

TOWN OF LEE, NEW HAMPSHIRE

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Supervisors of the Checklist

The Supervisors of the Checklist will meet on **March 2nd**, at the Lee Town Hall from 11:00 am to 11:30 am to make corrections/additions to the checklist. This is the last day to accept voter registrations. **No additions/corrections will be made to the checklist after this session**, until Election Day on March 12, 2013. You may register at the polls.



**How Can We Make
the Strafford Region
the Best Place to Live,
Learn, Work, and Play
For Everyone?**

Be a part of a thoughtful and informative community conversation about the future of our communities, our region, and our state.

Tuesday March 5th (Snow date: Thursday, March 7th)

Horne Street School 78 Horne St, Dover

6:00pm Sign in and Refreshments

6:30 pm – 9:00 pm Program

Register at strafford.org or call NH Listens at 862-0692

Voter Information Edition of the Town Crier

A voter's guide has been published to help Lee citizens prepare for the 2nd Session of the Town Meeting – Official Ballot Voting. This guide provides additional information to enable you to make an informed decision prior to entering the voting booth. It contains all of the articles as amended at the Deliberative Session along with brief explanatory notes. To view the guide, please [CLICK HERE](#).

Town Election

Tuesday, March 12th Public
Safety Complex
Polls Open 7:00 am – 7:00 pm



[CLICK HERE](#) to view the Ballot to
[CLICK HERE](#) to view the Ballot for warrant articles.
[CLICK HERE](#) to view the ORCSD Ballot.

Candidates Running for Selectman

Lee has three candidates running for office of Selectman!
To view the candidates' statements click on each name.
[CAROLE DENNIS](#) - [HENRY BRACKETT](#) - [SCOTT BUGBEE](#)

Address Changes

The Town recently underwent a series of Public Hearings regarding address changes, as a result of a thorough review by Lee's Emergency Management Team and the State's Bureau of Emergency Communication (E911). The goal was to promote accurate emergency responses to all Lee Residents by eliminating confusing, redundant and inconsistent street names and addresses. [CLICK HERE](#) for a complete list of all the changes.

ORCSD Kindergarten Registration

Parents of prospective kindergartens (who will be age 5 by Sept 30, 2013) for the 2013-2014 school year are asked to stop in at Mast Way or Moharimet Elementary Schools to pick up registration packets during school hours.

Completed packets may be mailed or dropped off at either school with the child's birth certificate and immunization record on or before **Monday, April 1st**.



Volunteers Needed for Committees

There are several openings on Town boards, committees and commissions. If you are interested in volunteering for a position on the Energy Committee, the Agricultural Commission, the Conservation Commission, the Recreation Commission, the Planning Board or the Zoning Board please [CLICK HERE](#) for the form to apply.

Building Committee To Be Formed

The Lee Public Library Board of Trustees is in the process of forming a Building Committee for the new Library/Community Center. Citizens with an interest in our community's building project and experience in the field of building design, construction, project management, alternative energy systems etc. are invited to submit an application [CLICK HERE](#) . Please forward completed forms to the Town Administrator.

Oyster River Sustainability Committee

The Oyster River Sustainability Committee (now an advisory committee to the Oyster River Community School District) works with the Superintendent and the School Board on projects that align the district's goals in the areas of sustainability. Please [CLICK HERE](#) to see their history and most recent accomplishments.

Town Reports

The 2012 Annual Town Report is NOW available! You may pick up a copy at the Town Hall, the Public Safety Complex, the Transfer Station or the Library. [CLICK HERE](#) to view the report.

Free Webinar

Wednesday March 13th Noon – 1:00 pm

Offered by the NH Local Energy Work Group

"A Look Behind the Curtain: Energy Policy and Process in the Granite State"

Join the Local Energy Work Group for a session on current energy initiatives and a review of a recent report by the State's Energy and Sustainable Energy Board containing recommendations to improve the state's energy market. The session will conclude with a tour of online resources that will enable you to track energy issues under consideration by the legislature. [Register Today](#). Space is Limited.



From The Town Clerk

2013 Dog Tags now available!

Deadline to register is April 30th. Please present a copy of your dog's Rabies vaccination certificate. If you have spayed or neutered your dog, please present proof of this as well.

Sand/Salt Mix Available

Residents may pick up recycled plastic buckets at the Transfer Station that can be used for Sand/Salt mix available at the Highway Garage. (Lee Residents Only) Buckets are located to the right as you enter the main building. Hours are Tuesday & Thursday 7:00 am – 6:00 pm; Saturday from 7:00 am – 5:00 pm.

