

TOWN OF LEE, NEW HAMPSHIRE

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Lee News & Upcoming
Events



PHOTOS BY ELISABETH MCCAFFREY

The Lee Heritage Commission recently toured the General John Sullivan House in Durham, NH. The current owners of Sullivan House, Douglas and Susan MacLennan, gave the Commission a wonderful guided tour of the house. The General Sullivan House is a National Historic Landmark, it was the home of American Revolutionary War General John Sullivan (1740-1795), who later became President (the position now called Governor) of New Hampshire. The house is a two-story L-shaped wood frame Georgian structure, with a central chimney and a gable roof. It was built sometime between 1729 and 1741 by Dr. Samuel Adams. The Commission also toured the family cemetery next door where General Sullivan and some of his family are buried.

The Lee Firemen's Association would like to give a heartfelt thank you to the folks at Ferndale Acres Campground for their generous donation! Pictured are owners, Cheryl and Christine, who presented the donation on August 12th to LFA President Frank Taylor.



PHOTO PROVIDED BY STEPHANIE COTTRELL

HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE COLLECTION DAY



Saturday, August 26, 2017 8:30 am – 12:30 pm
Dover Community Services Garage, 271 Mast Road, Dover, NH

Proof of Residency Required

[CLICK HERE](#) for flier

AUGUST SELECT BOARD MEETINGS

Monday, August 28th starting at 6:30 pm

Meetings can now be seen on **You Tube** at www.media.leenh.org



LEE FAIR IS JUST 3 WEEKS AWAY!

SAVE THE DATE - SEPTEMBER 9TH

[CLICK HERE](#) for Fair Information

[CLICK HERE](#) for Horseshoe Tournament

[CLICK HERE](#) for Fair BBQ

OUTDOOR MOVIE at Dusk

GET READY FOR THE BEST OF HARVEST CONTEST

Registration begins at 10:30am. Entries must be registered by 12 noon.

CATEGORIES

Relishes and Salsas, Pickles, Pickled, Sweet Stuff, Jams and Jellies & a Wild Card!

[CLICK HERE](#) for Harvest Contest Flier!

MORE LEE FAIR ACTIVITIES:

Put Your Kids to Work (and Play) at the Children's Farm Games 12:30-2:30pm

Test your skills in the kid-friendly activities of Mini-Hay Bale Moving, Mini-Hay Bale Throwing and a Wheelbarrow (or Wagon) Slalom. [CLICK HERE](#) for more details.

Get Your FARM-ON at the Adult Farm Games from 3:00-5:00pm

Feeling anxious? Take it out on the hay, the rocks, and yourself. The Adult Farm Games have something waiting just for you: the Stone Toss, the Stone Boat Pull, Hay Bale Stacking, the Hay Bale Throw, the Wheelbarrow Slalom and the Call to Suppah'. It simply doesn't get any better than this! [CLICK HERE](#) for full details.

APPLY FOR THE LEE TOWN COMMISSIONS AND COMMITTEES

AGRICULTURAL, CONSERVATION, & RECREATION COMMISSIONS;
ENERGY & SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEES

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

[CLICK HERE](#) for Application

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

**ON AUGUST 14TH, ROAD AGENT RANDY STEVENS & TOWN ADMINISTRATOR JULIE GLOVER
WENT DOWN UNDER (UNDER TOWN HALL THAT IS!)**

TO INVESTIGATE & DOCUMENT THE CONDITION THAT EXISTS UNDERNEATH TOWN HALL

Below are some pictures of this endeavor taken by Town Secretary Denise Duval & Randy Stevens



FROM THE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

DID YOU ATTEND MAST WAY SCHOOL DURING THE 1960'S OR 1970'S?

The President of the Historical Society, Phyllis White, is looking for former students of Mast Way who are willing to share some memories from their school days for her book. Finding class pictures to scan would be a great addition. Please call Ms. White at 603-659-2883 or email her at PhyllisWhite@comcast.net.

HISTORY OF THE LEE COOPERATIVE NURSERY SCHOOL

Ms. White is also seeking information on the Lee Cooperative Nursery School's origination, its change in location through the years, its teachers, its supportive parents and its closing. Again, any pictures to scan would be greatly appreciated. Please call Ms. White at 603-659-2883 or email her at PhyllisWhite@comcast.net.

