TOWN OF LEE, NEW HAMPSHIRE

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February 2, 2018



HAPPY GROUNDHOG DAY! Will he see his shadow? He did in PA! 6 more weeks of winter!



LEE DELIBERATIVE SESSION Saturday, February 3, 2018 Mast Way School / Begins at 9:00 am FY19 Proposed Budget and 2018 Town Warrant

FILING PERIOD FOR LEE ELECTED OFFICES FOR MARCH 13, 2018 TOWN ELECTION ENDS TODAY, Feb. 2nd at 5:00 pm

There is no filing fee required. Citizens that would like to become involved in Lee Town government must file for one of the positions below at the Town Clerk Tax Collector's Office by today. Questions may be directed to that office by calling 603-659-2964 or you are invited to contact the Town Administrator's Office at 603-659-5414 today by 12:30 pm. The 2018 Town elections will take place on Tuesday, March 13, 2018 at the Lee Public Safety Complex. Polling hours are from 7am – 7pm.

Select Board, 1 position (3-year term) Advisory Budget Committee, 2 positions (3-year terms) AND 1 position (2-year terms) Cemetery Trustee, 1 position (3-year term) Moderator, 1 position (2-year term) Supervisors of the Checklist, 1 position (6-year term) Trustees of the Trust Funds, 1 position (3-year term) Library Trustee, 1 position (3-year term)

THE TOWN CENTER VISION COMMITTEE **CLICK HERE** to view the TCVC Charge **CLICK HERE** for the Committee website

TOWN CENTER VISION COMMITTEE PROJECT UPDATE



Looking north from the Triangle toward the Town Hall and the Lee Church in 1909.

The Town Center Vision Committee will be making a presentation regarding the condition of the town center buildings and the proposed plan for facility renovation and modernization of the structures and the proposed purchase of property from the Lee Church Congregational at the Deliberative Session on Saturday, February 3, 2018 at 9:00am at the Mast Way School. Please plan on attending to learn more about these issues.



Male Wood Frog in Early Spring Students Studying the Vernal Pool in the Spring Photos taken by David McCormick and Heather Buswell teachers at Mast Way School

CLICK HERE for a write-up by the Conservation Commission regarding Warrant Article #20 – TOWN FOREST EASEMENT

> FEBRUARY SELECT BOARD MEETINGS Monday, February 12th & 26th starting at 6:30 pm

Meetings can now be seen on You Tube at <u>www.media.leenh.org</u>





BLOOD DRIVE LEE CHURCH CONGREGATIONAL, 17 Mast Road (Route 155) Lee, NH FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 2018 1:00 – 6:00 PM Winter Blood Shortage: Blood and Platelet Donors Needed

Lee Church recommends making an appointment to donate at the blood drive. Red Cross now offers a Rapid Pass to complete your pre-reading and health history questions online using any computer, tablet or smartphone prior to your visit. For more information or to schedule an appointment, visit <u>http://www.redcrossblood.org/rcbmobile/drive/chooseDonationTime.jsp</u> or call 1-800-733-2767 for availability.



BACKYARD FARMING INITIATIVE 2018 Home Garden Series Mondays, February – May 7:00 pm Jeremiah Smith Grange Lee Hook Road, Lee, NH

February 26th What to put in your garden. Presented by Jill Nooney & Tom Lee How much do I plant? How to select & obtain seeds, start seeds, care for seedlings & choose plants.

March 26th Where to put your garden. Presented by Annie & Paul Gasowski, Chris Scogland Should I use buckets or other containers for my gardens & what about raised beds or cold frames? Where are the best sites for your garden?

April 23th How to care for your garden. Presented by Dick Wolmar

Care and maintenance of your garden, before, during & after harvest. Talk about composting, mulching, fertilizing & weeding.

May 21st When to harvest. Presented by Kristin Cisneros

How long is the growing season, planning for a continual harvest. Help my harvest is great! What do I do with it? Harvesting, preserving, freezing & fermentation and keeping root cellars.

Series presented by members of the Lee Community and moderated by Chuck Cox and Don Quigley. Sponsored by the Lee Agricultural Commission, Sustainability Committee and Public Library. For more information call the Library, 659-2626 or leelibrary@comcast.net.