REDUCE, REUSE, RECYCLE

Pictures of Lee

Do you have pictures of life in Lee? Pictures of local farms, animals, landscapes, etc.? We are always looking for photos of Lee to use on the town's website, the E-Crier and other publications. Please submit any pictures you are willing to share in electronic format to the Town Secretary, Dawn Hayes at dhayes@leenh.org

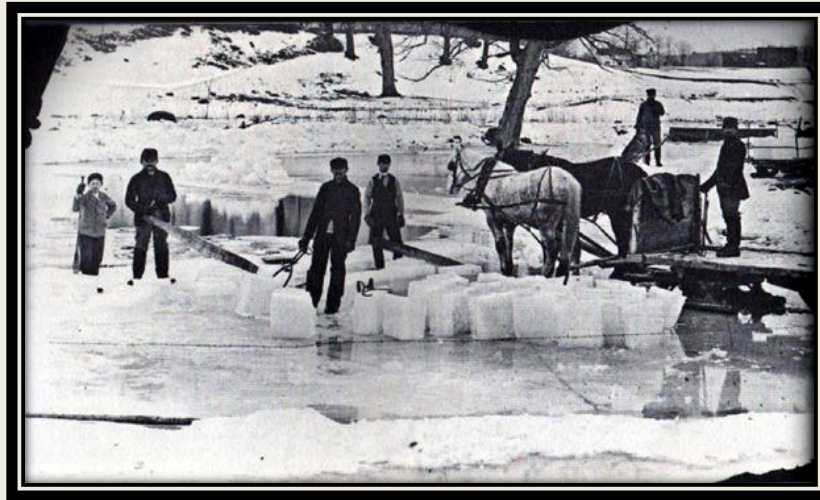


Photo courtesy of www.iceharvestingusa.com/Ice%20Harvest

A Bit Of History About Ice Harvesting

Prior to electricity and refrigerators coming to Town in the 1930's, residents and farmers needed to harvest ice to keep their milk and other commodities cool in the warmer months. The ice harvesters would keep the snow shoveled off the ponds and rivers where they intended to harvest ice to improve the quality and thickness of the ice. Just about any pond or mill pond available was used to harvest ice. River ice was generally of better quality. In the early years of ice harvesting the ice cakes were sawed with a hand saw. Later on a horse drawn plow was used to cut the ice. Eventually gas powered saws were used.

Once harvested the ice cakes were taken to an ice house and packed in sawdust. Properly packed the ice cakes would last through the summer and into the cooler months. January was the preferred month for ice harvesting with the late comers doing it in February.

As can be imagined ice harvesting was a dangerous operation especially for the horses. The water is very cold in January.

Below are links to information on the process of ice harvesting.

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3x9rc-54s-I>

<http://www.historicsoduspoint.com/commerce/ice-harvesting/>

<http://www.cutsoldtrucks.com/iceday7.htm>

<http://www.seacoastonline.com/articles/20090123-LIFE-901230390>

(Lee News) Newmarket Advertiser: Ice Harvesting in Lee

January 21, 1893 – Whatever else is a failure the ice crop is a success and now the grumblers complain it is too thick.

January 30, 1893 – Charles B. Edgerly, with two helpers, ploughed and floated thirteen hundred and sixty cakes of ice Monday in three fourths of a day. The men who understand say Charles is a hustler.

January 27, 1894 – The Hodgdon Bros of Epping cut a thousand cakes of ice for the Wadley's people in a few hours last week. It is done by ploughing, a neater and more rapid method than the old way of sawing. The ice is of very poor quality.

January 26, 1895 – The denizens of Wadley's and vicinity are getting in their ice this week. It is of better thickness and quality than that housed last season.

February 8, 1896 – Most of the citizens have harvested their ice, which is of poor quality and thickness, but the best they could find.

January 29, 1898 – A number of milk men got their ice in last week.

January 12, 1901 – Many of the farmers are harvesting their ice and report it is of good thickness and fine quality.

January 26, 1901 – Many of the farmers in this vicinity harvested their ice last Friday and Saturday. They found it of excellent quality and about fourteen inches thick.

February 17, 1911 – The people on Lee Hill improved the sledding last week in harvesting their ice, cutting it on Lake Wheelwright. It is remembered by some of our older citizens that one year, about 50 years ago, people came from Boston with several four horse teams and cutting ice from what was the Wheelwright's Pond, hauling it to Durham and shipping it to Boston.

February 13, 1914 – This is good weather to make ice and some of our citizens who have not harvested their ice are putting it in this week.

The next time you open the refrigerator door remember what a luxury it is. Submitted by Road Agent Randy Stevens, who has been researching Lee's history in his spare time. Thanks Randy!

