

TOWN OF LEE, NEW HAMPSHIRE

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March 9, 2018

Lee News & Upcoming
Events



Tuesday, March 13, 2018

Lee Safety Complex / Polls open 7:00am – 7:00pm

[FY19 Proposed Budget](#) and
[2018 Warrant Articles/Ballot Questions](#)

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TOWN OF LEE, NEW HAMPSHIRE
ANNUAL TOWN REPORT
JUNE 30, 2017



**2017 TOWN OF LEE ANNUAL REPORT
AVAILABLE FOR PICK UP AT
TOWN HALL, LIBRARY,
TRANSFER STATION,
SAFETY COMPLEX
OR [CLICK HERE](#)**



TOON LANE 3-8-2018 PHOTO BY RANDY STEVENS

CANDIDATE STATEMENT FOR THE LIBRARY TRUSTEES

Having first been elected to the Trustees in 2004, I have served in the various offices of the board including secretary, treasurer, vice-chair and chair. In accomplishing the goals as written in the Town Master Plan, I will join the Trustees in supporting our Library staff so they can continue to provide this important resource for our community.

Annamarie Gasowski

CANDIDATE STATEMENT FOR THE ADVISORY BUDGET COMMITTEE

I am seeking re-election to the Advisory Budget Committee. I have proudly served the Town of Lee in this capacity for the past six years. Lee faces continued fiscal challenges as it balances the needs and desires of a growing community. I am a practicing certified public accountant and have been an active member of our community for almost 20 years. I hope you will agree that my background and experience make me an ideal candidate for the Advisory Budget Committee. I ask for your vote on March 13th. Pat Barbour

CANDIDATE STATEMENT FOR THE ADVISORY BUDGET COMMITTEE

My name is Rebecca Hawthorne. I have been a resident of Lee for two years, but have lived in seacoast NH most of my life. I grew up in Exeter and, after college, lived in Dover. I know the area and our New England ways well. I feel as though I have reached a point in my life where I can use my many skills and life experience to support the public good. I carefully considered the opportunities available for public service and believe that my skill set best matches that of the Advisory Budget Committee. My education is in mathematics and I teach math in a pathway program at UNH. I spend my work days explaining difficult math concepts to non-native English speakers. I have carefully honed my abilities to be able to get through to many different types of learners. I have previously done the accounting for a small startup computer business and the billing and HUD balances for a law firm. I also run the budget and finances for my own family. The Town of Lee is facing many financial concerns in the coming years. Between the building projects that may happen at the town hall facility, those at Mast Way and a possible new Middle School, we have a lot to consider. I hope that previous monetary experience and skills in mathematics can help Lee to navigate the budget in the years to come. I hope that you will consider me when you vote this March.



PHOTO BY DENISE DUVAL

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.

The Committee is working to get this information about the Town Center Building Project out to the Lee citizens. There is an informational pamphlet available at the Town Hall, Clerk's office, the Library and the Transfer Station. The pamphlets will also be available at local businesses. The Committee has set up a Facebook page at 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 conditions at 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 web site at http://leenh.org/Pages/LeeNH_BComm/centervision/index



SPRING SNOW STORM

PHOTO BY DENISE DUVAL

ENERGY COMMITTEE 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.

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 NH, 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 NH's shoreline. The governor has said that he wants to hear from NH citizens on the issue.



PHOTOS OF VERNAL POOL BY DAVID MCCORMICK, A TEACHER AT MAST WAY SCHOOL

ARTICLE 20

CONSERVATION EASEMENT FOR VERNAL POOL PARCEL IN LEE TOWN FOREST

A beloved and beautiful part of the Lee Town Forest is being proposed for protection by conservation easement. Encompassing the vernal pool which lies just a ten-minute walk from Mast Way school, this 7.49 acre parcel of town-owned but unprotected land abuts the Lee Town Forest conservation easement held since 2008 by the Society for the Protection of NH Forests (SPNHF). A part of the Bales property that was purchased by the town in 1995, this small section of forest was set aside as a potential site for town expansion. At the time the property was surveyed, likely in the summer when the pool was dry, the existence of this unique and valued wetland went unnoticed. In the intervening years, as people became aware of the pool and its importance to both the forest community and residents of Lee, getting this parcel joined to the existing Town Forest easement became a goal for the many residents who are concerned with its well-being.

It has been twenty-two years since the town acquired this property and in that time knowledge about best management practices for protecting vernal pools has increased significantly. Simply protecting the pools themselves is not enough. The creatures that rely on the pools, wood frogs and mole salamanders (spotted, blue-spotted, Jefferson), live in the forested areas surrounding the pool. To protect the habitat where these animals dwell during the bulk of the year, it is recommended that vernal pools be surrounded by a circular buffer. In the case of the pool at the center of this parcel, that recommended protective buffer covers the entire 7.49 acres.

