



Moultonborough Town News

Summer 2022

Welcome

POLICE DEPARTMENT NEWS

The Town of Moultonborough hires Andrew B. Lipson to the assignment of Lieutenant at the Police Department. Lt. Lipson started his new role on December 15th, 2021. Lipson comes with a distinguished background, serving 24 years of his law enforcement career with Brookline Massachusetts PD. There, Lipson served as the Deputy Superintendent until his promotion in 2018 to Chief of Police. He comes bearing many certificates and commendations that include the 2013 Marathon Service Medal, Police Officer of the Year, and the Joseph P. McMurray Medal of Valor. The Joseph P. McMurray Medal of Valor is awarded to a Brookline Police Officer for a heroic deed and exceptional meritorious conduct involving exemplary courage, risk, and danger to his or her personal safety. We welcome Andrew Lipson and know he will be a great asset to MPD.

Officer Jacob Beaudet graduated from the New Hampshire Police Standards and Training in August of 2021 with the 185th class. Officer Beaudet has served in the New Hampshire National Guard for the last 5 years, signing another contract for an additional 4 years. He is currently a Specialist with the 744th Forward Support Company. He has quickly shown he is an exceptional Officer, and we look forward to watching him succeed in his career in law enforcement.

Officer Justin Ketcham graduated from the New Hampshire Police Standards and Training in December of 2021 with the 186th class. Officer Ketcham comes to MPD after serving for 5 years in the Army where he was an Infantryman. He was stationed at Fort Bragg in North Carolina where he was promoted to the rank of Sergeant. Officer Ketcham has just completed his FTO process and has quickly shown that he is a motivated individual. We look forward to watching Officer Ketcham continue to grow in his new career.

Part-Time Dispatcher Taylor Strickland was promoted to Administrative Assistant and Lead Dispatcher on February 1st, 2022. Taylor started as a part-time dispatcher in April of 2021. Before coming to MPD, Taylor served in the New Hampshire National Guard in the 237th Military Police Company. She has been busy in her new position and is excited to continue to grow in her career.

The Moultonborough Police Department offers a program to the residents of Moultonborough that may not have regular/daily contact with family members. The Good Morning Program (GMP) allows for residents to make daily contact with the Police Department to ensure they are okay, while staying in the comfort of their homes. This program allows family, friends, or neighbors the security of knowing that the individual is having regular daily contact, and if not, they will be checked on and notified if a missed communication shall occur. We are very proud of this program and want to spread awareness in hopes to grow the program. If you are interested and want more information on what this program is all about, please call (603) 476-2400 and talk with a dispatcher or an officer!



MOULTONBOROUGH SCHOOL DISTRICT WELCOMES A NEW SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER (SRO)

Moultonborough School District welcomed Moultonborough Police Officer Christen Cloutier as the new district School Resource Officer. Officer Cloutier has been a presence at the schools since he completed his school resource officer training earlier this month. He is filling the SRO position previously held for a number of years by Sergeant Jody Baker.

Officer Cloutier will work closely with the faculty, staff and students at Moultonborough Academy and Central School. As SRO, he will provide schools with advice and guidance on safety and security matters, will enhance school and community culture with positive relationships with students, and will provide students with another adult role model.

Officer Cloutier has already been a visible member of our school community. We are glad to have an SRO back on campus. Officer Cloutier can be contacted for school matters at SRO@sau45.org.

TOWN WELCOMES NEW BUILDING INSPECTOR/ CODE ENFORCEMENT & HEALTH OFFICER

The Land Use Office is pleased to welcome its newest member, Building Inspector/Code Enforcement & Health Officer Scott Dvorak. Having spent decades in the building industry, including the past 8 years as a Building Inspector/Code Enforcement Officer, Scott brings with him a wealth of experience and knowledge. Along with Scott's many attributes, his team-oriented approach and positive attitude have been on display from day one and we are very happy that he has decided to join us.

ARE YOU LakeSmart?

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 2021, 22 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.

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 Association's web page at www.winnepesaukee.org/take-action and click on the Be Winni Blue & LakeSmart tab to start your LakeSmart journey today!

NEWS FROM THE TOWN CLERKS OFFICE

The Town Clerk's office is currently working hard to wrap up our dog licensing season for 2022. Dog licenses are due April 30th of every year but can be renewed starting in January. If you're a year-round resident who hasn't yet licensed your dog, the time to act is now! We are required by law to report all unlicensed dogs to the police and additional fees will be added in July for individuals on that list.

