

MEMORANDUM – OFFICE OF TOWN ADMINISTRATOR

TO: Board of Selectmen

FROM: Charles F. Smith, MPA, ICMA-CM
Town Administrator

RE: Weekly Report

DATE: January 2, 2024



The following report from town departments provides an update for the Board of Selectmen on the various programs, initiatives, projects, and upcoming events.

Department of Public Works

Facilities/Grounds: The crew continues with Ice Rink maintenance. Building checks. Flushed drains at PSB. Continued cemetery fence repair. Recyclables and trash throughout all buildings. Built bracket for new wreaths. Cleaned old fire station. Town Hall, PSB and PD air vents. Marked out Holland Hill Cemetery lot.

Fleet: Fixed lights on Trk5 and Trk2 spreaders. Car171 heat problems. Loaded wood chips. Changed brushes on wet broom. Cleaned up and reorganized the garage.

Highway: The Highway crew continues to check roads. Shoulder work on Long Point Road. Ditching on Kona and Shaker Jerry. Worked on Trk2 Sander. Checked catch basins and drainage. Fabricated new shoot for shoulder machine.

Transfer Station: This week we shipped out 3 containers of municipal solid waste = 36 tons, 2 containers of single stream recycle = 10 tons and 5 containers of construction and demolition = 25 tons. The compost pile was turned, and brush pile burned. Car counts: Monday closed Christmas, Tuesday 602, Friday 650, Saturday 510, Sunday 232 total vehicles 1994.

Public Safety

Moultonborough Police Department: 12/25/2023 – 12/31/2023

Activity	Last Week	This Week	Weekly Difference	Last Year-To-Date	This Year-to-Date	Yearly Difference
Log Entries	210	238	+11.76%	13115	13190	+0.56%
Calls for Service	78	123	+36.58%	6763	7434	+9.02%
Arrests	0	2	+100%	113	97	-16.49%
MV Accidents	2	2	0%	170	125	-36%
MV Stops	10	34	+70.58%	955	1171	+18.44%
Offense Reports	2	2	0%	130	107	-21.49%

Calls For Service Breakdown

Activity	This Week	Activity	This Week
Admin Services	6	Follow Up	4
Alarm Commercial	1	Found / Lost Property	1
Alarm Residential	11	Good Morning Project	5
Assist Citizen	12	Medical Emergency	4
Assist Motorist / Disabled MV	3	Motor Vehicle Complaint	1
Assist Other Agency	16	Police Information	4
Building Check	1	Paperwork Service	4
Criminal Records Check	3	Suspicious Activity	1
Domestic Animal Related Call	3	VIN Verification	1
Domestic Disturbance	1	Warrant Check	1
Fish & Game Call	2	Welfare Check	1

Community Policing: None to report.

Training: None to report.

Upcoming Events: None to report.

Moultonborough Fire Rescue: For the period of 12/25/2023 to 12/31/2023, there were eighteen calls for service: There was:

Fires	2
Overpressure, Explosion, Overheat – No Fire	0
EMS & Rescue Incidents	5
Hazardous Conditions – No Fire	2
Service Calls	2
Good Intent	5
False Alarms & False Calls	2
Severe Weather & Natural Disaster	0
Special Incident Type	0

Total 2023 Incidents: **1,060** **Percent of decreased from 2022** **4.58%**

Automatic Aid: twice from Center Harbor, once from Sandwich and Holderness

Mutual Aid: Once to Center Harbor and once to Sandwich

Overlapping Incidents: 5 Year to Date: 139 Percentage of Call Volume: 13%

Overlapping incidents are where two or more incidents are occurring simultaneously.

Call Staff participation: Call firefighters responded on seven incidents, providing an average of 2 firefighters per incident.

Response Times with 24-hour Coverage: Average Response Time (minutes) 11:00

Operations: 12/27 Rescue 2 was taken to Irwin's for a dealer warrantied repair. At the Town Meeting in June, Article 4 approved by the voters directed the Selectmen to hire, train, properly equip and maintain six fulltime firefighter/EMS providers adding to the two existing firefighters to be on duty 24/7/365. On October 30, 2023, the fire department began 24-hour staffing with four groups of two firefighters working 24-hour shifts. 2023 marks the third consecutive year that the fire department has responded to more than one thousand incidents.

