

TOWN OF LEE, NEW HAMPSHIRE
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Lee News & Upcoming
Events
February 25, 2022

**TOWN OFFICES CLOSED FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 25TH
DUE TO SNOW STORM**



**TUESDAY, MARCH 8, 2022 7 am- 7 pm
LEE PUBLIC SAFETY COMPLEX**

MASKS REQUIRED PLEASE

Select Board	(1) 3-year position	Cary Brown Rebecca Hawthorne
Moderator	(1) 2-year position	Donald Quigley
Treasurer	(1) 3-year position	Benjamin Genes
Supervisor of the Checklist	(1) 6-year position	Gloria Quigley
Trustee of the Trust Funds	(1) 3-year position	Jeff Liporto
Library Trustees	(2) 3-year positions	Katrinka Pellicchia Emily Woodall
Cemetery Trustees	(1) 3-year position	Peter Hoyt
Advisory Budget Committee	(2) 3-year positions	Scott Bugbee Thomas Murdoch

[CLICK HERE](#) FOR 2022 VOTER INFORMATION GUIDE

[CLICK HERE](#) FOR A SAMPLE 2022 BALLOT

TOWN OF LEE DELIBERATIVE SESSION

Stream it Live at www.leenh.org under view meetings

[CLICK HERE](#) for FY23 Budget

[CLICK HERE](#) for the Warrant Articles

SELECT BOARD MEETINGS

March 7th & 21st Select Board Meeting 6:00pm
Public Safety Complex, 20 George Bennett Road
Subject to change, please check the website meeting calendar

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

MEET THE CANDIDATES EVENT

Thursday, March 3, 2022 7:00 - 8:00 pm via Zoom

To Join Zoom Meeting go to:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89587231209?pwd=N0hFQzNQb0t4ancwMzdsdG9CRWRBZz09>

Meeting ID: 895 8723 1209

Passcode: 925982

Hosted by the Lee Public Library Trustees

All candidates that have filed for any office for the Town have been invited to share their background, qualifications and reasons for running for office with the voters.

Feel free to email your questions for the candidates to the library at leelibrary@comcast.net prior to March 3rd.

SUPERVISOR OF THE CHECKLIST NOTICE AND FUTURE SESSION

The Supervisors of the Checklist held a session for accepting applications for new voter registration, as well as requests for corrections to the checklist and/or change of political party affiliation on Saturday, February 26th. This was the last opportunity to register to vote **until** Election Day, March 8th. **Applicants for voter registration who possess proof of identity, age (18 years of age), citizenship, and domicile should bring that proof when they come to register.** Driver's license and passport are helpful. Qualified applicants who do not possess proof or who do not bring proof with them may still register if they sign an affidavit attesting to their qualifications for identity, age, citizenship, and/or domicile.

The supervisors will hold a work session/meeting on Friday, **March 4th** at 9:00am at the Town Offices to approve changes to the official checklist for the Town of Lee.

ICE SKATING RINK AT TOWN FIELD

GUIDELINES WHEN USING NEW ICE RINK

1. DAWN TO 8pm
2. PARKING OUT FRONT, AT MAST WAY OR AT HWY DEPT
3. HOCKEY MAY BE PLAYED IF NO ONE ELSE IS SKATING
4. HOCKEY ONLY HOURS: SAT & SUN 8-10am WED 6-8pm

LEE HERITAGE COMMISSION 2022 CALENDARS ARE STILL AVAILABLE!

Caleendars can be purchased in person at the Lee Library. They are \$10 each, payable by cash or check made out to the Town of Lee. If you would like to order copies online and have them shipped go to <https://www.ebay.com/itm/133965658009>.

OLD APPLE TREE PRUNING WORKSHOP

Saturday, March 12, 2022

1 pm – 4 pm

Lee Town Forest

Pre-registration is required

This free workshop, sponsored by the Lee Conservation Commission, will focus on pruning old apple trees. The event is limited to 12 participants.

