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## **Press Release - For Immediate Release**

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### **Moultonborough Takes Major Steps on Master Plan**

At its meeting on July 29th the Moultonborough SelectBoard took several major steps toward the implementation of the Town's recently adopted Master Plan. First it acted to create a Master Plan Implementation Committee to monitor the progress of the plan and provide regular reports back to the community. In fact during the vote it was noted that creation of such a Committee had been "Recommendation #1" in the 2008 Master Plan. It is envisioned that the Committee will report to the SelectBoard on a quarterly basis and maintain a current page on the Town web site with the schedule and progress status of all 151 Master Plan Implementation Action Items.

During the two-year preparation of the current Master Plan it was continually noted that a major failing of the previous 1991 Master Plan had been a lack of follow-through on a number of its critical elements. Many citizens commented that they wanted to be sure the recommendations in the current one were heeded so that the effort would truly guide the future of the Town's development and service needs.

The Master Plan Implementation Committee will be comprised of representatives from the relevant Town bodies, including the SelectBoard, Planning Board and Conservation Commission, as well as two members of the public, one a business owner and one from the community at large. It will work with the relevant Boards, Committees and Departments to ensure that the Master Plan Action items are thoroughly addressed with accountability to the community. It will also allow the public greater transparency into the scheduling for projects, prioritization of items and the current status of objectives through the Committee's web page.

The Board's second action was to create a five member Blue Ribbon Commission on Community Services and Facilities. This group is charged with reviewing eight recommendations in the Master Plan relating to the provision of Health, Senior, Recreation and Human Services and the facilities they need. More specifically the Master Plan called for a more extensive investigation into how needed services might be provided, prioritize them with regard to future funding needs and goals, and explore how to best cooperatively use existing public and private spaces and partnerships from which to provide those services.

In a related move, further design work at the Lion's Club property is being placed on hold until the Commission reports back to the SelectBoard. The Commission is expected to take about six months to complete its work.

Appointments to both Boards are expected to be made at the SelectBoard's meeting of August 19<sup>th</sup>. The text of both orders is available on line at [www.moultonboroughnh.gov](http://www.moultonboroughnh.gov) by [clicking here](#) or on the button entitled Major Projects and then clicking on the Master Plan button.

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