



Moultonborough Town News

Summer 2017

A NOTE FROM THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN

After a long and challenging winter season that culminated with Super Storm Stella, we wish you a safe, relaxing, and enjoyable summer season!

ASSESSOR NEWS

It is with mixed emotions that I write my last Assessor newsletter. By the time most of you receive this, I will be totally retired. After working the last twelve months on a part-time basis, the time has come to join many of you in retirement. As I leave, I hope you found that I was always fair and open minded, were assessed equitably with your neighbors and the assessing process has been transparent and open.

After the March storm, Stella, that hit the area and town particularly hard, a number of properties suffered damage due to falling trees. Using a number of sources, we were able to find property owners and help many of these taxpayers by temporarily reducing their assessments.

Vision Government Solutions, our assessing contractor, will be completing a statistical update of values again this year. The update process involves analyzing the recent qualified sales and comparing the sale price to the assessed value. The results of this analysis are used to adjust the land and building values of all other properties in town. Vision will also be completing the program to measure the exterior improvements of properties on a cyclical basis. We will send out letters soon to those we could not reach to complete an interior inspection so that we can verify the interior features (number of rooms, bedrooms, baths, flooring, type of heat, basement finish, etc.). This year, most of the properties inspected were in Suissevale and Bald Peak, plus the surrounding rural areas. Vision personnel have also inspected all properties that had an open building permit or sold within the last year. If your property is included in this list, and they were not able to inspect the interior, you will receive a letter requesting that you call to schedule an inspection. These interior inspections will be scheduled in late June and early July when more property owners are in town. Please help us to keep fair and equitable assessments by calling us for an inspection. Without accurate information on the physical attributes of the property, we cannot accurately assess all properties.

This year we are also able to offer a Veterans Credit to a larger number of Veterans with the adoption of RSA 72:28-b, the All Veterans Tax Credit. This credit is available to any resident, or spouse or surviving spouse who served not less than 90 days on active service in the armed forces and was honorably discharged or an officer honorably separated from services and is not eligible under RSA 72:28 or 72:35.

We have quite a bit of useful information available on our website. You can download many different forms and applications for a wide array of assessing functions. You can also view tax maps, your property record card or link to the Vision on-line database. The Carroll County Registry of Deeds is also now on-line! You can search for recorded documents at www.nhdeeds.com.

Feel free to call us, if we can assist you to access our website. Again, I thank you all for your kindness through the years. I will miss you.

PARKING, PARKING NOT EVERYWHERE, NOT JUST ANYWHERE

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.

JULY 4TH PARADE INFORMATION



Happy 4th of July!

This year the July 4th Parade will be held on Tuesday, July 4th. The parade will begin at 11:00AM starting at the Moultonborough Academy on Blake Road and will proceed to the Lion's Club via Old Route 109.

ZONING ORDINANCE CHANGES ADOPTED AT TOWN MEETING



Two 2017 Zoning Changes Adopted By Moultonborough Voters

The first zoning ordinance adopted by vote is a state requirement to provide Accessory Dwelling Units (ADU's) under RSA 674:71-73. An ADU is a complete subordinate dwelling residence attached to or integrated within an existing single family dwelling. This type of additional dwelling unit will provide opportunities for more diverse affordable housing for caregivers of elderly adults who wish to stay in their homes, single parents, recent college grads, and individuals who are not financially ready for home ownership.

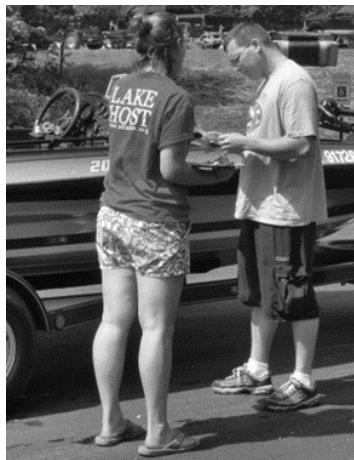
Here are some key points regarding an ADU.

- The lot must be a legal lot of record.
- The lot contains only one existing single-family dwelling which is a conforming use.
- The lot contains no other accessory dwelling residence(s).
- An ADU shall comply with all the development standards for a single-family dwelling including, but not limited to, setbacks, height limits and lot coverage (for lots in the Comprehensive Shore Land Protection Zone).
- The maximum size of an ADU shall not exceed 1,000 sq. ft. in area.
- There shall be no more than two bedrooms in an ADU.
- No more than four persons shall occupy an ADU.
- The owner must reside in the principal dwelling or the ADU as their primary residence.

