



# Moultonborough Town News

Fall 2020

## COVID-19 AND YOU, COPING WITH THE VIRUS

The situation in the Lakes Region and New Hampshire has seen improvement since the governor declared a State of Emergency in March. Over the last eight months 72% of the persons affected have been between ages 20-69, women have accounted for 56% of those infected and 87% of the deaths have been of persons 70 years old and over. Through the end of September, Moultonborough has seen 17 cases of the Corona virus affect its residents, including one of the Town's employees. Human coronaviruses most commonly spread from an infected person to others through respiratory droplets, including through the air by coughing and sneezing; close personal contact, such as touching or shaking hands; touching an object or surface with the virus on it, then touching your mouth, nose, or eyes before washing your hands. This is how influenza and other respiratory infections spread.

This period has been difficult and trying for many with social distancing, masks, job losses, working and learning at home. The stress limitation and restrictions are frustrating for everyone, adults, and kids alike. Here are some tips for staying healthy and dealing with stress.

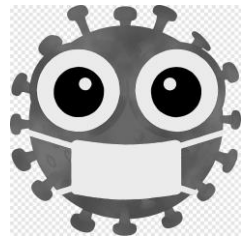
The best way to prevent illness is to avoid being exposed to this virus. Practice these actions to help prevent the spread of this illness:

- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds, if soap and water are not available use a hand sanitizer that is at least 60% alcohol.
- Try to avoid close contact (<6-feet) with people who are sick.
- Social distance whenever possible (at least 6-feet).
- Cover your mouth and nose when around others outside of your normal family unit.
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched surfaces and objects daily.

Common symptoms of COVID-19 include fever, cough, sore throat, runny nose, shortness of breath, fatigue, chills, muscle aches, loss of taste and smell and, in severe cases, difficulty breathing, nausea or vomiting, and diarrhea. If you experience any of these symptoms, contact your PCP or seek medical attention.

Healthy ways to cope with stress:

- Take breaks from watching, reading, or listening to news stories, including those on social media. Hearing about the pandemic repeatedly can be upsetting.
- Take care of your body.
- Take deep breaths, stretch, or meditate external icon.
- Try to eat healthy, well-balanced meals.
- Exercise regularly.
- Get plenty of sleep.
- Avoid excessive alcohol and drug use.
- Make time to unwind. Try to do some other activities you enjoy.
- Connect with others. Talk with people you trust about your concerns and how you are feeling.
- Connect with your community- or faith-based organizations. While social distancing measures are in place, consider connecting online, through social media, or by phone or mail.



## 2021 & 2022 TRANSFER STATION PERMITS

The 2021 & 2022 Transfer Station/Beach Permit will be available to purchase starting December 1, 2020. The cost for each permit is \$20.00. You can purchase the permits at the Town Hall or the Transfer Station during normal business hours. You can also purchase these through the mail by mailing the information listed below to: Moultonborough Town Hall, P.O. Box 139, Moultonborough, NH 03254. Please provide us with your name and physical address in Moultonborough (no P.O. Box #s); your license plate number, the state that it is registered in; a check made payable to the Town of Moultonborough for the correct amount (\$20.00 each); and a return self-addressed stamped envelope to mail the permit to you.



## NEWS FROM THE MOULTONBOROUGH POLICE DEPARTMENT

The Town of Moultonborough hires Richard Stillman to be Moultonborough's new Police Chief. Here is an introduction to who he is in his own words. After serving as the Chief of Police for 13 years in Walpole, Massachusetts and Bridgeton, Maine for five years, I started this past July 1st in Moultonborough. I will make every attempt to get to know the community and its residents even under the current restrictions.

Sergeant Peter Beede celebrated his 24<sup>th</sup> year in law enforcement in January and is a wealth of knowledge assisting the newer officers and the new Chief on the intricacies of policing and the Moultonborough community.

Sergeant Jody Baker received the trilogy award from FBI-LEEDA for completing the required series of leadership courses in September. Jody was promoted to Sergeant in January after many years as the School Resource Officer.

Detective Peter John took over the dynamic assignment of handling prosecution last year.

Master Patrol Officer Elijah Balsler received commendation for his heroic lifesaving of a man in September when he arrived first on the scene for a medical call.

Officer Jaclyn Cortese is staying connected to the community managing the department's Instagram, as well as speed enforcement with getting the radar signs hung in multiple impacted areas.

Officer Christen Cloutier is hard at work at New Hampshire Police Standards and Training in Concord, working toward his full-time police officer certification. We look forward to his return before Christmas this year.

We welcomed Officer Jonathan Michalski, from the New Hampton Police Department, on August 17<sup>th</sup>. Jonnie is a certified NH police officer and had worked in New Hampton for the past three years. He is also a member of the Belknap County Regional Response Team and comes to us with numerous law enforcement qualifications.

We continue to receive part-time patrol support from Officer John Curran Jr., who retired four years ago from New Hampshire State Police.