Orchards have long been an important feature of New England farms. As farms were abandoned, so were the trees. With gnarled trunks and tangled branches, the trees continue to provide food and shelter for wildlife. Renovating these old trees allows for improved fruit for people and wildlife.



There are a dozen old apple trees in and around an early successional opening in the Lee Town Forest. The workshop includes demonstrations and hands on opportunities. The program will be led by Bryan Cassidy, a local farmer with experience in pruning old apple trees and a passion for mentoring others in this skill. Conservation Commission members will talk about wild apple trees in the landscape.

This is an outdoor event. Dress for the weather. Pruning tools (loppers, pruning saws, pole saws) will be provided. Bring your own tools if you want. Work gloves and eye protection (safety glasses) are recommended while pruning, sawing, or brush pulling. Bring water and snacks.

Register at **Nature Groupie**: <https://naturegroupie.org/experiences/pruning-old-apple-trees-workshop>

Women in the Woods: Winter Tree Identification Walk

March 19, 2022 9:30 - 11:30am

Little River Park, 34 North River Road, Lee, NH

Join Extension natural resource field specialists, Rebecca DiGirolomo and Wendy Scribner, and the Lee Conservation Commission for a tree identification walk at Little River Park in Lee, NH. In this women-focused program, participants will learn about the different tree species found on the property and tips and tricks for identifying them. This workshop will take place entirely outdoors at Little River Park in Lee, NH so come prepared and dress for winter weather. Detailed location and parking information will be provided to registered participants. **Registration is required.**



[Women in the Woods](#) is a collaboration between UNH Cooperative Extension, [NH Timberland Owners Association](#), the [Society for the Protection of New Hampshire Forests](#), and other partners aimed at connecting women landowners and land managers with the resources, skills, and community they need to make informed stewardship decisions that promote healthy forest resources. **For more information about Women in the Woods, visit:** extension.unh.edu/womeninthewoods.

COVID-19 Safety Precautions: The program will be held entirely outdoors, **limited to 15 participants**, and social distancing will be encouraged. Participants will be asked to stay home if they have tested positive for COVID-19, are waiting for COVID-19 test results, have COVID-19 [symptoms](#), or have had close contact with a person who has tested positive for or who has symptoms of COVID-19 in advance of a field trip.

What to Bring: Dress for being outdoors in winter conditions. Bring a snack, plenty of water, and your own snowshoes or traction devices. Bring binoculars if you have them.

Cost: Free – Registration is Required

Co-sponsored by: [Society for the Protection of NH Forests](#), [NH Timberland Owners Association](#), and the [Lee Conservation Commission](#).

[CLICK HERE TO REGISTER](#)

CONTACT [Jennifer Adie](#)

SPECIALISTS [Rebecca DiGirolomo](#) [Wendy Scribner](#)

STUMPOLOGY, PART 7 By Catherine Fisher

Nurse stumps are plentiful in Lee's Town Forest and other wooded areas where tree harvesting has taken place. If you come across a stump on which a tree sapling is growing, you have found a nurse stump - a tiny nursery where young trees are provided with the nutrients, moisture, light and warmth needed to thrive. Becoming a nurse stump is a process, and a stump must undergo several transformations before it is ready to become a nursery.

Most, if not all, the nurse stumps I've come across are white pine stumps, and pine stumps, you'll remember, take a long time to decay. As decomposition slowly breaks down the lignin's that formed the tree's rigid cell walls, the wood becomes less resistant to water. Moisture in the wood enables microorganisms to move in, further enhancing the process of breaking down the stump's solid structures. The stump changes from a hard, solid structure to one that is softer and more porous.



Decay makes the wood crumbly, creating openings in the stump that become filled by tiny organisms such as bacteria and fungi - hundreds of different species. Many of these are decomposers, and they help accelerate decay. As time passes, colonies of mosses and lichens form, and the stump, *like the one pictured above*, gradually becomes encased in a living coat of velvety green. Insects, sow bugs, worms, and salamanders also move in, and the stump is transformed from deadwood to habitat.