On August 14th, the Chairs of the following Commissions and Committees presented an update to the Select Board on their Activities and Accomplishments for the past year and their Plans for the following year. Below are the highlights for each group.

Lee Agricultural Commission

January 2017 to present:

- Education/Outreach: Backyard Farming Initiative Series co-sponsored by the Lee Library - : "Past, Present, Future of Lee Agriculture" focusing on the role of agriculture and the Lee Master Plan
- "Farm Style Breakfast Fundraiser" March 12 co-sponsored by the Strafford County Farm Bureau and the Durham Agricultural Commission to raise money for the Strafford Co. Farm Bureau "Youth in Agriculture Grant Program"
- Continue to sponsor the Lee Farmer's Market celebrating the 10th year of operation
- Continue to distribute/promote the Town of Lee Agriculture and Farm List of agricultural operations in Lee
- Discussions with other committees/commissions in Lee about options of how to possibly improve communications with the public through printed and electronic media
- Ongoing discussions with other communities, state organizations, and legislative efforts about how to promote agriculture in N.H.

Future activities:

- Lee Fair Sept. 9: Continue to sponsor the Lee Fair Barbeque (pig roast and chicken) with an effort to feature as much local product as is available; Lee Farm Games and "Best of Harvest" (pickle, pie, relish, etc.) contest
- Continue to monitor and assist in furthering the goals and activities stated in the Lee Master Plan relative to agriculture

Lee Energy Committee

The Lee Energy Committee has four voting members and 3 volunteer members. We meet at least once a month, and our meetings are open to the public.

- We supervised and assisted energy expert, Dr. Clay Mitchell, with the Energy Capital Improvements Program 2017 – 2024 Update for the Town of Lee. We have been considering the recommendations made in the report and are in the process of deciding which of the projects suggested we will embark on in the next few months.
- We are focusing on energy use, and the present and future needs of the public safety building and the recycling center (the two town buildings not affected by the work being done by the town's Facilities Committee). To that end, we have
 - a. Worked with experts from Yankee Energy, Revision, and the NH Co-op to consult with us voluntarily on current costs of added insulation for fuel tanks and office in the recycling building.
 - b. Conducted an extensive tour of both the recycling center and the public service building with Mr. Joe Ladewski of the NH Co-op to learn more about replacing lights with LED fixtures in both buildings.
- We have worked with local builders and architects who have volunteered their time and expertise at no cost to the town to plan a new swap shop, located so that excess energy being used by the Baylor building could also be used to heat the swap shop. This would require the location utilizing the building wall as one wall of the swap shop; however, given the cost of removing the tree, digging into the bank to create a more level surface and the cost of building materials, all of which would outstrip our current budget, we are now considering a different location next to the metal recycling building. We are revising our plans for the building, and seeking other forms of energy to heat and cool the recycling center, and in particular a new swap shop. We are working with Toby Van Aken, the new Transfer Station Manager, and others to retool our plans and to spread responsibility for the project among several town departments. Our primary interest is to assist with the alternative energy aspects and the design of the project.
- We are considering the use of a heat pump to heat and cool the office side of the public service building and possible replacement of lights by LED lights, using the same fixtures that now exist.
- Collaboration with the Durham Energy Committee continues to be important. One member of our committee is our representative to that group. For example, our representative spent about 12 hours in meetings to help plan that project and several other people from Lee Energy Committee participated in outreach activities, resulting in 30 people from Lee participating in the educational event held in April. Members of the Lee Energy Committee spent 2-3 days in preliminary Project 360 activities and followed up with manning a table on alternative energy sources and Project 360 at the local Farmer's market for one month and will continue to be a part of Project 360 as they plan new events.
- We have also participated in several local and state workshops on energy and generally educate ourselves on the fast-moving energy picture, especially in regard to alternative energy sources, more efficiency in energy use, and possible wood-powered energy for the town.

- We presented an interesting mechanical energy use program with use of a bicycle from Revision at our 2016 Energy booth at the Lee Fair and plan to have information and activities at the Lee Fair this year.
- We are sponsoring a resolution to explore and promote offshore energy for NH and the entire Gulf of Maine through the creation of a State of NH taskforce to be appointed by the Governor in cooperation with the Bureau of Ocean Management. We plan to conduct informational events around this alternative energy source and the use of offshore wind energy would be an important part of that effort.

