

MEMORANDUM – OFFICE OF TOWN ADMINISTRATOR

TO: Board of Selectmen

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

RE: Weekly Report

DATE: January 8, 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: Dug cremation burial in Holland Hill Cemetery. Installed new domestic hot water circulator. The crew continues with Ice Rink maintenance. Removed holiday wreaths from the Village. CJIS training. Met with electrician for LED lights at PSB and met with generator tech at the Transfer Station. Set up plows for the storm. Brought wire to scrap yard. All building checks for trash and recyclables, cardboard collected. Drains flushed at PSB.

Fleet: Cleaned and rebuilt racks in the Parts Room. New lights and wires have been put on Trk1 plow. Nox sen and mod on Trk11. Brought steel to Transfer Station. Prepared trucks for the storm.

Highway: The highway crew continues with tree cutting and chipping on Ossipee Park Road, Randall, and Severance. Salted ice spots from running water. Marked trees. The crew prepped for the storm. Checked plow routes. Plowed and treated roads. Completed paperwork.

Transfer Station: This week we shipped out 2 containers of municipal solid waste=24 tons, 2 containers of single stream recycle=10 tons and 7 containers of construction and demolition=35 tons. The brush pile was burned, and compost pile was turned. Car counts: Monday closed New Years, Tuesday 515, Friday 402, Saturday 502, Sunday 26 (very low vehicle count due to the snow event) total 1445 vehicles.

Public Safety

Moultonborough Police Department: 01/01/2024 – 01/07/2024

Activity	Last Week	This Week	Weekly Difference	Last Year-To-Date	This Year-to-Date	Yearly Difference
Log Entries	238	225	-5.77%	186	225	+17.33%
Calls for Service	123	123	0%	101	123	+17.88%
Arrests	2	3	+33.33%	1	3	+66.66%
MV Accidents	2	1	-100%	0	1	+100%
MV Stops	34	39	+12.82%	6	39	+84.61%
Offense Reports	2	2	0%	4	2	-100%

Calls For Service Breakdown

Activity	This Week	Activity	This Week
911 Hang Up / Wrong Number	2	Follow Up	2
Admin Services	11	Found / Lost Property	2
Alarm Residential	4	Good Morning Project	5
Assist Citizen	11	Juvenile Issue	1
Assist Motorist / Disabled MV	3	Medical Emergency	6
Assist Other Agency	3	Motor Vehicle Complaint	1
Call for Local PD / Officer	6	Police Information	1
Criminal Mischief	1	Paperwork Service	4
Directed Patrol	3	Suspicious Activity	5
Disturbance	1	Welfare Check	2
Domestic Animal Related Call	1	SWAT Call – Out	1

Community Policing: None to report.

Training: None to report.

Upcoming Events: None to report.

SWAT Call-Out: MPO Michalski was called out on 01/06/24 for a SWAT related call.

Moultonborough Fire Rescue: For the period of 01/01/2024 to 01/07/2024, there were sixteen calls for service: There was:

Fires	0
Overpressure, Explosion, Overheat – No Fire	0
EMS & Rescue Incidents	10
Hazardous Conditions – No Fire	0
Service Calls	2
Good Intent	3
False Alarms & False Calls	1
Severe Weather & Natural Disaster	0
Special Incident Type	0

Total 2024 Incidents: 16

Percent of decreased from 2023 16%

Automatic Aid: once to Sandwich

Mutual Aid: none

Overlapping Incidents: 2 **Year to Date:** 2 **Percentage of Call Volume:** 12.5%

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

Call Staff participation: Call firefighters responded to three incidents, providing an average of 1 firefighter per incident.

Response Times with 24-hour Coverage: Average Response Time (minutes) 10:00*

**Includes out of town response*

Operations: 1/2/2024 Chief Bengtson attended the LRMFA Executive Committee meeting at the Communication Center in Laconia. 1/3/2024 Moultonborough provided coverage to the Town of Center Harbor while their personnel covered the Meredith Fire Department during the calling hours for Captain Taggett. 1/4/2024 Moultonborough provided coverage to the Town of Center Harbor while their personnel covered the Meredith Fire Department during the funeral for Captain Taggett.

The Department has made operational changes to its ice rescue responses. The inflatable ice rescue boat will now be kept, fully inflated on Rescue 1. This change, combined with the department now having full-time staffing, will allow for rapid deployment of personnel onto the ice or into the water to affect a rescue.

Burning Permits: Resident and property owners are reminded that 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

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.

Moultonborough Recreation hosted Basketball Hoopla on Friday, January 5 in the MA gym. Over 60 boys and girls in preschool through grade 6 kicked off basketball season at this exciting annual event. More than 20 members of Plymouth State University's Men's and Women's Basketball teams were on hand to show their talents and share their knowledge. Our athletes joined them on the court for skill drills, pointers, and autographs. Raffles, prizes and buckets of fun rounded out this awesome evening. We wish to thank Plymouth State University, Coach Andrew Novick and the men's & women's players for volunteering their time and efforts!

Registrations are open for Adult Pick Up Cornhole. Adult Pickup Cornhole will meet at Moultonborough Central School on Tuesdays 6:00-7:30pm through February 20. 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.

MRD's free winter concert series is running in January. Join us at Moultonborough Academy auditorium on Wednesday evenings, 6:00-7:30pm. The January 17 concert features Tom Bartlett. Tom is a NH born singer/songwriter who plays original tunes as well as an eclectic mix of early rock & roll and contemporary songs. Tom's original song "You Can't Get There from Here" is performed by stage & screen star John Davidson. 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.

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.

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

Youth Basketball programs begin this 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

We thank those of you who have sent in your stories of the library. If you haven't already, please consider filling out [this short survey](#) to tell us about your library experiences in 2023. 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. Our first meeting will be February 14 and we will be discussing *Remarkably Bright Creatures*, by Shelby Van Pelt. You get to choose the time of day on [this Audiobook Book Club Interest Form](#). Audiobooks on CD for this title will be available for checkout in mid-January.

The Friends of the Moultonborough Library started their Feed-a-Charity-Tonight (FACT) fundraiser last week. We thank everyone who participated by dining at the Bob House on January 9, and of course, the Bob House management for supporting the Friends with this initiative. The next FACT will be at Cup and Crumb on January 24, 7 am to 2 pm. Simply mention you are a Friend of the Moultonborough Library, and 10% of your bill will be donated to support the Friends of the MPL. Thank you!

The AARP Tax Aide will be back at the library this year on Mondays from February 12 to April 8. (On Wednesday, February 21 - not the 19 - because of the Presidents' Day holiday.) Register for a 15-minute appointment to review your documents. The tax aide preparer will return with your documents the following week. Visit [the library calendar on our website](#) and navigate to your preferred time slot, or call the library to make your appointment.

Upcoming Adult Programs:

- 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.](#)
- Friday, January 12, 10 to 11:30 am. **Caregivers Support Group**
- 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.
- Thursday, January 25, 5:30 to 6:30 pm. **Evening Page Turners: *The Extraordinary Life of Sam Hell* by Robert Dugoni.** Print copies of the book are available at the library for check out. [Register here.](#)
- Tuesday, January 30, 6 to 8 pm. **Open Mic: An Evening of Poetry and Music.** [Register here.](#)

Upcoming Youth Programs:

- 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!
- Fridays, 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.

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Upcoming Public Meetings:

Board of Selectmen Meetings

- 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)