use Permit from the Planning Board. Documentation must show that water quality and Ground Water Recharge rates will not be negatively impacted by the project when compared to pre-development levels.

Finally development within setback areas, most commonly seen along the lake shore, which previously allowed an owner with a building that already intrudes into a setback to build even further into the setback, is no longer allowed. This is to conform to the practice where an identical building that was near, but not in, the setback was prohibited from building into the setback at all. These intrusions will now require a Variance to proceed.

These last two changes are effective September 1, 2011.

Residents with questions are encouraged to contact the Town Planner, Daniel Merhalski, at the Town offices at 603-476-2347, or via e-mail at dmerhalski@moultonboroughnh.gov.



MOULTONBOROUGH VISITING NURSE SERVICE IS CELEBRATING 40 YEARS!!



We are very excited to be celebrating 40 years of service to the residents of the Moultonborough community! We offer home care services with our team of compassionate and professional nurses and therapists. If you are homebound because of illness or surgery and you need care, call your physician. He or she will order the services you need to get you healthy and back on your feet. Our staff will complete a comprehensive assessment to determine your status and home care needs. We work with your physician to develop a plan for interventions and the most appropriate home health care needs. If you need help, MVNS will assist you or your loved one with a referral to the most appropriate community resource necessary.

Please feel free to contact us at 603-476-2350 or email VNS@moultonboroughnh.gov. We are located in the Town Hall and are open Monday through Friday 7:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. with 24 hour on call nurses 365 days of the year.



ASSESSOR'S OFFICE

Our statistical update of town-wide property values for 2011 has begun. Earlier this year you may have seen Vision Appraisal representatives around Town reviewing properties that either sold or had physical changes made to them during the past year. Near the end of July, you will receive a notice from Vision with the proposed 2011 assessed value for your property. This value will be used to determine the amount of the last tax bill of the year. If you do not agree with your assessment, or if you need a correction, you may call Vision for a hearing date. A number of hearing dates will be available and the dates will be listed in the notice you receive from Vision. If you are unable to attend one of the hearing dates in person, Vision will also hold telephone hearings again this year.

I encourage you to view your property record card on the Town's website at www.moultonboroughnh.gov. Click on Tax & GIS Maps, then put in the name, address or map and lot number. You will also find additional helpful information such as a comparison of the 2010 values with the 2011 values, as well as tax maps, forms and other useful

information under the Assessor's department webpage.

Also available is a copy of the 2010 Uniform Standards of Professional Appraisal Practice (USPAP) report. The USPAP report is what Vision Appraisal publishes detailing the process used to determine assessed values. You may also come into the office to print out your property record card with the full description of your land and building(s) as well as ask questions. Carol, Hope and Wendy are always happy to assist you. During my first six months here I identified a number of issues that I will address in 2011. My first goal is to have better communication and involvement with Vision Appraisal. Vision and I are working closely to ensure that the 2011 update is completed with the utmost of accuracy and transparency.

To the many of you that I have already had the pleasure to meet personally or spoke with on the phone, I hope that I have been helpful. I am always available to answer your questions. I wish you a nice summer and look forward to serving you.

MOULTONBOROUGH PUBLIC LIBRARY

The library had a busy spring. In March we upgraded our software so our complete catalog is now available online. We had to close for one day in March for staff training and to switch over all the patron and materials records. Patrons may view what items they have checked out and reserve new materials through our website.

The Friends of the Moultonborough Library celebrated their 25th anniversary on May 13. The Friends provide all kinds of support to the library, from funding the Summer Reading program to organizing book discussions.

Our downloadable audio website (through the NH State Library) is becoming more popular as it now offers e-books as well as audio books for many different devices. We also offer several other online resources: *Mango Languages* to learn a foreign language, *Career Cruising* for help with job searching and resume writing, and (also through the State Library) full text newspapers and magazines and *Heritage Quest* (a genealogy research website).



Back in February we started receiving calls asking if our own terrific young computer teacher would be back for another summer. We're very happy to report that Kyle is back! He will be teaching eight classes: a basic introduction for the beginner, Macs, word processing, internet services, and email. He will also offer classes on portable electronic devices and digital cameras and a general question and answer class. Please call the library to sign up.

In June we will offer two NH Humanities Council programs: *The Founding Fathers: What Were They Thinking* on June 8th and *The Old Country Fiddler* on June 15. Together with the Moultonborough Historical Society, we are co-sponsoring three more NH Humanities Council programs later in the summer: *Indian Wars of New England* on July 11; *Old Man of the Mountain* on August 8; and *NH's Grange Movement* on September 12.

The hugely popular *Book Sale* will be held from 9:00 a.m. -5:00 p.m. on July 2, 3 and 4th. We already have hundreds of boxes of books all sorted in the basement. Volunteers are always welcome to assist with this big fundraiser for the library. All events are listed on our website: www.moultonboroughlibrary.org. See you at the library this summer!



