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**MEMORANDUM – OFFICE OF THE TOWN ADMINISTRATOR**

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**TO:** Meredith News  
Laconia Citizen  
Laconia Sun

**FROM:** Carter Terenzini, Town Administrator

**RE:** Paul Punturieri vs. Town of Moultonborough  
**Court Decision Announced Upholding Town’s Actions**

**DATE:** October 23, 2009

**CC:** N/A



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As you may know, Mr. Paul Punturieri had sued the SelectBoard and Town Administrator of the Town of Moultonborough asserting they violated RSA 91-A, the State’s Right to Know law in the hiring process for its new Police Chief.

You will find attached the decision of the **Carroll County Superior Court** in which the court **“...determines that the process to elect and hire its (*the Town of Moultonborough*) chief of police complied with the Right to Know Law, RSA Chapter 91-A”**.

In circulating this decision Ms. Karel Crawford, Chairman of the SelectBoard commented, “We are pleased that the court has upheld our actions. This SelectBoard understands full well the critical need for a rigorous adherence to the statute. While the court saw we had done just that, the Board members were collectively frustrated that we had to expend a little over \$2,000 in legal fees and an additional 40+ hours of lost staff time to defend our actions; actions now validated by the court. Those dollars and efforts would have been far more productive on behalf of the community at large.”