Sustainability Committee

Vision Statement:

We envision a sustainable Lee where people live in a comfortable balance with natural systems and with each other in the present and long into the future. A sustainable Lee has a vibrant ecological, social and economic health; its citizens enjoy a high quality of life with sufficient economic, food, energy and human resources to live well.

Link: http://www.leenh.org/Pages/LeeNH_BComm/SustainabilityComm/index

Initiatives and Projects

A. Lee Well and Groundwater Awareness Program

Using information provided by the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services (NHDES), the Lee Sustainability Committee has prepared a draft of a Well and Groundwater Awareness Program in an effort to help the town meet certain Master Plan objectives. The purpose of the program will be to assist Lee homeowners in acquiring and recording information about their residential wells, and to educate and encourage good stewardship of Lee's groundwater resources. Participation will be entirely voluntary.

Once completed, the resident/homeowner will have a personal record of their water system for future reference, along with the accompanying educational materials on water conservation and Lee's water resources.

B. Waste Stream Reduction and Composting

The committee is focused on ways to reduce the waste stream. We were fortunate to have Roger Rice speak to our committee about the functioning and economics of the transfer station. The most promising path to reducing what we send to a landfill is to reduce the food waste being discarded. Many Lee homeowners are already doing this through composting. Roger discussed the possibility of small municipal composting, including what was already considered in Lee. This led to a discussion about Oyster River school composting, Mr. Fox, and UNH composting at Kingman Farm. One member is pursuing the convoluted history of New Hampshire municipal composting; stay tuned for an article in E-Crier. Another member has produced a [video](#) on backyard composting in Lee which we'll point people toward soon.

C. Outreach: Sustainability Reading List and E-CrierArticles

We are working on a reading list of books and materials that pertain to sustainability and resilience. Once the list is completed, we will share it with the public, the Lee Library and with the Lee Library Book Group, hoping that they might be interested in co-sponsoring a gathering on one of the books. Also, we have been working with the town and an ad hoc committee to improve communication through the E-Crier.

D. Database of Town Reports and Documents for Town

One of our earliest projects has been to begin to compile a database of town reports and documents that are pertinent to sustainability and resilience. Sensing that there is currently no easy way to access critical reports and documents in one location, we have created a template and a partial database.

E. Other Programs under Consideration

- a. Mentorship Program/Time Bank: A program where volunteers with particular skills can mentor others in the community through a sharing of expertise.
 - b. Forum on Climate Change: A series of community discussions on climate change.
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Lee Heritage Commission

January 2017 to present:

Interviews:

- As part of our goals, we will interview citizens of Lee. This year we had a wonderful talk with Wally and Evie Dennis, detailing their history in Lee, having lived here for 63 years. We also interviewed Bob and Mary Keniston. Bob is a lifelong resident from an old Lee family and the Transfer Station is named for his father. The present Coppal House Farm was their family farm. Thanks to the electronic savvy members of the Commission, the transcripts of these interviews as well as Harold Ward's interview have been digitized. Many more interviews are planned.

Moose Grant:

- The first phase of the Moose Grant paid for an archivist to do a Needs Assessment survey. There were 3 important results; #1 The Lee Safety Complex is ideal for document storage; #2 Fire proof cabinets are not advisable due to dust and damp micro climates which can damage contents; and #3 the Heritage Commission & Historical Society should combine efforts to organize the collections.

Archivist from Northeast Document Conservation Center:

- Commission member Anne Jennison will work with Sara Cox on this project. A formal report is forth coming from the NE Document Conservation Center.

Exploratory Excursions:

- Excursions taken by the Commission this year included the General Sullivan House and Cemetery in Durham and the Wright WWII Museum in Wolfboro.

Easement Monitoring:

- Received a request from Flag Hill Winery & Distillery for placement of grain storage silos. A suitable location was approved.

Barn Easements:

- This year we had 2 new easements approved, the Jennison's barn and the Meeker's barn, as well as several renewals.

Ongoing:

- The Commission is working to have the Town Center buildings placed on the NH Historical Register.
- We now have a Facebook page and every week we provide a trivia question for the E-Crier.

Heritage Easement Monitoring:

- Each year we monitor 2 Heritage Easements. This year it was Flag Hill and Randal Farm.