TIME TO THINK ABOUT CAMPING!

Space for sponsorship must be saved by 2/12th

Once again the Lee Conservation Commission will sponsor a campership to Barry Conservation Camp, at the fish hatchery in Berlin, NH. We hear enthusiastic reports from the Lee youngsters who have been able to enjoy a week at the Camp. The 4-H camp is operated in conjunction with the NH Dept. of Fish & Game. "Barry Conservation Camp emphasizes environmental awareness, responsible use of firearms, safe hunting practices, conservation principles and ethics." Lee children, ages 10 & up, are eligible for this campership. (The Hunter Safety & Certification Program requires they be 12 years & older.) Call Laura Gund at 659-2044, e-mail walgrove@comcast.net or go to http://extension.unh.edu/4-H-Youth-Family/Barry-Conservation-4-H for more info.

ORCSD FY19 BUDGET UPDATE

<u>CLICK HERE</u> for Dr. Morse's Presentation to the Lee Select Board on 1/29/18 Drawings of the Proposed Addition to the Mast Way School





HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT UPDATE

To date the Department has plowed and or treated 11 storms with a total of 38 inches of snow and a lot of ice. The Department has purchased 267 tons of salt which is about one half ton different than this time last year. I would estimate we have used around 230 tons of salt which is a bit over half of the budgeted 450 tons. The salt bins are pretty much full at this time. I would estimate that sand use is higher than normal due to the prolonged duration of the storms and the ice. The storms have been difficult to clean up this year along with the ice has caused more material use. The biggest snowfall on Christmas (11inches) was one the easiest to clean up and used the least material of all of the storms so far.

Other than the above, things seem to be going fine. Lots of business at the Driveway sand pile especially during this last storm. Now it is time to start planning spring/summer work and think about posting weight limits on the town roads.



LEE TOWN COMMISSIONS AND COMMITTEES AGRICULTURAL, CONSERVATION, & RECREATION COMMISSIONS; ENERGY & SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEES CLICK HERE for Application

Hand deliver to Town Hall or email application to the Town Secretary at dduval@leenh.org.

COMMITTEE, COMMISSION & BOARD MEETING CALENDAR

Go to www.leenh.org/Pages/LeeNH MeetingsCal/?formid=158

LIBRARY CALENDAR

Go to http://leenh.org/pages/LeeNH LibraryCal/?formid=158



LSC: Free Groundwater Awareness Packet Available

The Lee Well and Groundwater Awareness Packet is still available at the Town Hall, the Library or online at (<u>http://www.leenh.org/Pages/LeeNH BComm/SustainabilityComm/index</u>). The Lee Sustainability Committee (LSC) produced this document to inform Lee residents about their water supply. Our primary goal is to raise community awareness around water use in order to promote sound conservation practices.

POLICE REMINDER

Please do not become a victim. WHEN IN DOUBT, DON'T GIVE IT OUT.

The scammers are still working to obtain your information. Do NOT click on any links in emails or provide any personal or banking information either on the telephone or on the internet, unless you initiated the contact. Also, remember the IRS will NEVER call you! They will always send mail!



LEE FIRE RESCUE DEPARTMENT SEEKING CALL FIREFIGHTERS AND EMTS

CLICK HERE for more information

<u>CLICK HERE</u> for Safety Educator

FIRE DEPARTMENT UPDATE

The Select Board recently approved a new Fee Schedule for the Lee Fire Department. Please <u>CLICK HERE</u> for the Fee Schedule Please <u>CLICK HERE</u> for the Permitting Checklist and Reference Guide

BURN PERMIT

<u>CLICK HERE</u> for NH BURN PERMIT RULES AND REGULATONS GO TO <u>www.nhfirepermit.com</u> to obtain a fire permit online



TWO HISTORIC LEE TOWN CENTER BUILDINGS HAVE JUST BEEN APPROVED FOR THE NH STATE REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES!

