

TOWN OF LEE, NEW HAMPSHIRE
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**Lee News & Upcoming
Events
December 2, 2022**

TREE LIGHTING AND HOLIDAY CONCERT

Saturday, December 3rd Lighting & Singing at the Lee Triangle 5:30pm
Great Bay Sailor performing at the Jeremiah Smith Grange Hall 6:00pm
Goodies and Hot Chocolate too!
Sponsored by the Friends of the Lee Library



Great Bay Sailor is an eclectic folk band based in Portsmouth, NH. Casting a wide net, the band performs out of an extensive repertoire of maritime, Irish/Scottish, British, and old timey music. In the maritime tradition, they play and sing traditional and contemporary songs and tunes inspired by ships, sailors, oceans, and tall tales. Mike Blair and Steve Carrigan sing the songs, with Steve also on guitar and bodhran. Jim Prendergast, a thirty-year veteran of the Nashville music scene, plays guitar, mandolin, and banjo. Rounding out the mix is singer/songwriter Taylor Whiteside who tantalizes us with original songs, guitar, accordion, mandolin, and fiddle.

2022 TOWN OF LEE TAX RATE SET AT \$21.72

Due date is December 19, 2022

The 2022 tax rate was set by the Select Board at their meeting on November 9th. The Board applied \$150,000 from the unassigned fund balance to reduce the Town tax rate by an additional \$0.21 over the preliminary rate. Overall, the tax rate decreased slightly below last year's rate of \$21.77.

School	County	Town	State	Total
13.97	2.03	4.61	1.11	21.72
64%	9%	21%	5%	

BOSTON POST CANE

Sadly, the Town of Lee lost a cherished resident and the last recipient of the Boston Post Cane, Almeda (Meda) Durepo on October 19, 2022. She was 99 years old and an inspiration to everyone who knew her. She will be missed.



November 1, 2018 – Photo by Denise Duval

The Town is now seeking the oldest resident to be the next Boston Post Cane holder. Please contact Assistant Town Administrator, Denise Duval at 659-5414 x301 to nominate a resident by **December 12, 2022**.

SELECT BOARD MEETINGS

Select Board Meetings 12/12 & 12/29 6:00pm

ABC Budget Meetings 12/6

Public Safety Complex, 20 George Bennett Road

Subject to change, please check the website meeting calendar

Meetings can be seen on **YouTube** at [CLICK HERE](#)



Jennie Powers: The Woman Who Dares

Presenter: Jennifer Carroll

Date: Wednesday, December 7, 2022 at 7:00pm

Location: ZOOM

Jennie Powers took a stand against social vices in New Hampshire and Vermont in the early twentieth century. She was a humane society agent in Keene from 1903-1936 and one of the first humane society agents to become a deputy sheriff in New Hampshire. Jennie was known across the country as "The Woman Who Dares" cited by the Boston Post newspaper in 1906 as having arrested more men than any other woman in America. As a photographic activist, she used her camera to document animal cruelty, family violence, and widespread poverty in New Hampshire's Monadnock region and beyond. This one-hour illustrated presentation from Jenna Carroll introduces us to Jennie's life story, the work of humane societies at the turn of the twentieth century, and the politics of the Progressive Era (1890s-1920s) from a local perspective.



BAD WEATHER DATE: 12/18/2022

Winter Festival Events:

- **Auction Baskets** - over 25 baskets!
- **White Elephant** - Room
- **Kid's Room, Games for Kids and Santa!**
- **Christmas Arrangements**
- **Lunch Served** - Soups, Sandwiches & Salad
- **Baked Goods & Cookies**
- **Pet Table**
- **Crafts Room Living Nativity** – 1:30pm
- **Cocoa served** - after play

ATTENTION:

SAND & SALT NOTICE

Sand & salt will now be given out at the Transfer Station during their business hours.
Please **for personal use only**; the cost for sand & salt has risen dramatically over the last year.