This vernal pool has been surveyed by NHSC, Inc., environmental consultants, who rated this vernal pool “highly productive” with many masses of both wood frog and salamander eggs. In addition to its importance as a wetland habitat, for over thirty years this unprotected property has been an important educational resource for Mast Way students, where they have learned firsthand about vernal pools, the creatures that depend on them, life cycles, metamorphosis, the importance of wetland habitats, the food chain, and the importance of ecotones (where one type of habitat abuts another) to forest diversity.

The costs for putting this property under conservation easement will be minimal and will be funded by the Conservation Commission’s operating budget and monies donated by the children, parents, and teachers at Mast Way School. No amount will be raised from taxation.

FEBRUARY SELECT BOARD MEETINGS

Monday, **March 12th & 26th** starting at 6:30 pm

Meetings can now be seen on **You Tube** at www.media.leenh.org
The 2018 Deliberative Session is now available for viewing on YouTube.

On or about February 27 through April 30, 2018

All Class V Roads will be restricted to a maximum of 55,000 lbs total weight of vehicle and load, and all Class VI Roads will be closed to wheeled vehicles. Written exemptions may be obtained from the Highway Supervisor. Please contact Randy Stevens at 603-659-6515 with any questions.

Per Order of the Lee Select Board
Pursuant to RSA 41:11, 231:91

2/26/2018
(Date)


John LaCourse, Chairman

Cary Brown, Selectman


Scott Bugbee, Selectman



ORCSD KINDERGARTEN AND NEW STUDENT REGISTRATION 2018 – 2019

Last Day Today March 9th 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 more information please call: **Mrs. Seaman at Mast Way Elementary School 603-659-3001 or Mrs. Ficker at Moharimet Elementary School 603-742-2900.**

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING OF THE STRAFFORD COUNTY LEGISLATIVE DELEGATION

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 14, 2018, 7:00 pm

(Snow Date: Saturday, March 17, 2018, 9:00 am)

[CLICK HERE](#) for Notice

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



To benefit Agricultural Outreach Programs and Youth Grants

For more information contact:

Matt Scruton 941-4956, Laura Gund 659-2044 or Erick Sawtelle 659-8106

**[CLICK HERE](#) TO APPLY FOR OPEN APPOINTED POSITIONS
FOR TOWN OF LEE COMMITTEES AND COMMISSIONS**
Become more involved in your Town government!



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

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.



LEE HISTORICAL SOCIETY – BOOK PRESENTATION BY PHYLLIS WHITE

Lee's Proud History of Education, Its Scholars and Teachers

Wednesday, April 4th 7:00 pm Public Safety Complex

A unique and highly informative aspect of Lee's proud heritage.

www.leenhhistoricalsoc.org



**LEE TOWN COMMISSIONS AND COMMITTEES
CONSERVATION, & RECREATION
COMMISSIONS;
ENERGY & SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEES**
[CLICK HERE](#) for Application

Hand deliver to Town Hall or email application to the Town Secretary at duval@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

BURN PERMIT

[CLICK HERE](#) for NH BURN PERMIT RULES AND REGULATIONS
GO TO www.nhfirepermit.com to obtain a fire permit online



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!**



FOOD PANTRY

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.



New Trivia Question: Who was the owner of the first automobile in Lee?

The answer will be given in next week's Lee E-Crier.

Answer to last week's Trivia Question:

The H. P. Hood Company - founded in 1846 in Charlestown MA - was the well-known milk producer that harvested ice from Wheelwright's Pond in the late 19th century, in order to preserve their milk on its way to market. Much of the milk was purchased from local farmers and transported on the trains that ran through the South Lee Depot. The Hood Company shipped milk and milk products throughout New England, using the railroads for long distance transportation to their milk processing plants and horse-drawn wagons for local delivery. In the age before refrigeration, Hood cut ice at Wheelwright's Pond, as well as from other lakes and ponds throughout New England, to keep their milk products fresh.

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



The farmers in this vicinity are quite fortunate in having their ice harvested. We notice Mr. Hood, milk dealer on the Nashua and Rochester railroad, has his ice house near Wheelwright's pond filled, employing a large gang of men, filling it in three days. SUB.



Sources:

Hood Company - <https://hood.com/>

Newspaper Article from the Digital Copies of the Newmarket Advertiser. These are available at the Lee Library.