The second zoning ordinance adopted by vote is the adoption of a Village Center Overlay District (VCOD). This is the result of input from the community on several forward looking village development proposals including; The Village Vision Survey and Report, the Master Plan Citizen Survey, and other public input sessions that took place over the past five years. The VCOD encourages the development of the Moultonborough Village Center in a manner consistent with its historic patterns. It provides an extensive table of uses allowed as Standard or Permitted as a Conditional Use (CUP). Through the use of density incentives, the VCOD encourages development in the context of a traditional New England Village.

The zoning specifics for an ADU and the VCOD can be found in the recently updated Town Zoning Ordinance on the town web site at <http://www.moultonboroughnh.gov>.

MILFOIL NEWS



Milfoil: The invasive weed that can choke our Lakes and our Economy!

Left un-checked, the invasive aquatic species known as Milfoil can quickly grow and make swimming hazardous, boating difficult, and it upsets the balance of our water eco-systems. It also has a negative impact on property values causing everyone's taxes to rise. It takes considerable effort to keep this weed controlled in our lakes, ponds and streams. Essential to this effort are volunteers.

Lake Hosts perform courtesy inspections of boats and trailers at the public launch ramps in town during the summer months to prevent the spread of Milfoil and other invasive aquatic plants and animals. Lake Hosts also help educate NH boaters and visitors about how to prevent the spread of these unwanted hitchhikers. If you like meeting people and can spare a half day on a Saturday or Sunday once a month in June, July and August, contact us by email at Lakehosttracy@gmail.com or call the Town Hall at 476-2347 and tell the receptionist you'd like to volunteer as a Lake Host. We'll provide the training and mentoring to get you up to speed!

Weed Watchers utilize their personal recreation watercraft such as canoes, kayaks and paddleboards to survey assigned areas in their waterfront neighborhoods and report on Milfoil growth. This important data is used to track and schedule mitigation harvesting by professionals licensed by the NH Department of Environmental Services. If you have interest in being a Weed Watcher in your local area 4 to 6 times during the summer months, we will be happy to train you. Please contact weedwatchers.moultonborough@gmail.com or simply call the Town Hall at 476-2347 and tell the receptionist you'd like to volunteer as a Milfoil Weed Watcher. Your interest and participation in this important program is greatly appreciated.



MOULTONBOROUGH SCHOOL NEWS

#6 in New Hampshire Rankings / #1894 in National Rankings

Moultonborough Academy is ranked 6th within New Hampshire. Students have the opportunity to take Advanced Placement® course work and exams. The AP® participation rate at Moultonborough Academy is 41 percent. The student body makeup is 52 percent male and 48 percent female, and the total minority enrollment is 4 percent. Moultonborough Academy is the only high school in the Moultonborough School District.

School Data: 91% Graduation Rate, 29.5 College Readiness, Silver Medal Awarded.



Moultonborough Academy was one of 433 school districts in the U.S. and Canada honored by the College Board with placement on the 7th Annual AP® District Honor Roll. MA was one of nine high schools in New Hampshire. To be included on the 7th Annual Honor Roll, MA, since 2014, increased the number of students participating in AP while also increasing or maintaining the percentage of students earning AP Exam scores of 3 or higher. Reaching these goals shows that this district is successfully identifying motivated, academically prepared students who are ready for AP.

MOULTONBOROUGH SCHOOL DISTRICT (MSD) SUPPORTS MUSIC AND PERFORMANCE

Students in MSD participate in music classes beginning in kindergarten, chorus beginning in 3rd grade, and band beginning in 4th grade. In March, Moultonborough Academy students performed *SHREK, The Musical*. In April, Moultonborough Central students performed, *Annie Get Your Gun*. Student performances were amazing, and we are grateful to the town for supporting a strong music and theater programs for our students.



RECREATION DEPARTMENT NEWS



Mark your calendars for Saturday, July 15th (rain date – Sunday, July 16th) at 11:00 AM as we celebrate the 40th anniversary of the Moultonborough Recreation Area, aka the Playground and Playground Drive. As part of the celebration we will officially re-dedicate and re-name the park in honor of Peter and Rose Kraine, whose generous donation of the land with the intent of it being made into a park, not only created the park, but was the catalyst for the creation of the Moultonborough Recreation Dept. The current Board of Selectmen voted on March 30th to name the park Kraine Meadow Park in honor of Peter and Rose and their generous donation.



In addition, we have a summer chock full of events, camps, activities, concerts, trips, tournaments, programs, lessons and celebrations for all – from toddlers through senior citizens. Our summer brochure is available on our website at www.moultonboroughnh.gov and in hard copy at the Recreation Dept., Library, Town Hall and various other locations around town.