LEE TRAILS COMMITTEE - LOTS OF LOPPERS

Several members of the Conservation Commission and the Lee Trails Committee worked in early November to help heal a large area of erosion at Little River Park. A big thank you to Martin Thornton, Naomi Alldredge, Mimi Winder, Paul McComiskey, Anne Tappan and Dawn Genes for their hard labor and willingness to be jabbed by thorny locust.



Work took place on a slope that is very steep and dangerous and does not have enough vegetation to help hold the soil in place. This area was a former gravel pit abandoned prior to mining reclamation laws. Volunteers cut brush from overgrown areas and laid the brush across the slope at the top and the bottom of the hill. Brush that was cut was from white pine stands that were overgrown and from areas with locust groves. This is to deter people from trying to travel up or down this unstable slope. If some of the brush can help catch and hold leaves and other natural materials seeds might have a chance of germinating and establishing roots that would help stabilize the soil. It will take more work sessions to help heal this scar. A bonus is that there is a slightly expanded view from the top of the hill. If you're out taking a walk, check it out.

Plan for Erosion Control on the Mills Conservation Easement at Little River Park September, 2022

The Problem

The bluff overlooking Little River Park on the joint property line of the Granger and Mills parcels has severe erosion. The bank on the Mills side was left in a very unstable condition after the gravel pit work was completed due to no reclamation laws at the time. There has been some revegetation, but several areas remain unstable due to the steepness of the slope and the occasional use by visitors who enjoy the challenge of ascending or descending a slope that slides under their feet.



The yellow highlights the Mills parcel. Blue arrow points to the steepest slope with the most severe erosion. Blue triangle points to the very thick treed area that could benefit from a thinning of understory trees.

The Proposed Solution

Due to the steepness of the slope, it is impractical to try to do any vegetation planning. The site is too mobile and dry for any plantings to survive. What is proposed is to cut small trees from another area of dense underbrush to use as slash to lay across the eroding slope. By using slash across the slope, small seeds can take hold to root and help stabilize the slope. This will also deter foot traffic up and down the slope which prevents any newly rooted plant material from getting established.

Other branches that have naturally fallen are doing a bit of holding of soil in place on the slope. These act as dams to catch and hold leaves and other soil material and provide a tiny bit of area for seeds to naturally take hold. There just needs to be much more of this cross-slope material to help the process speed up.



Action Needed

A small group of volunteers is needed to tackle this project. Loppers and small hand saws are all the equipment that is needed. A half day workshop once or twice would yield a significant volume of small brush branches to be laid across the eroding slope. Fall might be an optimal time of year to do this work as the temperature will be good for working and there will be fewer leaves on the trees making selection of brush easier.

In addition to the brush cutting and laying, the trail near the edge of this steep slope should be relocated to be further from the edge for safety and to reduce the temptation to take the straight down route to the lower area of the property.



BOY SCOUT TROOP 459 NEWS

Boy Scout Troop 459 Scouts who are participating in the Citizenship in the Community Merit Badge presented their service project to benefit 68 Hours of Hunger. These Scouts collected close to 140 food products to help fight childhood food insecurity in the Oyster River School District. These boys learned about how local government works, local and state issues and how to be a good productive citizen. The group wishes to thank Selectperson Rebecca Hawthorne for her help with answering questions about our town and Barbara Nadori for giving them the opportunity to work with 68 Hours of Hunger.



Pictures by Sheri Griffith

TOWN OF LEE SWAP SHOP – WINTER 2022/2023

Winter Hours of Operation: Starting December 13th until spring, the Swap shop will be closed on Tuesdays and open Thursdays and Saturdays 8am - 5pm.

Bulky Items: Saturday, December 3rd will be the last day until spring that large bulky items can be accepted at the Swap Shop. This includes, but is not limited to, Furniture, Bicycles, Outdoor Equipment, Play Sets, Exercise Equipment, Golf Clubs, or Strollers.

Smaller items: We have limited space for the winter; please limit your drop off items to one tote.

If you have many items, try using the Facebook page “Swap Shop Treasures ~ Lee, NH” or one of the local charitable groups (Goodwill, Re-Store, Salvation Army, etc.). Please note the “Swap Shop Treasures ~ Lee, NH” Facebook page is not maintained or controlled by the Town of Lee but run by a private person. Please be sure to follow the rules for whichever group you choose to use.

