TOWN OF LEE, NEW HAMPSHIRE

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February 23, 2018

Lee News & Upcoming
Events

FEBRUARY SELECT BOARD MEETINGS

Monday, February 26th starting at 6:30 pm

Meetings can now be seen on

The 2018 Deliberative Session is now available for viewing on YouTube.

SUPERVISORS of the CHECKLIST

The Lee Supervisors of the Checklist will meet in public session on **Saturday, March 3, 2018** at the Lee Public Library, 9 Mast Road, from 11:00 - 11:30am. This will be the last day to accept voter registration applications. No additions or corrections shall be made to the checklist after this session until town Election Day, March 13th. Prospective voters are required by law to show proof of identity, age (must be 18 by Election Day), U.S. citizenship, and domicile in Lee. A driver's license, passport, birth certificate, or mail are all useful things to bring as proofs of these requirements.



OYSTER RIVER COOPERATIVE SCHOOL DISTRICT KINDERGARTEN AND NEW STUDENT REGISTRATION 2018 – 2019

Scheduled for March 5th – 9th
Monday from 10:00 am – 6:00 pm
Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday & Friday from 9:30 am – 2:30 pm
Mast Way Elementary School
Moharimet Elementary School
If your child will be age 5 on or before September 30, 2018, he/she will be eligible for our Full Day Kindergarten Program

Please bring a copy of your child's birth certificate and proof of residency in the Mast Way Elementary School or Moharimet Elementary School catchment of the Oyster River School District by providing a current, dated utility bill or lease, mortgage, or deed with the parent's or guardian's names and address. Please note that residency is required for all incoming Kindergarten students, including those with siblings already enrolled in our elementary schools. For further information, please call:

Mast Way Elementary School

Moharimet Elementary School

Mrs. Seaman Mrs. Ficker 603-659-3001 603-742-2900



Tuesday, March 13, 2018 Lee Safety Complex / Polls open 7:00 am – 7:00 pm

FY19 Proposed Budget and 2018 Warrant Articles/Ballot Questions

CLICK HERE FOR YOUR

VOTERS INFORMATION GUIDE

AND LOOK FOR ONE IN YOUR MAILBOX TOO!

TOWN CENTER VISION COMMITTEE UPDATE

The Town Center Vision Committee was formed to inform Lee residents about the condition of the town center buildings and the proposed plan for facility renovation and modernization of the structures. The town center buildings consist of the Town Hall, Lee Library, Lee Historical Society Building (old South Lee freight depot building), the Town Annex, and the Tool Shed with Tramp Room, also known as the Hobo Shed.

This week's update is on our process to get this information out to the Lee citizens about the Town Center Building Project. The Committee is finalizing a pamphlet to be passed out at the Transfer Station on Saturday, March 3, 2018 and Saturday, March 10, 2018. These pamphlets will also be available around Town at town buildings and local businesses. The Committee has set up a Facebook page to keep the community up to date on the project's progress. Go to facebook.com/LEETCVC/ and like our page to get periodic updates.

If you missed the Deliberative Session on Saturday, February 3, 2018, the Town Center Vision Committee made a presentation regarding the town center buildings and purchasing the Church property. **CLICK HERE** to see a copy of this presentation.

For more information about the buildings and the proposed plan, please go to the Town Center Vision Committee's website at http://leenh.org/Pages/LeeNH BComm/centervision/index

NEXT TOWN CENTER VISION COMMITTEE MEETINGS
FEBRUARY 27TH 6:00 pm
MARCH 6TH 6:00 pm
Public Safety Complex

ENERGY COMMISSION UPDATE

At the Town's February 3rd Deliberative Session Lee residents voted to move 2 renewable energy Warrant Articles to the Town's March 13th ballot. The Select Board recommended both articles, and each requires a majority vote.