The Lee Heritage Commission is delighted to share that it has received word this week that the Lee Town Hall and the Town Shed with Tramp Room are now listed on the NH State Register of Historic Places! The application regarding the Lee Historical Society Museum is still pending. It will be considered at an upcoming NHDR meeting. Stay tuned for an update on this.

We've just received word that the Lee Town Hall *and* the Tool Shed with Tramp Room have now received their Determination of Eligibility Letters from the first NHDHR committee! This means that they will be considered for the NH State Register of Historic Places at the January meeting of the State Historical Resources Council!

Lee Trivia Questions will resume in a few weeks.

If you have suggestions for Lee Trivia Q's & A's, please email Anne Jennison: (jennison.anne@gmail.com)



CALENDAR COVER PHOTO BY GERALD SEDOR

2018 Lee Wall Calendars are here!

You can buy your 2018 calendars at the Town Hall and Library! They are \$10.00 each.

The photos were all taken by Lee residents and Liz McCaffrey did the layout & design.

Perfect as mementos for family and friends who have visited or lived in Lee!

It's already time to think about submitting photos for our 2019 Lee Calendar!!

If you enjoy taking pictures of Lee, please share them with us. They may be featured in Lee's 2019 photo calendar. We're looking for recent photos of historic homes, barns, farms, landmarks, natural settings and other special features and events in Lee. We want to see all the seasons, too! Along with each photo, please send a brief description of the subject of the photo and when/where it was taken. If you didn't take the photo yourself, please list the photographer's name so we can get their permission to use the photo – and give them proper credit in the calendar. We're really looking forward to seeing what photos come in this year! Photos and questions can be sent to: LeeNHcalendar@gmail.com



WILKINSON FOOD PANTRY Lee Church Congregational 17 Mast Rd

The food pantry is open to **any family** in the towns of Lee, Durham, Newmarket and Nottingham. The pantry is open the $1^{st} \& 3^{rd}$ Monday of each month from 6 - 7:00 pm. If there is an emergency please call the Church office at 659-2861. All visits to the pantry are strictly confidential.



READY RIDES offer free rides to medical appointments for residents 55+ and those who are disabled and unable to drive. They serve Lee, Barrington, Durham, Madbury, Newmarket, Northwood, Nottingham and Strafford. Please call Meri Schmalz at 224-8719 or email <u>info@readyrides.org</u> for more details about how to help your neighbor. **Volunteers from Lee are needed!**



DISPOSAL OF PRESCRIPTION DRUGS

A drop-off is available at the Public Safety Complex to the left of the front entrance for unused and unwanted prescriptions.



Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday: 12:00 – 8:00 pm Thursday, Friday: 10:00 am – 5:00 pm Saturday: 10:00 am – 3:00 pm

CLOSED – SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 3RD - LEE DELIBERATIVE SESSION CLOSED – MONDAY, FEBRUARY 19TH - PRESIDENT'S DAY



Don't forget—you can Scan, Fax, Email and Copy at the library. There is no charge for scanning and emailing documents; however, we do charge \$.10 for b&w copies \$.25 for full color copies and \$1 per page for faxing.



The Library Wireless connection can be accessed from the library parking lot. Just look for "LPL Public" in your Wi-Fi listings.



LIBRARY LEGOS Fridays, February 2nd & 9th 3:30 - 4:30 pm

Kids in grades K-4 can have fun at the library building cool stuff with Legos. A building theme will be suggested each week. Registration is not required. Mast Way students may arrange to ride bus 6 directly to the library.



MICHAEL WARD Wednesday, February 7th 6:30 pm Lee Public Safety Complex

Michael Ward, author of <u>A Colored Man in Exeter</u>, reads from his biographical account of his father's life and times. Presented by the Lee Public Library and Oyster River Community Read.

Oyster River Community Read fosters community by bringing people together through books and reading. Check out the website to see this year's featured books and for the calendar of events: www.ORCread.org





The STEMbassadors are UNH Engineering & Physical Science students who offer hands on STEM activities to children. In this activity, small teams of students compete in a bridge building event. Using only a limited supply of paper & tape, teams build the strongest truss-bridges possible. Scores are updated live. To stay in the lead, teams have to upgrade their bridges to beat the competition. Students may arrange to take **bus 6** to the library. Register by **February 1** by calling 659-2626.