Moultonborough Firefighter's in action.

December 31, 2023, Vehicle fire on Shaker Jerry Road



Burning Permits: As we enter the new year, all persons wishing to kindle fires will need new 2024 fire permits.

The fire danger level remains at “Low.” Residents and property owners are still required to obtain fire permits for all open burning, including campfires, and brush burning until snow covers the ground. Fire Permits may be obtained at the Public Safety Building located at 1035 Whittier Highway or online at www.NHFirePermit.com. Or a <https://nh.burnsafeamerica.com/>

Fire permits are not required when there is snow covering the ground. If snow cover is not present, a fire permit is required.

Moultonborough Recreation Department

MRD's free winter concert series returns in January! Join us at Moultonborough Academy auditorium on Wednesday evenings, 6:00-7:30pm. The January 10 concert features The Sweetbloods, an acoustic duo based in Meredith whose music centers around acoustic versions of classic rock, folk rock and country tunes intermingled with bluegrass, reggae, calypso, blues, and jazz. Our concert series is free and open to the public. See our website for the full schedule of January's performers. Call MRD for more info 603/476-8868.

Moultonborough Recreation is pleased to offer a trip to Encore Boston Harbor Casino! Join us as we travel by town bus to Encore Boston Harbor Casino where there's relaxation, fun and excitement at every turn. Casual and fine dining, thrilling games, and chic shopping. We will enjoy an all you can eat buffet meal at Night Shift Brewing Kitchen & Tap, featuring elevated takes on pub food. We will depart from MRD at 3:00pm on Saturday January 27 with a return time of approximately 10:30pm. Pre-registration is required, and space is limited. Cocktail costs and gambling monies are not included. You must be 21 or older to attend this trip. Call MRD for more info 603/476-8868.

Registrations are open for Adult Pick Up Cornhole. Beginning January 2 and running through February 20, Adult Pickup Cornhole will meet at Moultonborough Central School on Tuesdays 6:00-7:30pm. Pre-registration is required, and space is limited. Sign up online or in the Recreation office. This is a free program, and no experience is needed. Call MRD for more information 603/476-8868.

MRD is pleased to offer a Winter Session of Chair Yoga. Felicia Steriti continues as our instructor. Chair Yoga will take place on Mondays, 10:30-11:30am @ Moultonborough Recreation. Class dates are January 15, 22, 29, February 5 & 12. We will be using a mat, yoga blocks and yoga strap with the option of adding very light hand weights. You are welcome to borrow ours or bring your own. Chair Yoga provides gentle, mindful movements to gain flexibility and core strength. Pre-registration is required, and space is limited. Call MRD for more info 603/476-8868.

Moultonborough Recreation is offering instructional pickleball opportunities. See our website for session details and schedule specifics. Pre-registration is required, and space is limited in all pickleball programs. Sign up online or in the Recreation office. Call MRD for more information. 603/476-8868.

Adult Indoor Drop In Basketball continues. This free program runs on Sunday's noon to 2pm at the Moultonborough Academy gym through June 23. Pre-registration is required, and participants must be 18 years or older. Call MRD for more info 603/476-8868.

Adult Indoor Pickleball continues. Dates are still available. Sign up online or in the Recreation office. Pre-registration is required, and space is limited.

MRD hosted a series of Teen Nights Out during the holiday break. From an open gym party to Nerf Night to Altitude Trampoline Park and pizza party - all activities were well attended, and fun was had by all.

Beyond the Bell, after school program Session 3 begins this week.

Youth Basketball programs begin next week.

Drop In Bridge is back! Learn to play or play a few hands @ MRD, Tuesdays 1:00-3:00pm. This is a drop-in group – no registration and no fee. Call MRD for more information 603/476-8868.

Drop-in Mah Jong continues Wednesdays @ 10am at the Recreation Department at 10 Holland Street. This is a drop-in group, no registration required and no fee. Please bring your set if you have one.

Logistics and planning are ongoing for programming, trips, activities, and events.

Your Moultonborough Recreation staff is hard at work designing & planning programs for people of all ages. Have an idea for an event, trip, or activity? We would love to hear from you! Reach out to us at 603/476-8868 or email our staff via the links on our website: www.moultonboroughnh.gov.