HOLA! CIAO! BONJOUR! JAMBO! NI HAO KONNICHIWA! NAMASTE! MARHABAHI!

Children of all ages are invited to participate in Moultonborough Public Library's 2011 Summer Reading Program "**ONE WORLD, MANY STORIES**". It will begin June 27th and run through August 10th. We'll explore the world through stories, songs and crafts. Ride in the parade on our **4TH OF JULY FLOAT**, hear fascinating stories by **ODDS BODKIN**, be amazed by **NORMAN NG'S** magic tricks, hold exotic snakes and lizards from **REPTILES ON THE MOVE**, dance, sing and eat ice cream with **PAUL WARNICK** ...check the calendar on our website for information of all the events. Youngsters may win prizes for the books that they read or by playing the reading game, "**MANY FACES, MANY PLACES**". Summer story times will be Tuesday evenings at 6:30 p.m.

MOULTONBOROUGH RECREATION NEWS



The Moultonborough Recreation Dept.'s summer program offerings are available on our website at www.moultonboroughnh.gov and will be available in hard copy at the Town Hall, Recreation Dept., Library, Schools and various other places around town. In an attempt to keep our paper consumption to a minimum we encourage you to please take advantage of exploring our summer programs, events and activities on the web. We do not at this time offer on line registration so registration forms will have to be printed and sent in.

Among those quality programs offered, they include traditional playground programs for children ages 6-8, and 9-12, Teen Adventure, Hot and Happy for pre-school children and their parents, tennis lessons for adults and children, swimming lessons, tennis tournaments, multi-sport camps, soccer camp, creative writing for children, a women's writing workshop, drama camp, adult yoga, Zumba, adult softball, water carnival and much more. The deadline to register for Teen Adventure, RECKing Crew and Happy Campers is Wednesday June 8th. We will continue to take registrations after June 8th only if space allows, however we can cut off registrations at any time

after that date and will not take any registrations for these programs after noon on Friday June 24th. The registration deadline for the first session of tennis and swimming lessons is June 15th. We've got several great trips planned for our adult population including the ever popular Cabbage Island Clambake on July 22nd.

Look for a new program called, This I Believe, based on the National Public Radio series of the same name, where Moultonborough residents and visitors will be asked to participate in an essay writing program expressing one core belief. At the end of the program we hope to have a book of the essays entitled This Moultonborough Believes. Another new program geared to our active older adult population this summer is Operation Adult Recreation and will start with a planning cook-out at the Recreation Area on Playground Drive on June 8th at noon. There is no charge for the cook-out.

Long Island Beach is projected to open, with lifeguards on duty on June 18th. This date is subject to change as it is based on weather and guard availability. Please check to be sure guards are on duty before assuming so.



States Landing will remain a "swim at your own risk" facility.



PRIVATE ROAD WINTER SNOW PLOWING STRUGGLES

After a long winter season, with the snow total exceeding 100", the Town's Public Works Department and its Winter Maintenance Contractors responded to over 30 weather events. Following up our snow clearing operations were attempts to push back the snow banks in attempts to keep open the 177 miles of Private Roads. The condition of many of them made it a struggle and we need your help.

In a recent review of roadway conditions we found that almost 80% of the private roadways do not meet the Town "Recommended Minimum for Private Roads" established in 1993. This makes the snow removal process a risky business for our contractor and town staff as well as causing costly damage to the equipment from traveling a roadway impeded with obstructions such as pot holes, rocks, stumps, and trees. Safe roadway travel is also an important protection of your tax dollars. Public Works equipment cost you from \$45,000 to \$300,000 and the fire apparatus – which is the reason we plow these private roadways, ranges from \$150,000 to \$500,000.

The ideal recommendation for Private Roads is a 16' travel surface, with 5' clear zones on each side free of obstructions. Just imagine a road travel surface of only 12' wide travel surface winding through woods, with potholes, rock outcroppings, and trees and brush along the travel edge. Now add 60-100" of snow. Just 30" of snow can narrow a roadway by 18"+/- on either side depending upon the terrain or obstructions. Now keep in mind that a fire truck is approximately 8 1/2 feet wide. By mid winter, we have many roads that can barely accept that fire truck and that is with no on coming traffic coming at it! So in order to keep the roadway clear for travel it is critically important that the roadways edges (side) be kept clear of obstructions so that the snow can be cleared from the surface completely. These clear zones are then available to store the snow for the winter months. Having the snow storage area off the travel surface also helps keep the travel surface clear of icing and water puddling which saturates the gravel surfaces making them muddy in the spring time. One clear sign there is a problem; if you see tree nicks or blemishes caused from the plow this winter those trees are a serious impedances to snow removal and emergency equipment and should be cleared.

For further information you may go to www.moultonboroughnh.gov click on Ordinances & Policies and then click on the ordinance Private Roads or you can email skinmond@moultonboroughnh.gov for a review of specific improvements needed for your specific roadway.