ADULT DISCUSSION Monday, February 12th 7:00 pm "Last Painting of Sara De Vos" – Dominic Smith

"Smith's latest novel is a rich and detailed story that connects a 17th-century Dutch painting to its 20th-century American owner and the lonely but fervent art student who makes the life-changing decision to forge it. This is a beautiful, patient, and timeless book, one that builds upon centuries and shows how the smallest choices—like the chosen mix for yellow paint—can be the definitive markings of an entire life."



ROCK PAINTING Saturday, February 17th 10:30 am - Noon

Drop by for some fun rock painting! Instructor and Lee resident Peg Langlois will assist in the painting of nature themed rocks. Rocks, paint and brushes will be provided. **Ages 8 & above unless accompanied by an adult.**



MEMOIR WRITING GROUP 3RD Tuesday of Every Month 6:30 pm Next Meeting: February 20th

Interested in writing your own memoirs? If you want someone to listen to you read or tell your stories, or perhaps provide feedback, come join us.



SNOWFLAKE BOOKMARK DROP-IN CRAFT February 26th – March 3rd



TIM VAN EGMOND Thursday, March 1st 10:30 am

Join us for a fun, interactive performance by musician & storyteller Tim Van Egmond. Cosponsored with Madbury & Durham libraries to be held at Lee Church Congregational. Thank you to the Friends of the Lee Public Library for funding this event.

ONGOING PROGRAMS



STORY TREKKERS Tuesday Afternoons 3:30 – 4:30pm

This program for **grades K-4** will introduce children to a variety of authors and award-winning books. A snack, games and a craft are also included. Mast Way students may arrange to ride **bus 6** directly to the library after school. Please **register** by calling 659-2626.



ROCKIN' READERS BOOK CLUB 1ST Thursday of each Month 3:30 – 4:30 pm Grades 5-6

Participants will read & discuss a different book each month. Pizza will be served. Students may arrange to take **bus 6** directly to the library after school. If interested, **sign up** by calling 659-2626.





These fun 30-40 minute programs include stories, songs, finger plays, flannel board and a craft. **Registration not required.**



TINY TOTS LAPSIT Children up to 2 years of age Fridays at 10:30am

Join us for a baby/toddler lapsit. This 20 minute program offers songs, stories and movement with relaxed time afterwards for play and socializing. **Registration is not required.**



NO FOOLIN, JUST FUN ADULT GAME DAY Tuesdays 9:30am All are welcome! Open to all adults 18 and older.



KNITTING FOR 50+ 1st & 3rd Wednesdays 9:00am February 7th & 21st Help is available from instructor Donna Kay. All levels welcome.



February 2nd and 3rd 9:00 am Radisson Hotel, Manchester, NH

The New Hampshire Farm & Forest Expo is an industry trade show with 100 exhibitors, free educational workshops, unique NH-made products, a Kid zone for the kids, demonstrations, animals, networking and more! For more information, <u>click here</u>





OYSTER RIVER SCHOOL DISTRICT CANDIDATES' NIGHT Tuesday, February 13th 7:00 pm (snow date Thursday, 2/15th) High School, C-120 SPONSORED BY HIGH SCHOOL PTO

This is your opportunity to meet, listen to and ask questions of participating district moderator and School Board candidates.

Have questions for the candidates? Please submit your questions by noon on February 9th, by calling Wendy at 389-3289 or email <u>wdifruscio@orcsd.org</u>.

Refreshments will be served. Hope to see you there!



<u>CLICK HERE</u> for Lamprey River Advisory Committee Winter Newsletter

To receive the E-CRIER via email every week go to <u>www.leenh.org</u>, click on <u>Subscribe to E-</u> <u>Alerts</u> in the left hand column & follow the directions to subscribe. It's that easy!

ATTENTION!

We heard that there may be Lee residents who wish to see the E-Crier but do not have the internet!! If you have contact with these people kindly direct them to Town Hall for a **printed copy** or to the Library to view it there. If they cannot leave their home please have them call Denise Duval, Town Secretary, at 659-5414 to have it mailed!