Our outdoor concert series runs every Wednesday evening beginning at 6:30PM from June 28th through Aug. 9th. They are free and open to the public; appeal to all ages, and are held at the gazebo at the former Lion's Club.

LIBRARY NEWS

We are planning for another busy summer here at the library. Our special programs already scheduled include: New England Quilts and the Stories They Tell, a NH Humanities presentation with expert Pam Weeks on June 13 and Hiking Historical NH: Five Destinations that Define NH's Past with local hiker and Laconia Daily Sun journalist Gordon Dubois on June 15. We'll have a Patriotic Songs Sing-a-Long with musician Ramblin' Richard on July 6. Galileo Galilei, the Starry Messenger (in the form of NH Humanities Council historical re-enactor Michael Frank) will be here on July 12th to lecture on "his most recent discoveries made using his newly devised spyglass." Immediately following the program, the NH Astronomical Society will hold a Skywatch at the library with several telescopes on hand for patrons to view the night sky. One of our most popular presenters returns on Friday, July 14. Chef Liz Barbour (Creative Feast) will demonstrate how to cook two delicious recipes for everyone to taste, and will autograph her newly published cookbook. On July 20th Will Broussard discusses Life and Work at the Mount Washington Observatory (Home of the World's Worst Weather). Professor Robert Goodby examines the history of the state's first inhabitants, the Abenaki, in his program: 12,000 Years Ago in the Granite State on August 2. Author Dan Szczesny will share adventures from his book Mosquito Rain: Alaskan Travel Essays in "terrifying and beautiful Alaska; a land of equal parts danger and wonder" on August 15th. Scholar Peg Fargo tells the fascinating story of the Mill Girls of New England and the key role they played in the Industrial Revolution on August 21. This program is in conjunction with the Moultonborough Recreation Department's bus trip to the mills in Lowell, MA.

The library's fabulous summer Book Sale will be held on July 1 – 2 this year. Thousands of books are already waiting for new homes. Our regular groups continue to meet at the library: Coloring for Adults on Tuesdays at 10:30AM; Stitch 'n' Chat on Fridays at 10:30AM; Evening of Poetry on the first Tuesday of every month at 7:30PM. Everyone is welcome to drop in to any of these groups. Our dynamic Friends of the Library group will sponsor a Literary Adventure to South Berwick, Maine on June 22. They will visit author Sarah Orne Jewett's House and Museum and the nearby Hamilton House (both National Historic Landmarks). The Friends also continue their popular book discussion series on July 20 with Learning to Drive with Vermont author Mary Hays. As always, our internet access is accessible 24/7, and we have a wide variety of free computer classes and one-on-one sessions available. See you at the library!

Storytime

CHILDREN'S LIBRARY NEWS

We are looking forward to a fun filled summer! Our Summer Reading Program theme this year is Build a Better World. I am excited to announce N.H. Libraries will again be sponsored this year by The Boston Bruins! Every child will receive a Bruins poster and is eligible for larger Bruins prizes. This program promotes reading for fun with a chance to win passes to area attractions, T-shirts etc... Programs this summer include a Magic Show, Science, Dance, live animals, music, crafts and many stories! The Recreation Dept. will be co-hosting a Sing-A-Long with the library, a night full of music, dancing and snacks! Story Times with special guest readers and Lego Club will continue through the summer months. Thank you to the Friends of MPL for all their support.

LIBRARY TECHNOLOGY NEWS

If you are interested in learning more about your smart devices (iPhones, iPads, tablets, smartphones or laptops), sign up for one of our Technology Classes! Classes are scheduled every Tuesday to review iPhones and iPads, and Wednesdays we offer an assortment of classes, including Microsoft Office Suite, (which includes Word, Excel and Publisher), Learning about Apps, Windows 10 for Beginners and more. Class sizes are limited to eight, so please register in advance and ask to use one of our tablets or laptops, if needed. Check our website, www.moultonboroughtlibrary.org for a schedule of upcoming classes.

Don't forget about our drop-in Technology Users Group on Mondays, where you can share what you know or ask a question about your device. Or our One on One scheduled appointments for personalized instruction. Please call the library to schedule an appointment at 476-8895.

HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE DAY

Saturday, August 5, 2017

8:30AM - 12:00PM at the Highway Garage
68 Highway Garage Drive, Moultonborough



For more information please contact
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REMAINING 2017 HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

Independence Day	Tuesday, July 4 th
Labor Day	Monday, September 4 th
Columbus Day	Monday, October 9 th
Veteran's Day	Friday, November 10 th
Thanksgiving Day	Thursday, November 23 rd
Day After Thanksgiving	Friday, November 24 th
Christmas Day	Monday, December 25th