Dispatcher Jordan Pellowe was promoted to Administrative Assistant on August 31<sup>st</sup>. Jordan has been a part-time dispatcher with the MPD since January and a dispatcher with Wolfeboro Central Dispatch for the past two years. Jordan is also a certified EMT and call firefighter with the Alton Fire/Rescue. Our part-time dispatchers, Samantha MacMillan, Karen Jones, and Linda Eldridge continue to keep us safe through this challenging time.

This year has been a challenge with staffing and an incredibly large number of people who have remained here due to the impact of Covid-19.

We want to thank all residents and visitors for their patience as we all work through the COVID-19 restrictions and hope everyone stays safe and well.

## GOOD NEWS FROM THE MOULTONBOROUGH MILFOIL COMMITTEE

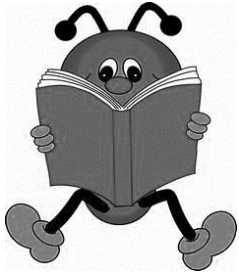


You might think that because of all of the craziness of 2020, that the milfoil program would go down the tubes also.....NOT TRUE! Despite a budget that was cut by 70% from last year, the timing wasn't bad. Fortunately, there are three things that enabled us to come within that budget this year:

1. We had accumulated a balance in the account over the past few years, as we didn't use all of the allocated funds. (The committee had decided to keep asking for the \$200,000 each year IN CASE we should have an emergency year which needed more funding)
2. The new herbicide, Procellacor, that we used for the first-time last year, was quite effective in knocking the milfoil out of some problem areas that we've battled for years.
3. Either we've finally turned the corner on this nasty problem, or it was a bad year for milfoil, because the amounts divers are finding in Lake Winnepesaukee are way down, and the annual DES survey of Lee's Pond found no milfoil!

Despite this good news, we still continue to need your help. As the cost of the milfoil removal decreases, the need for preventative measures takes a front seat, and will require continued funding through your tax dollars. The Lake Host program at the boat ramps monitor invasives going in and out of the lakes in hopes that we can save ourselves from battling another million-dollar nuisance. There's also a great demand for people to work for this program both paid and volunteer. Please contact [lakehosttracy@gmail.com](mailto:lakehosttracy@gmail.com) or call the Town Hall at 476-2347 and let them know that you'd like to volunteer to help control the spread of Invasive Aquatic Plants. Thanks for your continued support!

## MOULTONBOROUGH PUBLIC LIBRARY NEWS



The library is open to the public Monday through Saturday and continues to offer front porch/lobby pickup for reserved materials. We are thankful for all our patrons who have been patient while we adjusted to the current situation with the pandemic. We continue to monitor the situation and offer a safe and healthy environment for staff and the public. We also will continue to offer virtual programs, as well as reintroduce in-person programs to reach as many people as possible. We also are working with our community organizations, Moultonborough schools and town departments on collaborations and partnerships to enhance what we are able to offer.

**General Library News:** We said goodbye to Nancy McCue as she (and Molly) retired this past June. **Deb Hoadley** joined us as the new library director on June 15, 2020. Deb and her family moved permanently to Freedom, NH two years ago. Previously, she was the director at the Sandown Public Library and is an independent library consultant advising libraries in New England on strategic planning, leadership and management skills, customer service and strengthening community engagement and partnerships. She is very excited to be working so close to home and looks forward to bring fresh, new ideas and continue to provide excellent service and programs for the residents of Moultonborough. She wants to meet and hear from you – please email her at [director@moultonboroughlibrary.org](mailto:director@moultonboroughlibrary.org) or call the library at 476-2504.

The library is offering **technology assistance** to anyone who needs help with smart devices, setting up emails, and learning how to use technology. Patrons may sign up for one-to-one help for limited sessions. Please call the library to schedule an appointment.

The library has started to circulate **unique items**. Want to learn to play the ukulele? We have one you can borrow. Want to look at the stars? We have a telescope. Want to fix something to the wall? We have a stud finder. Want to watch one of our free DVDs you can check out? We have a DVD player. Want to make mini donuts/cakes or candies? We have some fun molds you can use. The library also has outside games including Bocce ball, Slammo, Ring Toss, and giant Connect Four, Jenga blocks, and giant checkers. If you have a library card, you can borrow any of these items.

**Adult Program News:** The library continues to offer **Book Talk** on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of the month at 10:30am. The Friends of the Library will be sponsoring their **Literary Series** again this spring, so please stay tuned for the book selections and dates. There is a brand new **Mystery Book Club** on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of the month at 10:30am and 7pm. **Culinary Adventures** will be on the 1<sup>st</sup> Monday of the month at 6:30pm. This program will be a combination of learning more about cooking methods, regional cooking, various chefs and hopefully getting together to enjoy a themed meal. Photographers (all levels) can join us for the **Go Slow Photography Club** meeting the 4<sup>th</sup> Monday of the month at 11:00am. All these programs require registration so we can plan accordingly.

We are also scheduling humanity and interest programs, so stay tuned for more to come in 2021! If you have something you would like to learn more about or come together with other like-minded folks, please contact the library to let us know.