Future activities:

- We will be putting signage up on the Thompson Mill Trail.
 - The remainder of the 250th Committee funds are now located in the Heritage Commission account. Some of this balance has been used to frame the 250th celebration certificates and to place a plaque on the Little River Park commemorative flag pole. In addition, we plan to have benches made from the Mast Tree lumber and switch out the 250th banners.
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Recreation Commission

The Recreation Commission is comprised of 5 members of whom only 3 positions are currently filled. Our meetings are held on the first Tuesday of each month at the Safety Complex.

The Lee Recreation Commission seeks to provide programs and parks for the Town of Lee that:

- are available and accessible to a wide spectrum of Lee residents, young to old, athletic or not, as much as is possible and feasible
- are multifunctional and diverse in each season
- are protective of natural resources in an environmentally sustainable way
- appeal to park visitors with diverse active and passive recreational needs
- utilize local resources, time and talent
- enhance community building opportunities

Programs: There are three “core” programs: Easter Egg Hunt, Fishing Derby and Model Rocket Day. The Easter Egg Hunt is very well attended each year and is held at the Town Field. The Fishing Derby, hosted by the Stevens family, has been a long standing tradition. Participation however, has been declining, most likely due to conflicting sports activities. Model Rocket Day is turning out to be very popular. This was our 4th year holding this event at LRP with participation more than doubling over the previous year to over 60 attendees.

This year, we added an outdoor movie night at LRP. Although attendance was small, we hope that this program will grow. Our next movie event will be held in conjunction with the Town Fair at LRP. The movie will be “The Russians Are Coming...The Russians Are Coming”.

At our July meeting, the Commission voted to adopt and sponsor the “Adult Pickup Basketball” Program that has been meeting and utilizing the Mast Way School gym for many years. They meet Tuesday, Thursday and Sunday from 7-9pm, September through May. It is open to all from ages 18 and over.

ORYA continues to manage the “sports” use of the fields with direct oversight of the Recreation Commission.

Facilities: With the completion of the pavilion at LRP, BBQ grills were installed in 2016. Currently, the Commission is working on completing the tree planting and irrigation system at LRP which will be addressed under separate documentation update. The Commission plans to re-letter the LRP sign for better visibility along with having event banners made to better advertise events. We also hope to fill the two vacant positions on the Commission.



THIS WEEK'S LEE TRIVIA QUESTION (*answer will be given in next week's Lee E-Crier*): The minutes of Lee Town Meeting on March 16, 1779 tell us: "Voted Ebenezer Burnham, Timothy Moses, John Davis, Jr., Aaron Harriscomb, Eleazer Watson, field drivers and hog reeves." What were the duties the Town expected of these men? (With thanks to David Meeker for this trivia question.)

The answer to last week's trivia question: *Who was the first person in Lee to ride in a "horseless carriage"?*

In the *Lee News* column of *The Newmarket Advertiser* issue of Saturday, September 8, 1900, it says: "Last week the Bayden brothers of Boston and Portland passed through town, on a pleasure trip, with a locomobile, staying one night at Timothy G. Davis'. Before leaving they took Mr. Davis to ride, and although he is one of the oldest men in town (eighty-six), he is the first to ride in a horseless carriage". It just goes to show that you're never too old to do something new...and different...and fun!

THE NEWMARKET ADVERTISER.

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Source: *The Newmarket Advertiser*, Saturday, September 8, 1900. (With thanks, again, to Ruth Eifert for the suggestion.) Digital copies of *The Newmarket Advertiser* are accessible on the Lee Library Website.

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

In October, the Lee Heritage Commission will be making decisions about which photos to include in the 2018 Heritage Commission wall calendar. The September 30th deadline is looming, so if you've been thinking about submitting a photo or two for consideration, please make it a point to send your photos of Lee in as soon as possible to: LeeNHcalendar@gmail.com so they can be considered for the Lee Heritage Commission's 2018 wall calendar.

SELECT BOARD OFFICE HOURS

Tuesdays & Thursdays 10 am – 2 pm Town Hall, 7 Mast Road, Lee, NH



GO TO <https://www.facebook.com/LeeFarmersMarket/>
TO SEE WHAT WILL BE AT THE MARKET EACH WEEK



JOIN THE CONSERVATION COMMISSION WHILE
THEY CONDUCT SITE WALKS ON TOWN CONSERVED
PROPERTIES EVERY WEDNESDAY MORNING FROM
NOW UNTIL EARLY FALL

Some of these lands are owned by the Town, but most of them are privately owned and protected in perpetuity with a conservation easement. If you'd like to participate, call the Town Secretary, Denise Duval, at 659-5414. We meet in the Town Hall parking lot at 8:45 am, dressed for walking in the woods. Standard precautions for ticks & mosquitoes are advised. Walks take 1½-2 hrs.