Register boats in town to keep more of your money local! When you register your boat through the State of NH, the town of Moultonborough doesn't get any portion of that payment. Paying locally does cost \$5 more per boat than the price on your renewal letter from the state, but the town can keep those \$5 plus the "Boat Fees" listed on the right side of your registration. To renew through the Town Clerk's office, please bring or mail us the letter from the state (signed by the primary owner) and the appropriate fee. In-person transactions require a government-issued photo ID. Renewals can be mailed to our office at: Moultonborough Town Clerk, P.O. Box 15, Moultonborough, NH 03254.

Although we haven't even officially hit summer, the Town Clerk's office is already preparing for this year's two fall elections: the **State Primary on Tuesday, September 13th** and the **State General on Tuesday, November 8th**. If you have any questions about elections, dog licensing, motor vehicle registrations, vital records, or anything else handled in the Town Clerk's office, please reach out. We would love to hear from you! (603) 476-2347 / TownClerk@MoultonboroughNH.gov.

TOWN-WIDE TREE TRIMMING

As part of the Highway Department's road maintenance program, it becomes necessary to cut roadside overgrowth from trees and brush. This cutting allows for the town's right of way to be open/clear of obstruction and allows the sunshine to reach the roadway surface and prevent the tree limbs and side growth brush from obstructing the roadways clear zone. The cutting operation consists of the removal of roadside brush or saplings, and overhang which hangs within the right of way. The area which will receive cutting will be within the town's right of way which is usually 33' to 50' in width and is measured from the center of the roadway (ex: 25' from center, 16'6" center) or from stonewall to stonewall, and a height of approximately 14'. Please note that limbs within the 14' height area will be cut back to the limbs base, located at the tree's trunk. This practice has been recommended by a local arborist, who advises that this practice will allow the tree to have a greater opportunity to heal, versus cutting the limb away from the trunk, which will cause the limb to die. We are expecting to conduct cutting on many town roads sometime during the spring, summer and fall months, weather permitting. In preparation we will be flagging the trees slated for cutting. We would ask that if you should have a concern regarding the cutting of trees/limbs adjacent to your property, please contact the Public Works Office at 603-253-7445, so we can review your concerns and our anticipated cutting plan(s.)

ASSESSING DEPARTMENT NEWS

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 2022 represents the fourth year of their 5-year contract. Their contract has three components: the first is a cyclical inspection of all properties, throughout the town. This involves annually measuring and listing (recording key property attributes) approximately 20% of all properties, in each year of the five-year contract; the second component is completing an annual town-wide, statistical update of property values. This process involves an annual revaluation of all taxable and nontaxable properties, using existing data, to arrive at a full and true value as of April 1st, of the given year; the third and final component involves annual property inspections of recently permitted work, such as new construction, renovations, or newly subdivided parcels.

Prior to setting the final values for the 2022 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 as. 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.

RECREATION DEPARTMENT NEWS

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 <https://www.moultonboroughnh.gov/recreation-department>. 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 2 sessions; Session 1 runs from June 1 – July 29 and the Session II from August 1 – September 30. The cost is \$40 per session. Space is limited!

We are offering our full day summer camp not only for year-round Moultonborough children, but seasonal residents as well again this year. Our camp program will run from 8:00am – 4:00pm at Moultonborough Central School for eight weeks, broken into 4 sessions. We will be bringing back field trips this summer! Check out our website for more information.

We are bringing back our Adult Cornhole League for a second year! 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 \$20 per person. Join us for some great fun and comradery!

Our FREE Outdoor Concert Series will run Wednesday evenings starting at 6:00 PM from June 29 – August 24 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 schedule of performers.

Anyone interested in a fitness class this summer, we will have opportunities 5 days a week! We have classes being offered for all ability levels. Find your Zen at yoga with Felicia on Monday's, Wednesday's, and Friday's from 8:15am – 9:15am and tone and stretch will her on Tuesday's from 8:15am – 9:15am. Or you can join Rebecca Curvey and take a "Fitness with a Difference" class on Thursday's from 9:00am – 10:00am. All classes take place at the Recreation Department Building at 10 Holland Street.

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.

