



# Moultonborough Town News

**Summer 2021**



## **TOWN HIRES NEW TOWN ADMINISTRATOR**

The Town of Moultonborough hires a new Town Administrator, Charles Smith. Here is a little about him in his own words. Let me start off my introduction by saying "Thank You" to our Board of Selectmen for giving me the opportunity to serve the Moultonborough community. It is a privilege and honor to have the position as Town Administrator and I am grateful to be here.

Prior to becoming the Town Administrator in Moultonborough, NH, I was a Town Administrator and Town Manager for two neighboring communities. Being a Town Manager does provide a bit of a different perspective to the administrative position as your authority and duties are defined by state statute (RSA 37). However, my mission and vision in this position has never changed, as the public health and safety of our community will always be a top priority to me.

In a prior career, I worked in the financial sector, which certainly helps with my career now, but at the time it was not as fulfilling, that is why I chose to go to Northeastern University and earn a master's degree in public administration, I wanted to make a difference and impact lives. And for me that is one of the things I enjoy most about being a Town Administrator and working in the public sector is we bring change, move our community forward and make it a better place.

Last, while I certainly consider working in the public sector to be a meaningful job, it is not individualistic whereas to build a better community it is a team effort. Our success is contingent upon teamwork, transparency, communicating and listening about the issues in town. Therefore, my office is always open please do not hesitate to give me a call or send an email if you have any questions or concerns about town governance.



## **TOWN HIRES NEW EXECUTIVE ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT**

The Town of Moultonborough hires Angela Bovill as an Executive Administrative Assistant. Here is a little about her in her own words. Hello fellow residents! My name is Angela Bovill. I was hired in late December of 2020 as the Executive Administrative Assistant for the Town Administration Office as support to the Board of Selectmen, Town Administrator and Finance Director. This also includes a Human Resource component and Benefits Administrator role. I have lived in Moultonborough for over 26 years, having raised my two daughters in this community. I am a New Hampshire native. My municipal career has spanned 22 years having worked previously for Belknap County and the Town of Gilford. Throughout my career, I have provided an extremely high level of administrative and operational support and the highest performance standards. I have vast knowledge and experience of municipal government operations, accounting, employee benefits, insurance to include workers compensation, property and liability, to name a few. Over the years I have taken numerous trainings through Primex, HealthTrust, NH-DOL, NHMA and other organizations that support municipal government. After serving 22 years in surrounding municipalities, I am very excited to be able to contribute and serve the residents of the Town in which I reside.

## **CONSERVATION COMMISSION NEWS: 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 offered by NH Lakes and partnering local groups that help property owners live in a lake-friendly way. It is free, voluntary, and non-regulatory.

In 2021, LakeSmart will be brought 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!



## TOWN HIRES NEW TOWN ASSESSOR

The Town of Moultonborough hires Thomas Hughes, as the new Town Assessor. Here is a little about him, in his own words. Firstly, I'd like to say that I am very excited to serve as Moultonborough's Town Assessor. I have lived in the Lakes Region for over 20 years and can't think of a better place to live and work.

Throughout my time in the Lakes Region, I have worked in the real estate assessing/appraising field. Prior to working for the Town, I worked for the State of NH, working at the Board of Tax & Land Appeals as the Senior Tax Review Appraiser, at the Department of Revenue Administration, as the Assistant Director of the Municipal & Property Division; and at the Department of Transportation as a Senior Right-of-Way Appraiser. Preceding my time at the State, I worked as manager/owner of a real estate appraisal company, as a senior accountant and as a financial software analyst. I also served as a Captain, in the US Army Reserves.

In NH, I am certified as a Certified New Hampshire Assessor, a Certified General Real Estate Appraiser and a DRA-Certified Property Assessor. I also hold a Certified Public Accountant certification in Illinois. I hold a master's degree in Management: Computer Information Systems, a bachelor's degree in Business Administration: Accounting and an associate's degree in Engineering.

As Town Assessor, I hope to use my skillset to help the taxpayers of Moultonborough better understand a process that is often misunderstood and misrepresented. My goal is to be open and transparent while ensuring that the tax burden, necessary to fund the town budget, is shared fairly and equitably among the taxpayers.