If the Garage Door is open, then we are open.

PLEASE DO NOT DROP OFF ANTHING WHEN THE SWAP SHOP GARAGE DOOR IS CLOSED.

THE SWAP SHOP WILL BE CLOSED IF:

- *The schools close due to bad weather OR on Saturdays if the weather is such that the schools would have closed.*
- *If the Temperature is below 10°F wind chill.*
- *If we do not have volunteers available.*
- *If there is high winds, rain or snow.*

Thank you for your understanding and we look forward to returning to normal operations in the spring.

The New Community Power Committee

Mission: To explore the benefits of community power

WHAT IS COMMUNITY POWER?

Under Community Power programs, local governments can procure and provide electricity to their residents and businesses on a competitive basis. By bypassing outdated regulations, Community Power programs can harness private-sector innovation to lower costs for customers and provide other energy services. Electric distribution utilities (e.g., Eversource, Liberty Utilities, NH Electric Cooperative and Unitil) will continue to deliver electricity to customers via their transmission distribution systems.

WHAT ARE THE BENEFITS?

By aggregating purchasing power across a community, and by having greater flexibility in energy contracting than regulated utilities, Community Power programs can harness private sector innovation to lower costs for their customers. Community Power programs may choose to purchase power based on other attributes such as renewable sources. Community Power programs can also be a vehicle to construct local renewable energy projects to be the source of power for the program.

Senate Bill 286, signed into law on August 2, 2019, enables local governments to develop Community Power programs. Rules for the program have been finalized in recent months. Municipal and county governments may implement Community Power programs. Multiple local governments may join together to implement a Community Power program.

Please take a moment to click on the link below and complete this survey so that we can serve you best. <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/LeeCP...>

DON'T FORGET, LEE DOES FOOD WASTE COMPOSTING!

BE PART OF THE PROGRESS AND HELP THE TOWN SAVE MONEY ON MSW!

Interested residents should e-mail the Public Works Director Steve Bullek at sbullek@leenh.org, call him at 603-659-6515 or sign up at the Transfer Station. The Town provides special compostable bags to bring your food waste in to the Transfer Station.

LEE TOWN OFFICES
Town Administrator's Office
Monday 8am – 6pm
Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday 8am – 4:30pm
Friday 8am – 12:30pm
Town Clerk's Office
Monday 8am – 6pm / Wednesday 8am – 4pm / Friday 8am – 4pm

LEE TOWN BOARD, COMMITTEE AND COMMISSION VACANCIES

If you are interested in volunteering for the Town, contact the Assistant Town Administrator Denise Duval at 603-659-5414 x301 or email dduval@leenh.org. [CLICK HERE](#) for Application.

E-CRIER PUBLISHING ANNOUNCEMENT

If you have a community event that you would like to publish in the E-Crier, please email Assistant Town Administrator Denise Duval at dduval@leenh.org by noon on Thursday to get published in that Friday edition.

COMMITTEE, COMMISSION & BOARD [MEETING CALENDAR](#) [NEW LIBRARY WEBSITE](#)

RECENT COVID-RELATED INFORMATION

[NH COVID-19 WEBSITE](#)

NH Department of Health and Human Services

[CLICK HERE](#) for New DHHS Website!

WILKINSON FOOD PANTRY - Lee Church Congregational, 17 Mast Rd

The food pantry is open to any household in Lee, Durham, Madbury, Newmarket, and Nottingham. Delivery is through a walk-up window service to minimize contact during this time. The pantry is open the 1st & 3rd Monday of each month from **5:30pm - 7:00pm**. If you have an emergency need for food outside of the normal hours, please call the Church office at 659-2861 or email at leechurchucc@comcast.net. All visits to the pantry are strictly confidential.