Facility Improvements are underway at States Landing Beach. We have reclaimed the swimming area, built a new boat launch and are currently working on the parking for cars and boat trailers. We will be moving forward with the plans to build a pavilion with bathrooms and in the future, we will have a passive park area with a series of walking trails.

LIBRARY NEWS

We are happy to announce this year's **Annual Book Sale** will be **Saturday, July 9 & Sunday, July 10!** Look for more information on the library's website (www.moultonboroughlibrary.org). The library is accepting donations of books in good selling condition. Please no textbooks, nonfiction older than 5 years, magazines, or VHS tapes. We will also accept jigsaw puzzles.

This year's summer reading theme is "**Oceans of Possibilities**" and we are diving into this year with programs for all ages! The library will be using an online reading program for participants to log their reading (similar to last year) and there will be various prizes at the end of the summer! Registration will begin June 20 and people can start logging their reading starting on June 27. The program will end on August 11, and an **Ice Cream Ending Reading Program Celebration** will be held on August 12.

Mark your calendars for these summer programs. Kicking off the summer program, **Steve Blunt**, a NH musician, will be performing on June 24 at 6pm. Steve gets the whole family singing and dancing with his music. On Tuesdays at 1pm (starting June 28), join us for **Trails & Tales**, and after doing a short walk, kids can enjoy an outdoor storytime with Mrs. Gulla. On Fridays at 10:30am, there will be "Oceans of Possibilities" themed **Storytime**. Also, continuing through the summer will be the **Toddler Playtime** on Mondays at 9:30 and **PJ Storytime** on Tuesday nights at 6pm. Every Wednesday there is something different for the older kids to do (Anime, Crafts, Legos and Games). Other special programs include: **Sea Animal Movement with Living Shores Aquarium** on July 7 at 1pm and **Wild About Turtles** on August 10 at 10:30am.

We are also excited to partner with the *Castle in the Clouds* this summer with a special **Storytime at the Castle** on Mondays (starting June 27) at 11am. For high school juniors and seniors, and their parents, we are offering **Crushing Your College Essays** with Renate Gundermann on Tue July 12 & Tue Aug 9 at 6:30pm. For a full list of programs and to register, please go to the library's online calendar.

For adults, we will continue our **Mystery Book Club** (3rd Wed at 10:30am & 7pm); **Culinary Adventures** (2nd Mon at 6pm); Booktalk (2nd Thu at 10:30am) and **Thursday Movie Night** (1st Thu at 6pm). We also are partnering with the *Moultonborough Historical Society* on a NH Humanities Program, **A Walk Back in Time: Secrets of Cellar Holes** on July 19 at 7pm. More programs are expected to be added, so please check the library website and online calendar for a complete listing of programs.

The **Friends of the Moultonborough Public Library** meet the 1st Thursday of month at 10:30am, and welcome new members anytime. The Friends help to support the library's summer reading program, as well as literary projects throughout the year. They are also purchasing museum passes again this year, and to date we have discount passes to the Castle in the Clouds, Squam Lake Science Center and two NH State Parks passes. To reserve your pass ahead of time, go to the library website under Library Services. The **Friends Literary Discussions Series** this spring/summer has focused on theme of "place". On Wed. July 13 at 10:30am, Susan Merrifield will be hosting and leading the discussion of *My Name is Lucy Barton* by Elizabeth Strout. New this year, Lake Life Realty is doing a **fundraising** event for the Friends. Head to Lake Life Headquarters from **11am-2pm on July 12** and purchase some yummy food provided by Mak'n Ends Meat and Tracy Girl Food Trucks.

We have added some new library staff members this year. Please stop by and give a warm welcome to Calista Maccabee, part-time Youth Services Assistant; Jo-Ann Roy, full-time Head of Library Services; and Josianne Fitzgerald, full-time Adult Services & Technology Librarian. We are excited to have them as part of the team. As part of this reorganization, we have changed some of the spaces at the library so they are more youth or adult focused. Library hours are Mon, Wed & Fri from 9:00am – 5:00pm; Tue & Thu from 9:00am – 7:00pm; and Sat 9:00am – 1:00pm. Feel free to contact us by calling 603-476-8896 or emailing library@moultonboroughlibrary.org

HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE DAY

Moultonborough's HHW Day is **Saturday, August 6, 2022** from 8:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. and is being held at the Moultonborough Highway Garage located at 68 Highway Garage Drive, Moultonborough. For more information go to 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 4th 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.**