## NEWS FROM ASSESSOR OFFICE

As the new Town Assessor, I plan to continue forward from where Josephine Belville left off. I will continue to assess properties equitably and fairly, both within neighborhoods and throughout the town. I will strive to keep the assessing process transparent, open and in accordance with the New Hampshire Laws and Rules.

Whitney Consulting Group, LLC (WCG) continues their work in town and 2021 represents the midpoint 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. 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 1<sup>st</sup>, 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.

Letters with the 2021 newly established preliminary values 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 them 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 applications for tax exemptions and tax credits, current use & preservation easement enrollment, 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 [www.nhdeeds.com](http://www.nhdeeds.com). 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.

## NEWS FROM THE RECREATION DEPARTMENT

It's been a very different but busy winter and spring, but the Moultonborough Recreation Department is once again offering many great opportunities for citizens and visitors. We are "Bringing Back the FUN in 2021!" Keep up to date with all the happenings that will be offered this summer and fall on our website <https://www.moultonboroughnh.gov/recreation-department>. Some, but not all, are highlighted below:

MRD's adult outdoor pickleball program will run on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 8:00am – 11:00am at Kraine Meadow Park. There will be 2 sessions: June 2 – July 30 and August 2 – October 1. The cost is \$35 per session. Sign up today, as space is limited!

Full day camp will be offered for year-round Moultonborough children. Camp WannaGo will run from 8:30am – 4:00pm at Moultonborough Central School for eight one-week sessions.

**RECREATION DEPARTMENT NEWS continued**

New this year, MRD is offering a 5-week Cornhole League from July 8 – August 5. This program is a chance for adults of all ages to meet new friends and catch up with the old. 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!

On July 23 we will team up with the Library to host a Family Movie Night starting at 8:00pm. As we gather for a fun evening under the stars, we'll begin with lawn games until the sky turns to night. Fun for the whole family. Movie title and more details to come.

MRD's Outdoor Concert Series begins June 30 and runs every Wednesday evening at 6:30 PM thru August 25 at the gazebo at the Moultonborough Function Hall on Old Route 109 (formerly the Lion's Club). Concerts are free, open to the public. Our awesome lineup of local talent will appeal to all ages and a variety of musical tastes.

Our partnership with the Castle in the Clouds has continued to benefit both entities, and therefore, the public. We will offer the Annual Family Fun Day on Saturday, August 14 from 11:00-2:00pm at the Castle in the Clouds. Families will have a fun day exploring the grounds at the Castle in the Clouds by going on a scavenger hunt, playing lawn games, enjoying live entertainment by Tim Hazelton, and even take home a balloon animal made right before your eyes. We have added some great new activities for 2021, including MRD's Family Gaga Pit! The event is free and open to the public. Bring your own picnic or purchase lunch from Cafe in the Clouds!

Facility Improvements are nearly complete at Kraine Meadow Park (pavilion, bathrooms, and two new Bocce courts) and States Landing Beach (reclaimed swimming area, boat launch, parking, and passive park area).

The Moultonborough Recreation Department has many more activities offered than what is listed here – camps, lessons and clinics, adult fitness, youth track and field, youth softball/t-ball, and special events for all – from toddlers through senior citizens. Visit our website for information and like us on FaceBook to see our offerings and updates to programs and events. It's been a challenging year for us all – we hope you'll join us as we Bring Back the Fun in 2021!

**PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT NEWS: 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).

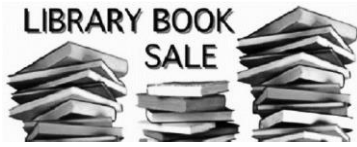
**POLICE DEPARTMENT NEWS: PLEASE - PLEASE - PLEASE**

Please post your street number in large reflective numbers where it can be easily seen at night from both directions. Firefighters, Police and Rescue need to know where you are to be able to render assistance. Struggling to find the right address wastes valuable time.

**HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE DAY**

Moultonborough's Household Hazardous Waste Day is **Saturday, August 7, 2021**, 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](http://www.lakesrpc.org/serviceshhw.asp) or call LRPC at 603-279-5334 or 603-279-5341.

## MOULTONBOROUGH PUBLIC LIBRARY NEWS



The Library's **Annual Book Sale** will be happening this year! Mark your calendars for July 9-11. On Friday night from 6-8pm, there will be a Preview Night (\$20/person) and then on Saturday and Sunday hours will be 9am-3pm. There will be books for all ages, jigsaw puzzles, and DVDs for sale. Please do not drop donations off, as we are not able to accept them at this time.

The Library will be celebrating summer with this year's theme, *Tails & Tales*! All across NH and the country, libraries will be using this theme and we have some great programs planned for all ages. We will be launching the **Summer Reading Program on June 14** where anyone can register. You will be able to start logging minutes or books (depending on age) on June 28. The program will end on August 15, so there is plenty of time to read and log your books online. We are using the READsquared Reading Program again this year. Please check the Library's website ([www.moultonboroughlibrary.org](http://www.moultonboroughlibrary.org)) for all the registration information. The age breakdown for the online summer reading program is PreK (ages 3-5), Children (ages 6-10), Tweens/Teens (ages 11-17) and Adult (18+). Everyone, except the adults will be receiving an award for every 100 minutes read. There will also be fun missions and activities that will also earn them more awards. For the adults, every book read will give you a raffle ticket into our random drawings. The Friends of the Library are helping to fund these and other programs this summer.

This summer there will also be some great programs, including **Fitness Fridays @the Library** (June 4, 18, July 2, 16, Aug 6 & 20), **Tails & Tales themed Story Hours** (Fridays at 10:30am), **Family Friday Flicks** (July 23, & Aug 20), and **Trails & Tales** (Tuesdays at 2:00pm – July 13, 27 and Aug 10 & 24). There will also be a kick-off program on June 28 and an ending program on August 16. We are also excited to announce the Library received its first Summer Learning Grant to allow us to offer a **Stop Motion Workshop** (grades 5-8). We will be registering up to 20 kids, the program will last 6 weeks, and will begin on Thursday, July 15 at 4:00pm. Funding for the NH State Library Summer Learning Grant is provided by the Jack and Dorothy Byrne Foundation and funds administered by the NH State Library and provided by the Institute of Museum and Library Services. More information about all these programs and how to register will be available on the Library's website.

The Library will continue its regular adult programming, with **Culinary Adventures** (June 14, July 12 & Aug 2 at 6:30pm at the library); **Mystery Book Club** (June 16, July 21 & Aug 18 at 10:30am and 7:00pm); and **Book Talk** (July 8 & Aug 12 at 10:30am). The **Friends of the Library Literary Discussion Series** will continue with their theme of "The American Dream". On June 10 at 10:30am, they will be discussing *The Bluest Eye* by Toni Morrison and on July 15 at 11:00am, they will be discussing *Tell Me a Riddle* by Tillie Olsen. Registration is required for all programs. Thanks to the support of the Friends of the Library, museum passes will still be available this year. You can book your reservation up to three (3) months ahead. Please note that some museums require registration and payment before you book the library pass. If you need assistance, please contact the library by phone (476-8895) or email at [library@moultonboroughlibrary.org](mailto:library@moultonboroughlibrary.org).

If you want to make sure not to miss anything going on at the library this summer, please sign up for our eNewsletter and email updates. Sign up at: <https://tinyurl.com/uub63s6k> or go to the Library's Website to sign up. You can also get updates on Facebook and Instagram.

### PARKING, PARKING NOT EVERYWHERE, NOT JUST ANYWHERE

Beach Parking passes are required at all Town Beach/Boat Launch Facilities. They are: Lee's Mills, Long Island Beach and States Landing Beach. Please be sure to have the proper beach parking sticker/pass and observe posted signage particularly in the Long Island Beach area to ensure you do not receive a parking ticket as we enforce our local regulations in an effort to provide safe and adequate parking. You must be a property owner in Moultonborough to purchase these passes. Please call 603-476-2347 for more information.

### 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.**