READY RIDES

Ready Rides provides transportation at no charge for the elderly & disabled residents living in: **Barrington, Durham, Lee, Madury, Newfields, Newmarket, Northwood, Nottingham and Strafford** NH. Rides are provided by volunteer drivers using their own vehicles. **Accessible rides available.** To request information about registering as a rider or becoming a volunteer driver, please email info@readyrides.org or call (603) 244-8719. You can find an [Application](#) for riders and a [Volunteer Application](#) at www.readyrides.org. For other transportation options available in the region, please visit ACT's [Community Transportation Directory](#).

WHEN SECONDS COUNT... Please take the time NOW to SAVE TIME in an EMERGENCY.



Can the Police, Fire, or Ambulance find your home when you need them for assistance with an emergency? Can they find it at night? Can they find it during a snowstorm? Having your name and number on a mailbox is just not enough. The Lee Firemen's Association, in a joint effort with the Lee Fire Department, has a program to install reflective house number signs at driveway entrances to assist all emergency responders in locating your home in a time of need. The cost for each sign with a post is \$50.00 and it will be installed by the Lee Firemen's Association.

[CLICK HERE](#) for Reflective House Number Sign Request Form

Lee Public Library

LIBRARY HOURS

Monday – Wednesday 11:00 am – 7:00 pm

Thursday & Friday 10:00 am – 5:00 pm

Saturday 9:00 am – 12:00 pm

CLOSED – Monday, December 26th for the Holiday

**Friends of Lee Library**

Artisan Auction



Let the bidding commence!

Stop by the library and bid on one or more of the lovely items created by local residents and their families. We have quilts, hats, glassware, bags, shawls, pictures and more!

The Friends of the Lee Library Artisan Auction is a fundraising event for the Friends of the Lee Library. The Friends support museum passes, programming for children and adults throughout the year, and various other library requests as needed!

November 2nd – December 3rd

DECEMBER AT YOUR LEE LIBRARY!

Friday December 2, 4:00pm – 7:00pm – Middle School Book Club: This year we will be working our way through the Harry Potter Series. We will meet to discuss our reading and watch the related movie. A supply of books are available at the library. ***Call the library at 659-2626 if you are in grades 5-8 and would like to join us. Attendance capped at 15.***



Saturday December 3, 5:30am – 7:30pm – Friends of the Library Tree Lighting, Holiday Concert & Auction Winner Announcements! Join us and the Friends of The Lee Public Library for the Tree Lighting and Christmas Holiday Concert! The tree lights will be turned on at 5:30pm in the triangle, then it's off to the Grange for music with Great Bay Sailor and some yummy refreshments. The Friends will announce the winners of the auction items during the intermission!



Monday December 5, 6:00pm – 7:00pm – Surviving the Holiday Hustle with Naomi Hall: Join us in the Library program space! Overwhelmed, exhausted, stressed. These words often describe how we feel during the holiday season. We hustle and try to make sure everyone is making wonderful memories, all the while often snapping at the ones we love the most. We put ourselves last and suffer for it. What if we took time to prioritize ourselves so we can show up our best selves for those we love? Let's take some time to look at practical steps you can take to reduce the stress and survive the holiday hustle. We will look at techniques you can use in the moment to self-regulate and ideas for reducing overall stress.



Tuesday December 6 & 20, 1:00pm – 7:00pm – Grab & Go Craft Kit Pick-Up: Come and pick up a kids craft kit while supplies last!

Tuesday December 6, 13, & 20, 3:30pm – 4:45pm – Afterschool Creators Club: Students will be walked from Mast Way and should be picked up from the program space at 4:45pm. Program is full!

Tuesday December 6, 5:30pm – 6:30pm: Friends Meeting, New members always welcome, come on over!

Wednesday December 7 & 21, 10: 00am - Knitters: Meet on the first and third Wednesday at 10:00am. Bring along your knitting and enjoy some friendly company! New knitters always welcome.



