



Office of Selectmen
Town of Moultonborough
6 Holland Street - PO Box 139
Moultonborough, NH 03254
(603) 476-2347 * Fax (603) 476-5835

Press Release - For Immediate Release

For Additional Information Contact:
Carter Terenzini, Town Administrator
1.603.476.2347
January 14, 2010

**Moultonborough & Holderness Partner
On Code Services**

The Town(s) of Moultonborough and Holderness have announced a model effort to provide its services related to the enforcement of town and state Planning, Zoning, Septic and Health codes. Under this unique arrangement Moultonborough will provide its Code & Health Officer, Mr. Donald Cahoon, to Holderness for one day a week. Presently that day is Thursday.

Mr. Cahoon will work out of the Holderness Town offices during their normal business hours to accept applications for various permits and complaints on enforcement matters under that Town's regulations. The remainder of the week he will continue to provide services in Moultonborough.

The agreement may be canceled by either Town upon thirty days notice. This ensures either may quickly exit the arrangement should it not work out as well as hoped for. During the time the agreement is in place Mr. Cahoon remains in the fully employ of the Town of Moultonborough. Moultonborough will receive \$300 a day for his services. The Town hopes to realize about \$13,500 in new annual revenue.

Mr. Joel Mudgett, Chairman of the Moultonborough SelectBoard said, "Our permit activity is down and we had authorized the Town Administrator to explore providing our Code Services through some sort of regional approach. This looks like a good blend of helping a sister community, realizing some revenue to help offset our local taxes, and keeping an excellent professional on our staff should permit activity pop back up to where we need to go full-time."

Mr. Peter Webster, Chairman of the Holderness Board of Selectmen said, "Every day local government struggles to provide the quality services they need to provide at affordable pricing for their taxpayers. Nowhere is this struggle tougher than in small communities which may not be able to retain qualified individuals for less than full-time jobs. We are most hopeful this arrangement will serve our mutual needs well."

The Moultonborough Office of Development Services, under the direction of the Town Planner Daniel Merhalski, will be working to change their procedures and make better use of its web site to make Mr. Cahoon's absence as seamless as possible with a minimum in disruption to the processing of applications and inspections. Anyone who experiences a service difficulty in Moultonborough is asked to contact Mr. Daniel Merhalski, the Town Planner, at dmerhalski@moultonboroughnh.gov or Mr. Carter Terenzini, the Town Administrator, at cterenzini@moultonboroughnh.gov so the problem may be addressed and learned from as these new procedures are put in place. Both individuals are available by phone at 476.2347 as well.

- End -