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The Town of Moultonborough Appoints Fellow

Mr. Michael Branley was introduced to the SelectBoard at their meeting of June 2 as the Town's first ever academic "Fellow". He is expected to serve until the end of September. The majority of his time will be spent working on an analysis of which – if any – elements of the School Administrative Unit's Athletic Department and the Town's Recreation Department might be merged. In addition, in an effort for the Fellow to benefit from having a well-rounded experience, Mr. Branley will also work on several minor assignments, ranging from analyzing the proper level of Town reserve funds to exploring merit pay to the potential outsourcing of payroll functions for the Town.

Mr. Branley's work is funded under a Management Fellowship Program intended to encourage people to enter the public administration profession. The program is a four way partnership between the local municipalities, the New Hampshire Local Government Center, the New Hampshire Municipal Managers' Association, and the University of New Hampshire. The Town's cost is roughly \$2,750 for the 400 plus hours of service anticipated.

The Town of Moultonborough is one of three towns to host a Fellow for the summer. It was selected due to the quality of its proposal and educational environment as well as the merit of the work items to be undertaken. After the Town was chosen, Town Administrator Carter Terenzini participated in the process of selecting a fellow by serving on the interview panel along with representatives from the other towns selected, the NHLGC, and UNH.

Mr. Branley is a life-long New Hampshire resident who is nearing completion of a Master's Degree in Public Administration (MPA) at the University of New Hampshire. His resume includes working for the Governor's Office of Citizen Services and the nonprofit nonpartisan Live Free or Die Alliance. Mr. Branley was selected from amongst several applicants for his work experiences, along with his understanding of organizational theory and local government administration.

Mr. Branley said, "I'm excited to bring my energy and experiences to the Town of Moultonborough and look forward to having a positive influence on the policy debate of the community." Mr. Joel Mudgett, Chairman of the SelectBoard said, "We are pleased we are able to provide this opportunity to give real world training to the professionals of tomorrow to round out their classroom theory."

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