If passed, Article 21 will save the Town money on its electric bills from day 1 of operation. The Lee Energy Committee has proposed the installation of a solar panel array under a Solar Power Purchase Agreement (PPA). There are no upfront costs to the Town; and after 5 years, the solar array may be purchased, or we may keep purchasing electricity under the PPA. The Town could save an estimated \$140,000 - \$200,000 over 20 years. Many New Hampshire towns, including Durham Brentwood, and Nottingham, have entered into similar solar PPA agreements.

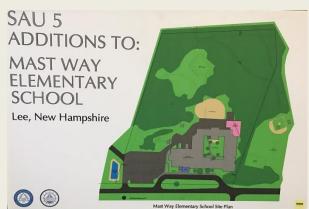
Article 22, submitted by petition, requests initiation by the Town of a defined process that would encourage Governor Sununu to request exploration of the feasibility of offshore wind power as part of the State's renewable energy options. The assessment would be via a bi-partisan task force funded, organized, and run by the federal Bureau of Ocean Energy Management. Massachusetts and Maine already participate in the task force program; and, more generally, except for New Hampshire, all other US East coast states with measurable offshore wind power capacity are already active in offshore wind investigation and/or development. The floating system would be located beyond the Isle of Shoals in federal waters and barely visible from New Hampshire's shoreline. The governor has said that he wants to hear from New Hampshire citizens on the issue.

Currently, New Hampshire's economy suffers because we need to spend \$5 - 6 Billion annually for importing fuel and oil, with the challenge of unpredictable price variations. In a 2017 ranking of U.S. states leading the clean tech revolution, New Hampshire ranked 18th from the top, but at the bottom in the 6 states in the New England sector.

ORCSD FY19 BUDGET UPDATE

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







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.

MARCH 18, 2018

Strafford County Farm Bureau Fundraiser Breakfast

5th Annual Farm Style Breakfast

Co-Sponsored by Lee & Durham Agricultural Commissions

Sunday March 18th, 2018

7:30am to 12:00pm Jeremiah Smith Grange Hall, Lee NH Adults \$10 / Children 14 and under \$7 Pay at the door



For more information contact:
Matt Scruton 941-4956, Laura Gund 659-2044 or Erick Sawtelle 659-8106



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

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

CLICK HERE for Safety Educator WINTER EDITION

FIRE DEPARTMENT UPDATE

The Select Board recently approved a new Fee Schedule for the Lee Fire Department.

Please CLICK HERE for the Fee Schedule

Please CLICK HERE for the Permitting Checklist and Reference Guide



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



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

The Lee Heritage Commission is delighted to share that it has received word 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.

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 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 looking forward to seeing what comes in this year! Send photos or questions to: LeeNHcalendar@gmail.com



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 info@readyrides.org for more details about how to help your neighbor. **Volunteers from Lee are needed!**



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 1st & 3rd 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.



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



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.



WINTER SCHOOL VACATION 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.



MEMOIR WRITING GROUP 3RD Tuesday of Every Month 6:30 pm Next Meeting: March 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.



MICHAEL WARD – RESCHEDULED TO Wednesday, March 28th 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



Tired of winter? Reserve your museum pass now. Dates for school vacation week going fast! New England Aquarium and Museum of Science still have dates available! Call us 659-2626.

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.



STORY TIME
Thursdays 10:30 am Children ages 2-6

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

March 7th & 21st

Help is available from instructor Donna Kay. All levels welcome.

Regional & State News & Events



WEDNESDAYS, 6:30 – 8:00 pm FEBRUARY 7TH – APRIL 11TH

CLICK HERE for more information

EXETER JOB AND RESOURCE FAIR

Thursday, March 15th 10:00 am – 12:00 pm Exeter Town Hall, 1 Front Street, Exeter, NH CLICK HERE for more information

GOVERNOR & EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEETING WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 2018

CLICK HERE for the Minutes

Next Governor & Executive Council Meeting

Wednesday, March 7, 2018 10:00 am

Executive Council Chamber at the State House Concord, NH



CLICK HERE for Lamprey River Advisory Committee Winter Newsletter

To receive the E-CRIER via email every week go to www.leenh.org, click on Subscribe, click on Subscribe, cli

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 <u>printed copy</u> 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!