Wednesday December 7, 7:00pm – 8:00pm – Jenny Powers, The Woman Who Dares – Virtual program in partnership with Lee Historical Society and NH Humanities: Join us via Zoom as we learn about Jennie Powers who took a stand against social vices in New Hampshire and Vermont in the early twentieth century. She was a humane society agent in Keene from 1903-1936 and one of the first humane society agents to become a deputy sheriff in New Hampshire. Jennie was known across the country as "The Woman Who Dares" cited by the Boston Post newspaper in 1906 as having arrested more men than any other woman in America. Email leelibrary@comcast.net for Zoom link.



Monday December 12, 6:00pm – 7:00pm – Book Group: Our book group usually meets on the second Monday of each month at 6 pm. December's title is *The Midnight Library* by Matt Haig. Somewhere out beyond the edge of the universe there is a library that contains an infinite number of books, each one the story of another reality. One tells the story of your life as it is, along with another book for the other life you could have lived if you had made a different choice at any point in your life. Copies are available at the library!



Monday December 14, 1:00pm – 3:00pm – Adult Crafting, Santa Pillows & Pots with Hayley: Come on over for some Christmassy craft fun with Hayley!



Wednesday December 14, 5:30pm – 6:30pm – Library Trustee Meeting. This is a public meeting, all welcome.

Saturday December 17, 10:00am – 11:00am – Octopuses with UNH Extension: Bring the family along to this fun filled interactive program. This captivating program uses pictures, brief video clips, and props to teach kids the basics about octopuses (anatomy, size, diet, habitat, predators) and to explore their intelligence and wide range of defenses (methods of camouflage, squirting ink, and jet propulsion).

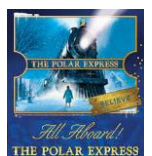


Monday December 19, 6:00pm – 8:00pm – Crafty Creations, Virtual or In-Person Crafting for Adults: Join us (via zoom or in person) as we create wonderful decorations for your home or garden. Pick up your supply program kit from the library and tune in to zoom or come in to the library and create in person! Please call or email to sign up. NOTE DATE CHANGE THIS MONTH... NOT THE FOURTH MONDAY!



Friday December 21, 6:00pm – 7:00pm: Bring the family along to make a graham cracker gingerbread house to take home or eat!

Friday December 23, 5:30pm – 7:30pm – Family Movie Night: Join us in the library program space for our family movie night! This month we will watch the Christmas classic *The Polar Express*. We'll provide the popcorn, snacks and a **hot chocolate bar**. You just need to come in your PJ's and join the fun!



Monday December 26, Library closed in celebration of the Christmas holidays!



Regional & State News & Events

GOVERNOR & EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEETING

Tuesday, November 2, 2022

[CLICK HERE](#) for the 11/2/2022 Minutes

Next Governor & Executive Council Meeting

Wednesday, December 7, 2022 10:00 am, State House, Concord, NH



[CLICK HERE](#) for the Fall Lamprey River Wild & Scenic Newsletter

BEWARE OF SMISHING CAMPAIGN

Please [CLICK HERE](#) for the New Hampshire Information & Analysis Center (NHIAC) bulletin regarding a COVID-19 themed smishing campaign being distributed to NH citizens. Smishing is the fraudulent practice of sending text messages purporting to be from a reputable company in order to induce individuals to reveal personal information. If you receive a text message like this one, please delete it immediately. If you click on the link, you will be redirected to a fraudulent website that collects personal information.

If you are a Lee Resident in need of assistance with a Veteran's issue the Lee Memorial VFW Post 10676 may be able to help.

This post serves the communities of Lee, Durham, Madbury and Newmarket and has Service Officers who can help folks with just about any Veteran's related issue. At the State level they have a seat on the SVAC (State Veterans Advisory Committee) and are linked with tens of other non-profit Veterans organizations that provide a host of services. Please contact **Scott Moreau**, Commander, VFW Post 10676, at vfwpost10676@yahoo.com for assistance or if you would like to join the VFW they meet on the 2nd Tuesday of the month at the American Legion's big meeting hall in Newmarket.

The Seacoast Village Project (a nonprofit)

Helping seniors age in their homes and community!

Educational Programs, Social Activities, Home Services, Resources, Friendships

Membership Information

<https://www.seacoastvillageproject.org/>

(603)-373-8429

ATTENTION!

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