



# Moultonborough Town News

Summer 2025

## NEWS FROM TOWN CLERK

Introducing Moultonborough's first ever Top Dog: *Hank!* Last year the Town Clerk's office began its Top Dog contest, which is a two-part contest consisting of the following:



**Dog of the Month Drawing:** Each month, the Town Clerk's office selects a tag number that was issued between January 1<sup>st</sup> and April 30<sup>th</sup> using a random number generator. This lucky canine (if the owner accepts) will have their photo and bio hanging in the Town Clerk's office for the whole month and will be entered as a candidate in the Dog of the Year Election!

**Dog of the Year Election:** Early each year, the Town Clerk's office and Moultonborough Central School organize a mock election where Fifth Graders elect a Dog of the Year using the Dogs of the Month as candidates on a ballot! The winner will have their photo and bio hanging in the Town Clerk's office for the year and win a gift basket made up of dog-themed items generously donated by local sponsors such as Meadow Pond Animal Clinic, Interware Development, and 603 Paws!

**Per state law, all dogs four months of age and older must be licensed *annually* with the Town Clerk by April 30<sup>th</sup>.** If you'd like your pup to be entered into next year's contest, don't wait for a visit from the Police Department to license them—purchase your tag on time and they may be our next Top Dog! For any questions, please reach out to the Town Clerk's office at (603) 476-2347 or [TownClerk@MoultonboroughNH.gov](mailto:TownClerk@MoultonboroughNH.gov)

## HERITAGE COMMISSION NEWS

The Moultonborough Community Planning Survey is now online via the Heritage Commission webpage. This survey provides critical documentation to help guide Planning and other Land Use decisions in the future, with its town-wide inventory of significant historic buildings and sites, which are broadly understood as the irreplaceable resources that define Moultonborough's character and overall cultural landscape.

As outlined by RSA 674:44, the Heritage Commission is responsible to survey and inventory the historical and cultural resources of the town. Survey work was identified as a priority project by the Historical & Cultural Resources chapter of Moultonborough's Master Plan in 2021.

The Heritage Commission's first town-wide historical resources survey was completed in 2024 in collaboration with architectural historian and preservation consultant Mae Williams. This project was conducted in phases (field work and photography, research and documentation, and the preparation of 90+ individual property surveys, database, and a final report with recommendations for areas of further study).

Links to the Community Survey Report 2024 and Historical Resources Survey List 2024 are now live. A searchable Heritage map layer is also live on the Town's Tax Cards/GIS maps system, where individual property surveys are available by address or by clicking on the map image.

Comments, suggested edits and additions are most welcome; please e-mail the Moultonborough Heritage Commission at [heritage@moultonboroughnh.gov](mailto:heritage@moultonboroughnh.gov)

## COMMUNITY HOUSING OPEN HOUSE

You're invited! June 11th, 4:30 p.m.- 6:30 p.m. at the Moultonborough Public Library.

Learn about Moultonborough's unique housing challenges and opportunities. Provide input at this event and help shape the next steps forward!

Come learn about, and help us plan, the future of housing in Moultonborough!

*This initiative is organized by the Moultonborough Planning Board and funded by a Housing Opportunity Planning (HOP) Grant from the New Hampshire Housing Finance Authority. For more information, please visit: <https://tinyurl.com/Moultonborough-HOP> or take a photo of the QR code!*



## PUBLIC SAFETY REMINDERS

With summer fast approaching, Moultonborough Fire-Rescue would like to provide our residents with a few reminders:

**CALL 911 FOR EMERGENCIES:** In the event of an emergency call 9-1-1, not the fire station. Crews may be on another call or off-site doing training or inspections. By calling 9-1-1, your call is dispatched in the timeliest manner, getting help to you as quickly as possible.

**ADDRESS NUMBERS:** Help us help you! All residential and commercial buildings must be numbered with digits at least 4" high (Ordinance #20: Building Numbering System). These numbers should be easily visible from both directions of travel. Island buildings must also display assigned numbers conspicuously and legibly year-round, even when viewed from the water. We can't help you if we can't find you.

**BURN PERMITS:** Burn permits are required for ALL outside burning of wood. Stop by the station or visit <https://nh.burnsafeamerica.com/> to obtain your permit before burning and follow the fire danger by visiting <https://www.nhdf.lncr.nh.gov/forest-protection/daily-fire-danger>.



**ALARM REGISTRATIONS:** Residents and businesses having an alarm system that signals fire or police presence due to hazard must register their alarm with the Town of Moultonborough by Town ordinance (Ordinance #12: Nuisance/False Alarms). Visit the Town of Moultonborough's website or contact the Fire Department to obtain an Automated Signal Device Permit to register your system. Permits should be updated and returned to the Fire Department whenever contact information, emergency contacts, alarm companies or ownership of the property changes. This form allows our department to contact the appropriate party quickly in the event of an emergency at your home or business.