**Children's Room News:** The Summer Reading Program's theme this year was "Imagine Your Story" and we had all ages participate in the library's online summer reading program and attend virtual programs via Zoom and Facebook Live. With the generosity of the Friends of the Library, we were able to provide gift cards to five local establishments for winners of the Adult Summer Reading drawing. There was also a Pool Noodle Competition and had some very creative submissions by families. The winner won a gift card for ice cream at the Ice House. Next year's theme is "Tails and Tales" focusing on animals and stories.

The library is offering both in-person and virtual programs for children and teens at this time. Some virtual programs are via Zoom and some are on Facebook Live. There are also video story times and crafts on the Children's Page of the library's website. **Story Times** are held on Tuesdays at 6pm and Fridays at 11am.

Please check the library's online calendar (<http://www.moultonboroughlibrary.org>) for an updated list of what is happening. In order to manage and plan for these programs, we are asking people to register.



## SANTA FUND NEWS

The Moultonborough Public Library is committed to working with the community to help brighten the holidays for local children. Over 25 years ago, the Moultonborough Volunteer Fire Department Auxiliary started the Santa Fund to support eligible families in the town of Moultonborough during the holiday season.

After the dissolution of the Auxiliary, the library took up the responsibility to keep this important service going. The Santa Fund Committee is made up of library staff volunteers and other dedicated town residents. The goal of the Santa Fund is to provide boots, jackets, requested clothing, toys, gifts and books for children up to the age of 16 who are eligible for the program.

This year we are asking for monetary donations that will be held in custodial trust by the Moultonborough Trustees of the Trust Funds. Checks should be made to the Santa Fund and can be mailed or dropped off to the library. We are also asking for unwrapped, new toys to be dropped off at the library. For more information, please call the library at 476-8895. Thank you in advance for helping us make the holidays special for the children of Moultonborough.

## MOULTONBOROUGH RECREATION DEPARTMENT NEWS

As Fall turns to Winter the Moultonborough Recreation Department continues to work on offering a wide variety of activities, events and programs for residents and visitors of all ages. The Adult Pickleball program has moved inside at the Meredith Community Center and is being run in conjunction with the Meredith Parks & Recreation Department. Check out our Community Holiday Decorating Challenge which is currently running through this Holiday season for businesses and residences. At the time of this writing, we are planning to offer a youth skating program as well as our annual community skating and sledding events. Our indoor programs and bus trips remain uncertain as our community continues to be challenged by the Covid-19 Pandemic. We hope to bring back our indoor programs and events when possible.

Be sure to check us out on the Town's website for updates by clicking on the Recreation Dept. tab under Department's and Boards. You can also find us on Facebook.

## NEWS FROM THE ASSESSOR'S OFFICE

This has been another exciting year for our office! We converted our assessing data from the Vision assessing program to the Avitar assessing program. Whitney Consulting Group (WCG) completed the 2020 update and 20% cyclical work. The results of the preliminary update show a 7.1% increase in values. The update was based on 270 qualified sales from April 1, 2018 to March 31, 2020, (84 of which were residential waterfront properties.) Our goal as town assessor is to continue assessing properties within the town equitably and fairly with your neighbors in accordance with the New Hampshire Laws and keep the assessing process transparent and open.

I will be retiring as of January 2021. In the coming year 2021 we plan to continue the cyclical revaluation, with WCG visiting 20% of the town, this includes measuring all the buildings to ensure dimensions and data are correct. They will attempt to gain interior access to ensure the data (bedroom, bathroom count, heat etc.) is accurate. We plan to update values again in 2021 to keep up with the current market values as of April 1.

You can download many different forms and applications from the Towns website. Tax maps and property record cards are posted on the Towns website; Tax & GIS Maps; Documents & Links, Property Card. 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 call our office if we can assist you in any way. We look forward to continuing working with you and for you.

## NEWS FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS



The Highway crew would ask all residents to please check your roadside mailboxes to help minimize the chance of mailbox damage by the wing plow and the winter plowing operation. This can be done by checking that the mailbox is at least 42" above the roadway surface when the mailbox door is open, and that the mailbox support be three feet off the edge of the edge of the pavement or traveled surface. These guidelines can be found under the Public Works web page on the Town's website by clicking on Department & Boards, then clicking on Public Works, under additional links, click on Suggestions for Placement of Roadside Mailboxes. The department also has a web based "Service Request Form." This form assists the various divisions in responding more efficiently to service requests made by the residents.

We would like to thank our "Adopt-a-Spot" gardeners, for their beautiful flower beds at our facilities and Town line borders. We would also like to thank our "Adopt-a-Facility" participants for their adoption of the mowing and trimming efforts at our public buildings. If you have any concerns, questions or complaints, please feel free to contact the DPW office at 603-253-7445, via e-mail at [dpw@moultonboroughnh.gov](mailto:dpw@moultonboroughnh.gov), or by stopping by the Highway Garage.