



# Moultonborough Town News

**Summer 2023**

## **NEWS FROM THE RECREATION DEPARTMENT**

After a very busy winter and spring the Moultonborough Recreation Department is once again offering many great opportunities for citizens and visitors. Keep up to date with all the happenings that we will be offering this summer and fall on our website. Some, but not all, are highlighted below:

We are offering our adult outdoor pickleball program on Monday's, Wednesday's, and Friday's from 8:00am – 11:00am at Kraine Meadow Park. We will have 4 sessions; Session 1: June 5 – June 30, Session 2: July 3 – July 28, Session 3: July 31 – September 1, & Session 4: September 4 – September 29. The cost is \$3/day for residents and \$5/day for non-residents. Space is limited!

We are offering our full day summer camp again this year. Our camp program will run from 8:00am – 4:00pm and we are bringing it back to Kraine Meadow Park! We will be going on offsite field trips on Wednesday (for an additional cost) Check out our website for more information.

Our Adult Cornhole League is back! We will offer the league at Kraine Meadow Park starting in July. This program is a chance for adults of all ages to meet new friends and catch up with some old ones. No experience necessary! Teams of two to four players must pre-register and are guaranteed 3 games each week. Only \$30 per person. Join us for some great fun and comradery!

We are looking at bringing back our Adult Coed Softball league again this summer. If you are interested in registering a team, please contact Dan at the Recreation Department!

Our FREE Outdoor Concert Series will run Wednesday evenings starting at 6:00 PM from June 28 – August 23 at the Function Hall gazebo on Old Route 109 (formerly the Lion's Club). Concerts are free, open to the public, and appeal to all ages and a variety of musical tastes. See our website for a schedule of performers.

We have much more offered than what is listed – tennis lessons and clinics, youth track and field, youth softball/t-ball, youth lacrosse and special events for all – from toddlers through senior citizens. Look for our adult bus trips we are planning as well for the summer and fall!

Facility Improvements are ongoing at States Landing Beach. We have reclaimed the swimming area, built a new boat launch, created parking for cars and boat trailers, and rain gardens for storm water removal. We will be moving forward with the plans to build a pavilion with bathrooms. Final stage will be to create a passive park area with a series of walking trails and passive recreation opportunities.

## **NEWS FROM THE ASSESSOR'S OFFICE**

The goal of the Assessor's Office is to ensure that all properties are assessed equitably and fairly, both within neighborhoods and throughout the town. We strive to keep the assessing process transparent, open, and in accordance with the New Hampshire Laws and Rules. We work closely with our contractors and taxpayers to achieve our goals, while developing and maintaining amicable relationships.

Whitney Consulting Group, LLC (WCG) continues their work in town and 2023 represents the final year of their 5-year contract. The contract has three components: 1.) a cyclical inspection of all properties throughout the town. This involves annually measuring and listing (recording key property attributes) approximately 20% of all properties. 2.) an annual revaluation, with a cyclical revaluation of all property values, at the end of the 5-year cycle. The cyclical revaluation is the culmination of the 5-year project as it combines a full statistical revaluation of the entire municipality with the final results of the cyclical inspection process, in order to arrive at full and true value as of April 1st, 2023. 3.) the final component involves annual targeted inspections of recent sales and permitted work, such as new construction, renovations, or newly subdivided parcels.

Prior to setting the final values for the 2023 tax year, preliminary value letters will be mailed to property owners during the summer and informal hearings will be scheduled sometime thereafter. The informal hearings are an opportunity for taxpayers to voice their questions and concerns. They can ask questions so they can gain a better understanding of how their property was assessed, as well as how the overall assessment process works. It is also an opportunity for taxpayers to point out their concerns regarding any potential discrepancies, oversights or errors that may have been made. We strive to be error-free and have our data be as accurate as possible.

The Assessing page on the town's website is an excellent source for additional information, such as: qualification guidelines and applications for tax exemptions and tax credits; current use & preservation easement enrollment applications; timber and gravel tax forms; as well as abatement and appeal forms. Our page also has a link to our on-line GIS database, where you can find copies of your property record card and tax map. The GIS database also has many useful layers such as wetland and flood zone layers, as well as useful tools that allow for measuring distances and areas. If you are looking for a copy of your deed the Carroll County Registry of Deeds is also on-line. You can search for recorded documents at <https://www.carrollcountynhdeeds.gov>. Please feel free to contact our office if we can assist you in any way. We look forward to continuing to work with you and for you.

## INFORMATION FROM THE CONSERVATION COMMISSION HELP US KEEP MOULTONBOROUGH WATERS BLUE

Do you want your lake or pond to be clean and healthy for you, your family, and your pets? If yes, then become LakeSmart! Where you live – whether you live along the shoreline or miles from the nearest lake, you can do simple things to live in a lake friendly way.