**SUPRA KEY BOXES:** Supra Key Boxes are small heavy duty metal boxes that are affixed to or nearby a home or business and are only accessible to Fire and Police personnel. This box locks up a key or code and allows authorized personnel to quickly access the property in the event of an emergency without causing damage. For residents who have an alarm system that was registered after June 13<sup>th</sup>, 2003, the installation of a Supra Key Box is mandatory per Town ordinance (Ordinance #12: Nuisance/False Alarms). This Supra Key Box is also available to those who do not have an alarm system but would like peace of mind of knowing Fire and Police personnel can access their home quickly in an emergency. Supra Key Boxes can be purchased from the Fire Department for \$100.00. Installation and maintenance on the box are free as well as any key swaps needed as codes and keys change.

Our station is now staffed 24 hours a day, 7 days a week! Contact the station with any questions and concerns you may have. We are happy to help!

**THE POLICE DEPARTMENT** would like to remind residents of the following town ordinances: Parking is restricted at Long Island Beach and States Landing Beach to those vehicles displaying a current two-year Town of Moultonborough Transfer Station/Beach Permit or Town of Moultonborough Guest Pass, which may be obtained by town residents/taxpayers at the Town of Moultonborough Town Hall, located at 6 Holland Street, or the Moultonborough Transfer Station, located at 253 Holland Street. Vehicles displaying the current Town of Center Harbor Facility Use and Beach Permit may also park at Long Island Beach and States Landing Beach. This restriction applies at Long Island Beach and States Landing Beach from MEMORIAL DAY to LABOR DAY each year and will be strictly enforced during this timeframe. Violations will result in a fine of \$75.00 (Moultonborough Town Ordinance #4).

Trailer parking at Long Island Beach is allowed Monday through Friday from 5:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. until Dusk. Trailer parking at Long Island Beach is prohibited Monday through Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Trailer parking is prohibited on Weekends and Holidays. Violations will result in a fine for \$50.00 for Prohibited Parking (Moultonborough Town Ordinance #8).

Parking is restricted at Lees Mill Boat Launch year-round to those vehicles displaying a current two-year Town of Moultonborough Transfer Station/Beach Permit or Town of Moultonborough Guest Pass. Violations will result in a fine for \$50.00 for Prohibited Parking (Moultonborough Town Ordinance #8).

Drinking in Public Ordinance applies to any way, public street, public highway, public sidewalk, public wharf, municipal park, municipal beach or any public or private parking lot which is primarily for the benefit of paying customers, within the limits of the Town of Moultonborough. (Moultonborough Town Ordinance #9).

The hours for the Unnecessary Noise Ordinance are from 10:00 p.m. to 7:00 a.m. Sunday through Thursday and 12:00 a.m. to 7:00 a.m. Friday and Saturday (and Sundays during a three-day weekend), except for construction or repairing of buildings, blasting, pile drivers, hammers, engine repair, and domestic power equipment, which are from 6:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. (Moultonborough Town Ordinance #10).

Jumping Off Bridge Ordinance applies to Long Island Bridge and will be strictly enforced. (Moultonborough Town Ordinance #11). Black Cat Island Bridge is owned by the Black Cat Island Civic Association and is private property and is posted as such. The association does not want individuals to jump from their bridge and will be strictly enforced by the Moultonborough Police Department.

Display of "consumer fireworks" is limited to the hours between 12 noon and 10:00 p.m., with the exception of the 4<sup>th</sup> of July, the hours being 12 noon to 12 midnight, and the 31<sup>st</sup> of December, the hours being 12 noon to 15 minutes past midnight on the 1<sup>st</sup> of January. (Moultonborough Town Ordinance #22).

With the influx of residents and guests during the summer, the Police Department would like to remind everyone to drive responsibly and that officers will actively be patrolling and enforcing motor vehicle laws to keep our community safe.

Make sure to come visit the Police Department and Fire-Rescue Department at Castle in the Clouds on Tuesday, August 5<sup>th</sup>, 2025, for our 2<sup>nd</sup> National Night Out event. Enjoy your summer here in Moultonborough.

## LIBRARY NEWS



This year's Annual Book Sale will be Friday, July 11<sup>th</sup>, 4 p.m. to 7 p.m., and Saturday, July 12<sup>th</sup>, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Look for more information on the library's website ([www.moultonboroughlibrary.org](http://www.moultonboroughlibrary.org)). The library is accepting donations of books, puzzles, DVDs and board games in good selling condition. Please no textbooks, nonfiction older than 10 years, magazines, or VHS tapes. We will not accept smelly or moldy books.