For information on current and upcoming MRD activities, see our website at or call us at 603/476-8868. Check our Facebook page for cancelations or updates regarding our events and programs. Non-resident fees accrue where applicable. The Moultonborough Recreation Department is located at 10 Holland St., Moultonborough.

Moultonborough Public Library

Happy New Year! We hope yours is filled with books, reading across genres and formats, and that you join us for many of the programs we have planned for 2024.

Please share your stories about the Moultonborough Library in 2023 by filling out [this short survey](#). We will use the stories we collect to better understand what is important to our community and how to build on our successes.

Love audiobooks? We do too. We hope you'll join our new Audiobook Book Club. Please indicate your preferred time and format on [this Audiobook Book Club Interest Form](#). Our first meeting will be February 17 and we will be discussing *Remarkably Bright Creatures*, by Shelby Van Pelt. Audiobooks on CD for this title will be available for checkout in mid-January.

The Friends of the Moultonborough Library also have great plans for 2024. Their first fundraiser for the year is called Feed-a-Charity-Tonight and it is easy as pie to participate. Simply dine at our local establishments on specific dates, mention that you are a Friend of the Moultonborough Library to your server, and 10% of your bill will be donated to support the Friends of the MPL.

The Feed-a-Charity-Tonights for January are:

- The Bob House - Tuesday, January 9, 11:30 am to 9 pm
- Cup and Crumb - Wednesday, January 24, 7 am to 2 pm

We thank The Bob House and Cup & Crumb for offering to be our inaugural F.A.C.T.s. Stay tuned for more dates and local eateries in the next few months.

Please note that the library will have a delayed opening on Friday, January 5, to allow for staff training. The library will be open 10 am to 5 pm.

Upcoming Adult Programs:

- Friday, January 5, 1 to 2:30 pm. **A Safe Place Bereavement Group.** [Register once for all 8 sessions.](#)
- Thursday, January 11, 10:30 am to 12 pm. **Monthly Book Talk.** Share your recent reads and get book recommendations.
- Thursday, January 11, 12 to 2:30 pm. **Thursday Movie Matinée: *The Fabelmans*.** Popcorn, pizza and soft drinks provided. A \$2 donation per slice of pizza is appreciated. [Register here.](#)
- Tuesday, January 16, 2 to 3:30 pm, and Wednesday, January 17, 1 to 2:30 pm. **Tech Workshop: Library Apps.** Access the library 24/7 with our downloadable materials through the Libby, Hoopla and catalog apps. [Register here.](#)
- Wednesday, January 17, 10:30 to 11:30 am. **Mystery Book Club: *The Maid* by Nita Prose.** Print copies of the book are available at the library for check out. [Register here.](#)
- Thursday, January 18, 9 to 11 am. **Library Board of Trustees Meeting.** Open to the public.

Upcoming Youth Programs:

- Wednesday, January 3, 10 to 11 am. **Crafting with Kids-Mixed Media Snowmen**
- Fridays starting January 5, 3 to 5 pm. **Dungeons and Dragons for Teens.** The group is looking for new members, ages 13 to 18. Led by an experienced Dungeon Master.
- Wednesday, January 17, 3 to 4 pm. **Lego Club.**
- Saturday, January 20, 10 am to 12 pm. **Family Movie: *Elemental***
- Mondays, 9:30 to 10:30 am. **Toddler Drop-In Playtime.** Stop by the library's children's area to play with a wide variety of children's toys, read books, and enjoy the company of other toddlers for an hour of unstructured play.
- Tuesdays, 6 to 6:30 pm. **PJ Storytime.** Dress in your coziest pajamas and come to the library for read-alouds to get us in the mood for sleep.
- Fridays, 10:30-11 am. **Storytime.** Join us for stories, music, and fun!

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Upcoming Public Meetings:

Board of Selectmen Meetings

- Thursday, January 4, 2024, at 5:00 p.m.
- Thursday, January 11, 2024, at 4:00 p.m.
- Thursday, January 18, 2024, at 5:00 p.m.
- Thursday, January 25, 2024, at 5:00 p.m. (Work Session if needed)