Lee Public Library

Book Sale

Saturday, March 2nd 9:00 am – 2:00 pm

Come see what's new at the book sale! Books only .20 each or 6 for a dollar!

First Aid Class

McGregor Institute of EMS

Monday, March 4th 6:00 - 8:00 pm

The McGregor Institute of EMS (an affiliate of the Durham Ambulance Corps) is sponsoring an American Heart Association First Aid Certification course on Monday, March 4th from 6:00 - 8:00 pm. The course teaches basic adult, child and infant first aid; participants will receive a 2-year certification card upon successful completion of the course. There is a \$20 materials fee. To register call Durham Ambulance at 862-3674 or email cprregistration@mcgregorems.org or you can register at: <http://www.mcgregorems.org/institute/cpr-local.html>

Knitting Get Together

Tuesday, March 5, 12, 19 & 26 6:30 – 8:00 pm

Bring that project you've been meaning to finish, knit and make some new friends! This is a social time, instructors are not available.

Device Advice (Back By Popular Demand!)

Wednesday, March 6th 7:00 pm

Call 659-2626 or email leelibrary@comcast.net to let us know what kind of device you own! We welcome all to come. This has turned into a wonderful opportunity to learn from one another! Last session we had two iPads, 2 Kindle Fires, 1 Kindle HD and two Nooks. Share your knowledge or learn something new!

Book Discussion

Monday, March 11th 7:00 pm

“Major Pettigrew’s Last Stand” by Helen Simonson

“Funny, barbed, delightfully winsome storytelling. As with the polished work of Alexander McCall Smith, there is never a dull moment. It’s all about intelligence, heart, dignity and backbone. Major Pettigrew’s Last Stand has them all.”—The New York Times

There’s still time to pick up a copy and read it before the discussion! All are welcome!

Knitting Class for 50 and Older

Wednesday, March 13th 9:00 am

A drop-in group meets every other Wednesday at the library. Instructor Donna Kay will help with your projects! All levels welcome. Call the library 659-2626 for dates. **This program is being offered by the Senior Advisory Committee in conjunction with the Lee Public Library.**

Detective Day — The Great Cake Mystery

Saturday, March 16th 10:30 - 11:30 am

Who stole the cake? Stop by the library and listen to the story of detective Precious Ramotswe's first case. Then, be a detective! Find the ticking clock, draw a description of a suspect, play What's That Smell? And lots more! After all that detecting, enjoy some cake! For ages 7-9, Please register.

Reading Together Kits

Ask about our Books for Babies and Beyond Together Kits. Each kit/bag contains ten highly acclaimed children's books - one for infants, one for toddlers and one for preschoolers. A wonderful option for a busy day, just check out the bag and be on your way! These kits/bags were made available to the library through a grant from the NH Family Resource Connection.

After School Program

This program is for ages 6-10 on Tuesday from 3:30 – 4:30 pm. Children will be introduced to a variety of authors and books. A snack, games and a craft will also be included. Mast Way students may ride bus 22 directly to the library after school. **Registration is required.** Call 659-2626 to sign up! **Thanks to the Friends of the Library for covering the cost of refreshments.**

Rockin' Readers Book Club

5th and 6th graders meet the first Thursday of each month from 3:00 - 4:00 pm. Participants will read and discuss a different book each month. Pizza will be served! Students take bus 8 directly to the library after school. **Sign up** by calling 659-2626! **Thank you to The Friends of the Lee Public Library for providing the refreshments!**

Library Closings due to inclement weather

Check our Facebook Page and WMUR to find out if the library is open or closed.

Channel 13

Check your local TV channel 13 to view Selectmen's meetings aired daily at 7:00 am; 2:00 pm; 7:00 pm. [CLICK HERE](#) to view meetings and videos online through the media site at leenh.org.

Meeting Calendar

To view the meeting calendar on leenh.org [CLICK HERE](#)

Wilkinson Food Pantry

Lee Church Congregational 17 Mast Rd
The food pantry is open to **any family** in the Town of Lee. The pantry is open the first and third Monday of each month from 6:00 - 7:00 pm. If there is an emergency need please feel free to contact the Church office 659-2861. All visits to the pantry are strictly confidential.



Community Action Partnership
Pregnant? New Baby? CAP Can Help!

If you are pregnant, know someone who is, or just had a baby, Community Action can help. We have a free Home Visiting program for teens and women age 25 and under. Call CAP's Home Visiting at 603-516-8108 to talk to one of our staff and learn more. Visit www.traffordcap.org for more information.