This year's summer reading theme is "Color Your World" and we are diving into this year with programs for all ages. Children will have a paper log where they will color in a doodle for every 20 minutes of reading. Adults will get a raffle ticket for every time they come into the library to check out a book (not DVDs - it's a summer READING program after all.) There will be various prizes at the end of the summer, including fabulous themed baskets for the adults, as well as the very popular dog tags for our younger patrons.

Registration for the 2025 Summer Reading Program (SRP) begins June 30<sup>th</sup> with an in-person sign in at 6 p.m. The program will run until August 18<sup>th</sup>, with a summer's end party and a celebration of 1,000 Books by Kindergarten on August 20<sup>th</sup>.

The Summer Reading Program will also feature many fun and exciting events. **Beth Green the Music Lady** will perform on July 14<sup>th</sup>, 9:30 a.m. **Tom Knight and his music puppets** will be at the July 30<sup>th</sup> Summer Music Series at 6 p.m. **Cartoonist Ryan L. Higgin** will be teaching kids how to draw comic book characters on August 6<sup>th</sup> at 2 p.m.

We will be partnering with Castle in the Clouds again for the **Storytime at the Castle** on Mondays at 11 a.m., starting on June 23<sup>rd</sup>, and with the NH Boat Museum offering **Stories at the NH Boat Museum** monthly through September on the second Thursday of the month, at 11 a.m. We will be partnering again with the Moultonborough Rec Department to offer **Tod Squad**, a summer camp experience for toddlers on Fridays, July 18<sup>th</sup> to August 8<sup>th</sup>, 9:30a.m. to 10:30 a.m. Families must register their toddlers for Tod Squad with the Rec Department as they will be collecting a small fee for the program.

**4H Science** returns this year as well, with an open house on June 16<sup>th</sup>, 5:30 p.m. As in previous years, the 4H Science series will be offered in two sessions, one for children 5 to 8, and one for children 9 to 13, on Monday afternoons July 7<sup>th</sup> through August 4<sup>th</sup>.

Continuing through the summer will be our regularly scheduled youth programs: **Toddler Playtime** on Mondays at 9:30 a.m., **PJ Storytime on Tuesday** nights at 6 pm, and **Baby Time - Board Books & Nursery Rhymes** on Wednesdays, 9:30 a.m.

For adults, we will continue our **Mystery Book Club** on the third Wednesday at 10:30 a.m., **Book Talk** on the second Thursday at 10:30 a.m., **Craft and Chat** on Tuesdays, 5:00 p.m., and **Friday Stitchers** on Fridays, 10 a.m. **The Evening Page Turners** meets on the fourth Thursday at 5:30 p.m. Moultonborough resident **Ana Hebra-Flaster** will be discussing her memoir, *Property of the Revolution: From a Cuban Barrio to a New Hampshire Mill Town*, on June 26<sup>th</sup>, 6 p.m. Following on the success of the Ty Gagne presentation, Colonel Bill Moran will present **Extreme Flight Search: Behind the scenes with a Civil Air Patrol and Rescue Pilot** on July 1<sup>st</sup>, 7 p.m. Moran, a New Hampshire resident, was the pilot for the air mission to help find Kate Matrosova, which was detailed in Ty Gagne's 2017 book, *Where You Will Find Me*. 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 will be hosting their fund-raising House Tour on June 11<sup>th</sup>, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tickets are 45 dollars and can be purchased at the library. The Friends meet the first Thursday of the month at 10 a.m., 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 also fund museum passes, and to date we have discount passes to the Castle in the Clouds, Squam Lake Science Center, Currier Museum of Art, Isabella Gardner Museum and the New England Aquarium, among others. To reserve your pass ahead of time, go to the library website under Library Services.

Library hours are Mon, Wed & Fri from 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.; Tue & Thu from 9:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.; and Sat 9:00 a.m. – 1:00p.m. Feel free to contact us by calling 603-476-8896 or emailing [library@moultonboroughlibrary.org](mailto:library@moultonboroughlibrary.org).

Follow us on Facebook and Instagram. We are @moultonboroughpubliclibrary on both platforms.

## ONLINE PERMITTING COMING SOON!

In response to the needs of builders and landowners, the Board of Selectmen and the Land Use Office have contracted with Spatial Data Logic (SDL), a leading provider of municipal management software, to provide an online building permitting and inspection module which will allow homeowners and contractors to apply for permits, submit digital plans and forms, schedule inspections and make payments, all online.

Headquartered in Somerset, New Jersey, Spatial Data Logic serves over 230 government agencies and 5 million citizens. Spatial Data Logic's software streamlines municipal operations, increasing transparency and enhancing citizen services. This partnership will help Town staff become more effective in managing various services such as licensing, registrations, complaints, permitting, and inspections. Rather than manually entering details of each new request, services will now also be accessible online.