Photos from the Hood Co. records at Historic New England,

<https://www.historicnewengland.org/explore/collections-access/capobject/?refd=CC001.TMP.002>



CALENDAR COVER PHOTO BY GERALD SEDOR

2018 Lee Wall Calendars are still available!

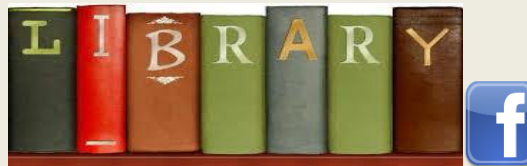
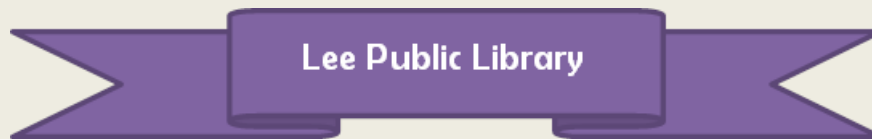
You can buy your 2018 calendars at the Town Hall and Library! They are \$10.00 each.

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

Perfect as mementos for family and friends.

SUBMIT YOUR PHOTOS FOR THE 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



Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday: 12:00 – 8:00 pm

Thursday, Friday: 10:00 am – 5:00 pm

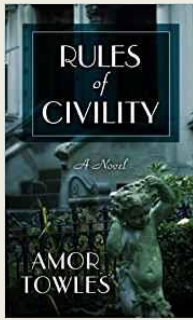
Saturday: 10:00 am – 3:00 pm

CHILDREN'S LIBRARIAN RETIRING



Scottie Robinson, our Youth Services librarian, is retiring from the library on March 9, 2018. Scottie has dedicated the last fourteen years to serving the children and young adults of Lee. Help us wish her a happy retirement and give her a great send off on **March 9TH from 3:00 - 4:30 pm** at the library. Refreshments will be served.

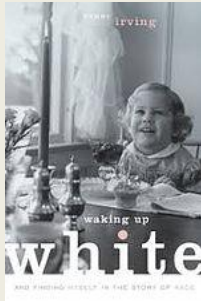
Because there will be a gap between when she retires and when a replacement is hired, the children's programs including, Story Time, Lapsit, Story Trekkers, and Rockin' Readers will be on hiatus. Please stay tuned to the website, website calendar and our Facebook page for updates on when programming will resume.



ADULT BOOK DISCUSSION

"Rules of Civility" by Amor Towles

"Glittering...filled with snappy dialogue, sharp observations and an array of terrifically drawn characters...Towles writes with grace and verve about the mores and manners of a society on the cusp of radical change." —NPR.org



OYSTER RIVER COMMUNITY READS BOOK DISCUSSION

Wednesday, March 14th 7:00 pm

Lee Safety Complex

"Waking Up White: and finding myself in the story of race" by Debby Irving

This facilitator-led book discussion is hosted by the Lee Library. Copies of this title is available at the library. For more information about the Oyster River Community Reads programs and events visit www.orcread.org or pick up a flyer at the library.



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 A Colored Man in Exeter, 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



New England
Aquarium



Museum of Science

Tired of winter? Reserve your museum pass now. Call us 659-2626.

ONGOING PROGRAMS



STORY TREKKERS
Tuesday Afternoons 3:30 – 4:30pm
NO Story Trekkers until further notice

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
NO Rockin' Readers until further notice

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
NO Story Time until further notice

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
Last Lapsit with Miss Scottie March 9th

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 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

NH EMPLOYMENT SECURITY & UNH DURHAM

JOB & RESOURCE FAIR

Thursday, April 12th 12:00 – 4:00 pm

UNH, Hamel Recreation Center, 5 Edgewood Road, Durham, NH

[CLICK HERE](#) for more information; [CLICK HERE](#) for Employer Registration Form



Pruning Grapes, Blueberries & Raspberries

**UNH Demonstration at Woodman Farm,
70 Spinney Lane, Durham, NH**

Thursday, April 12th 3:30pm – 5:30pm

[CLICK HERE](#) for flier



THE LATEST FROM THE SOUTHEAST LAND TRUST OF NH



Wild & Scenic Film Festival: Tickets Now on Sale

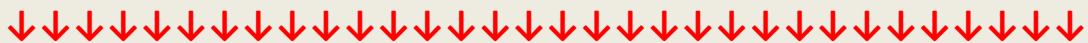
Join us April 20th at 7pm at The Music Hall for this sell-out event! Enjoy beautiful short films that explore and celebrate our shared environment, telling amazing stories of the human-nature connection. Get your tickets early! All proceeds benefit SELT. Purchase from our office or The Music Hall box office for \$20. Buy online for \$25.

For our full schedule of events visit [our website](#) or [Facebook page](#)

SELT is a member-supported nonprofit land trust dedicated to conserving the special lands of our region, for today and tomorrow. Through land acquisitions and conservation easements, SELT strategically protects land for public access, clean water, farming, and wildlife. **To learn more, renew your membership, or join as a member visit www.seltnh.org.**



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To receive the E-CRIER via email every week go to www.leenh.org, click on [Subscribe to E-Alerts](#) 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!