**LEE FIRE RESCUE DEPARTMENT SEEKING CALL
FIREFIGHTERS AND EMTS**
[CLICK HERE](#) for more information

[CLICK HERE](#) for Summer Safety Educator. Inside you'll find information on:
GRILL, BIKE, CAMPFIRE & HOME AWAY FROM HOME SAFETY & HOW TO AVOID HEATSTROKE

BURN PERMIT

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



NH DOT/DIVISION OF FIRE SAFETY NOTICE
EFFECTIVE AUGUST 15, 2017

For all dwellings, electric grills with a safety certification from a nationally recognized testing laboratory, such as UL, shall not be considered open flame cooking devices under the state fire code. [CLICK HERE](#) for Bulletin #2017-04 issued 7/18/2017.

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 HISTORICAL SOCIETY MUSEUM
OPEN EVERY 3RD SATURDAY 10 AM – 2 PM
NOW THRU NOVEMBER**



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

ATTENTION:

**THE PANTRY WILL BE CLOSED ON MONDAY, SEPT 4TH IN OBSERVANCE OF LABOR DAY
AND WILL OPEN AGAIN TUESDAY, SEPT 5TH FROM 6-7 PM**

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.

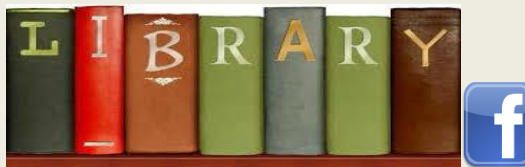
DISPOSAL OF PRESCRIPTION DRUGS

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

What's the Right Water Treatment Technology for your Well Water?
Visit NHDES' Private Well Testing page at www.des.nh.gov,
Click on "A to Z list", click on "Be Well Informed."



Lee Public Library



SUMMER HOURS

Saturday: 9:00 am – 12:00 pm

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

Thursday, Friday: 10:00 am – 5:00 pm

[LOOK HERE](#) FOR WHAT'S HAPPENING NEXT WEEK AT THE LEE LIBRARY!

Regional & State News & Events



LAMPREY RIVER SPLASH & DASH

Saturday, August 19th 11:00 am – 3:00 pm

[CLICK HERE](#) for flier



Lamprey River Eco-paddle
Saturday, August 26th 1:00 - 3:30pm

Meet at Schanda Park, Newmarket, NH
12:30 safety talk and basic instruction
1:00 Guided paddle to Great Bay and back
Learn about water science, oyster restoration, river herring and land conservation

sponsored by



Free if you have your own boat!

Kayaks are available for rent for \$35.00.
Contact sevenriverspaddling.com or 603-969-5120.

Parking available off Water Street

Lamprey River Summer Newsletter

[HERE](#)

OPEN HOUSE AND MASTER GARDENER SERIES

9:00am – 11:00am

The Gardens at New Creation, 80 Route 125, Kingston, NH

Each open house will feature a discussion on a different gardening topic led by master gardeners from the University of New Hampshire Cooperative Extension. Attendees are also invited to tour the site and ask the experts their toughest gardening questions. For more information contact: Amanda Gourgue at UNH Cooperative Extension 603-679-5616.

Sept. 9 Extending Your Garden, from early spring to late fall

Oct. 14 Closing Your Garden



NH FISH AND GAME LANDOWNER NEWSLETTER

<http://www.wildnh.com/landshare>

UNH COOPERATIVE EXTENSION

<https://extension.unh.edu/>

REGIONAL SITE PLAN REVIEW TRAINING

Sunday, September 17th 1:00 – 3:00 pm

Kingston Community Library, 2 Library Lane, Kingston, NH

[CLICK HERE](#) for flier

NH COMMUNITY SUPPORTED AGRICULTURE FARMS DIRECTORY

<https://www.agriculture.nh.gov/publications-forms/documents/csa-directory.pdf>



To receive the E-CRIER via email EVERY WEEK go to www.leenh.org, click on Subscribe to E-Alerts and 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!