Processing fees for online payments will be comparable to those in other Town Departments (i.e., 3 % for credit cards, \$1.50 for electronic checks). The Land Use Office anticipate a "go-live" date on June 15<sup>th</sup>, 2025 if not sooner.

## 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 events we are offering this spring, summer and fall on our website. Some, but not all, are highlighted below:

Our FREE Outdoor Concert Series will run Wednesday evenings starting at 6:00 p.m. from June 25<sup>th</sup> – August 13<sup>th</sup> (rain date on August 20<sup>th</sup>) 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.

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 2 games each week. Only \$30 per person. Join us for some great fun and comradery!

We are 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! You will play 1 to 2 games a week either at Kraine Meadow Park or Moultonborough Academy.

Our Totally Toddlers program is back and is running on Fridays from 9:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. here at the Rec. Dept. It's a perfect place for parents to meet up with their toddlers and burn off some energy and socialize.

We are offering our adult outdoor pickleball program on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays from 8:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. at Kraine Meadow Park. We will have 4 sessions; Session 1: June 2<sup>nd</sup> – June 30<sup>th</sup>, Session 2: July 2<sup>nd</sup> – July 30<sup>th</sup>, Session 3: August 1<sup>st</sup> – August 29<sup>th</sup> & Session 4: September 3<sup>rd</sup> – September 29<sup>th</sup>. The cost is \$3/day for residents and \$5/day for non-residents. Space is limited!

We are offering our full day REcking Crew summer program again this year. Our summer program runs from 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. at Kraine Meadow Park! We will be going on offsite field trips on Wednesday (for an additional cost). Check out our website for more information. Tod Squad is back! This is our pre-k program in collaboration with the Public Library. It takes place on Fridays from 9:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. from July 18<sup>th</sup> – August 8<sup>th</sup>. Be on the lookout for 2 teen trips, one in July and one in August!

The States Landing improvement project is close to completion. The bathroom/pavilion project is underway and set to be completed by the end of 2025! Once completed, there will be a beautiful pavilion for the public to use along with composting bathrooms and changing rooms.

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

## COMMUNITY NOTIFICATION SYSTEM

Looking for a reliable way to stay informed about what's happening in Moultonborough? CivicPlus is here to keep you in the loop! By signing up, you'll gain access to tailored notifications designed to meet the needs of your community. Receive timely updates, including:

- **Emergency Alerts:** Stay prepared for severe weather, public safety threats, or evacuation notices.
- **Weather Updates:** Be informed about changing local conditions to plan your day.
- **Community Announcements:** Don't miss updates on events, meetings, or important service changes.
- **Agenda Notifications:** Get reminders about local government meetings and agendas

Signing up is easy! Visit [www.moultonboroughnh.gov](http://www.moultonboroughnh.gov), click on the Alerts & Notifications tab under the Moultonborough Alerts header, and follow the link to the CivicPlus Mass Notifications System. Customize the notifications you want to receive, from emergency alerts to updates from departments like the Recreation Department, Town Clerk, Waste Management, and more.

**Stay informed when it matters most.** CivicPlus ensures you're connected, updated, and prepared for anything. Don't miss out—sign up today and take the first step toward being an engaged and informed community member!

## MILFOIL COMMITTEE

Welcome back on the lake! As we are gaining on the milfoil problem, it's becoming more difficult to find individual weeds that crop up. Rather than paying local tax money to hire divers to survey, we're depending on the DES's once a year survey from above water as well as individual residents reporting throughout the summer.

The local weed watchers continue to be our "eyes on the water" from their kayaks, paddle boards canoes and jon boats. Our weed watchers have been instrumental in identifying and reporting milfoil blooms so that the dash team or chemical treatment can be most effective. Milfoil is easily spread if pieces break off and will reseed to start new plants.

We need more individuals that have a few hours a month to add this to their on the water fun. Training is provided to help distinguish invasive milfoil from similar weeds that are easily mistaken for the true invasive milfoil. If interested in volunteering as a weed watcher in your part of the lake, please contact Deb Deacetis by email [Deb03254@gmail.com](mailto:Deb03254@gmail.com)

## HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE DAY



Moultonborough's HHW Day is **Saturday, August 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2025**, from 8:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. at the Moultonborough Highway Garage located at 68 Highway Garage Road, Moultonborough. For more information go to [www.lakesrpc.org/serviceshhw.asp](http://www.lakesrpc.org/serviceshhw.asp) or call Lakes Region Planning Commission (LRPC) at 1-603-279-5334 or 1-603-279-5341.