The LakeSmart Program is a statewide education, evaluation, and recognition program available to our town residents. It is free, voluntary, and non-regulatory. In 2022, 25 town residents took advantage of this program to learn best management practices to improve storm water management on their properties to reduce the nutrient loading of our lakes and ponds that enable weed growth and cyanobacteria blooms. Your participation in LakeSmart helps to improve water quality for all and is helpful in showing the commitment of our town to improve water quality, which is becoming increasingly important in securing state and federal grants to help keep our town ponds and lakes blue.

In 2022, LakeSmart will be offered again to property owners in Moultonborough through partnership with the Lake Winnepesaukee Association, the Moultonborough Conservation Commission, and NH LAKES, as part of a **Keep Winni Blue** initiative. If you would like to learn more about this program, go to the Lake Winnepesaukee web page at [www.winnepesaukee.org/take-action](http://www.winnepesaukee.org/take-action) and click on the Winnepesaukee Blue Crew tab to start your LakeSmart journey today!

### LOOKING TO KEEP OUR LAKES CLEAN THIS SUMMER?

The Milfoil Committee is always in need of more people to look for invasive species of plants. We can train you to help identify weeds while you are out on your kayak, canoe, paddleboard, or you can help us inspect boats at the town boat ramps. If you can make more of a commitment, we'll pay you for regular weekend boat ramp duty. Contact the Town Hall today!

### TRANSFER STATION FOAM RECYCLING PROGRAM:

Join us in helping to keep polystyrene plastic out of the waste stream, our waters, and our landscapes.

In a regional partnership with the Town of Gilford, The Town of Moultonborough is now accepting #6 expanded polystyrene packaging (EPS) and #6 polystyrene food service foam, more commonly referred to as **foam** or Styrofoam. Residents can bring foam material to the Moultonborough Transfer Station during normal business hours.

Foam is a hard to recycle material that most Towns do not accept. You can identify it by looking for a #6 recycle symbol somewhere on the item. All acceptable types of foam will be densified down into plastic ingots by chopping, heating, and removing the air in a densifier unit patented by Foam Cycle, LLC. The ingots get processed for reuse into new materials, thereby reducing the polystyrene going into the waste stream, our waters, and our landscapes. With any recyclable material there are items our vendors can accept and items we cannot accept so please read the **Foam Recycling 101 Flyer** first to help us keep this new recycling stream clean. Thank you for your interest in this exciting new recycling program which is the 1<sup>st</sup> of its kind in NH!

**Background:** The Gilford Department of Public Works (DPW) became aware of an initiative by the NH Network Plastics Work Group and several District Governors of Rotary Club to start foam recycling in Northern New England in January 2022. This work group is focused on reducing foam (polystyrene) waste in landfills, saving money on trash disposal costs and potentially generate revenue to NH, MA & VT communities. The group was connected with Foam Cycle, LLC out of New Jersey who has a patented foam densifying unit. The work group has a vision of a "hub and spoke" system throughout northern New England for foam collection and recycling. The Town of Gilford was excited to become the first New England hub location for this effort and has already welcomed numerous communities with their foam recycling. Visit our Transfer Station Website for more details: <https://www.moultonboroughnh.gov/transfer-station>.

### NEWS FROM THE TOWN CLERK

The Town Clerk's office is pleased to announce our new, expanded, hours. We are now open to the public Monday – Friday from 7:30am – 4:00pm (with no mid-day closure).

I would like to extend my sincere gratitude to the Select Board for approving the additional staffing that makes this change possible. To cover these extra hours and still allow time for our work away from the front counter, we have welcomed Danielle LeBlanc on board as our new assistant. Like the rest of the Town Clerk's staff, Danielle grew up in Moultonborough, so she is already familiar with many of our residents, non-residents, and all the things that make our town unique.

**Register your boat with us!** Unlike road vehicles, boat registrations don't have to be done in the town where you primarily reside. We can process boat registrations for anyone who would like to register their boat for use in New Hampshire's waters. For renewals, please bring in the letter you received from the state (signed by the primary owner), the driver's license of the person coming into our office, and payment. Registering your boat at the local level does cost \$5 more than the amount on the letter, but the town is then able to keep those \$5 plus the "Boat Fees" listed on the side of your registration. We look forward to assisting you soon.

### HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE DAY

Moultonborough's HHW Day is **Saturday, August 5, 2023**, from 8:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. at the Moultonborough Highway Garage located at 68 Highway Garage Drive, Moultonborough. For more information go to [www.lakesrpc.org/serviceshhw.asp](http://www.lakesrpc.org/serviceshhw.asp) or call LRPC at 603-279-5334 or 603-279-5341.

### FIREWORK ORDINANCE

Fireworks are limited 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: limited use to 12 Noon to 12 Midnight; (2) New Year, limited use to 12 Noon to up to 15 minutes past midnight of the holiday.

**Fireworks are NOT permitted on any Town property including beaches.**