Over time, as the organisms inhabiting the stump grow and multiply, more openings are formed, creating more niches for other organisms to occupy. As individuals living in this small habitat die, their organic components accumulate in the stump's spaces and crevices, and bit by bit a humus layer is created. This process transforms the stump from a structure that supports small, non-vascular plants to one that provides the nutrients needed for tree seedlings to grow.

Every year, from late spring through fall and winter, a woodland's trees shower the forest floor with seeds. Many are eaten. Some fall in places not conducive to growth. A fortunate few land in a Goldilocks place where light, moisture, and temperature are just right for a developing seedling.

Small-seeded trees such as hemlock and birch have a particularly difficult time getting started. Birch seedlings are so weak that they cannot survive if they are covered by so much as a fallen leaf; and hemlock seeds cannot germinate unless they land in a site that is both warm and moist - a rarity in the cool, dark habitat found beneath a hemlock stand. Most seeds of these two tree species never germinate, or if they do, they sprout in a place where they cannot thrive. For a fortunate few, however, fate, in the form of wind or a red squirrel, delivers them to one of the few places in the forest that meets their Goldilocks requirements - a well-seasoned, mossy pine stump.



The nurse stump pictured here has two hemlock saplings and a black birch growing on it. Their roots are likely embracing the outer edge of the stump, running underneath, and protected by, the stump's mossy coat. Here they have what is needed to flourish: sunlight created by the hole formed in the canopy when their stump's tree was felled, and plenty of nutrients and moisture provided by their nurse stump.

SWAP SHOP NEWS – WINTER 2021/2022

Hours: The Swap Shop will be closed on Tuesdays until April.
We will be open on Thursdays and Saturdays 8 am – 5 pm.

The Swap Shop is open, if the garage door is open. **Please do not drop off anything if the Swap Shop garage door is closed.**

The Swap Shop will close due to high winds, rain or snow; schools closing due to weather; temperatures below 10°F wind chill or if a volunteer is not available.

Bulky Items: Large bulky items are not accepted at the Swap Shop during the winter months.

Thank you for your understanding and we look forward to returning to normal hours in the spring when the weather improves.

RECENT COVID-RELATED INFORMATION

[NH COVID-19 WEBSITE](#)

NH DHHS

[COVID-19 PANDEMIC UPDATES](#)

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.

LEE TOWN COMMITTEE AND COMMISSION VACANCIES

Various Committees have openings to be filled. If you are interested contact the Assistant Town Administrator Denise Duval at 603-659-5414 or email dduval@leenh.org. [CLICK HERE](#) for Application.

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

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](#) on this website. Email or mail it to Ready Rides P.O. Box 272 Northwood, NH 03261. 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

FOR THE ADULTS

New Website!

Go to www.leelibrarynh.org/ and check out our new website!

Book Donation Celebration! Are you looking to do something special for someone important in your life? Then celebrate with a book! Buy a book, donate it to the Library and we will add a note of honor to the recipient of your special gift... they will be the first to check it out and your donation will remain in the library for years to come!

Upcoming Library Meetings

Tuesday, March 1st, 5:30 – 6:30pm – **Friends Meeting**

Wednesday, March 9th, 5:30 – 6:30pm – **Library Trustee Meeting**

Life Downstairs, Virtual Program with the Lee Historical Society

Wednesday, March 2, 7:00pm – 8:00pm – Virtual Presentation by Ann McClellan “Life Downstairs”: A monthly series of programs from the New Hampshire Humanities Council held on the 1st Wednesday of the month at 7pm through May 4, 2022. Sponsored by the Lee Public Library, the Lee Historical Society and the New Hampshire Humanities. Please call or email the library for your zoom link!

KNITTERS MEET HERE

Knitters are meeting on the 1ST AND 3RD Wednesday morning of the month at 10 AM. Their next meetings is Wednesday, 2/16th. All skill levels invited, and there is instruction!



Crafty Creations, Monthly Adult Crafting Group Coming in February!



Monday, Feb 28th, 6pm – Crafty Creations, Virtual or In-

Person Crafting for Adults! Join us on the 4th Monday of every month (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! February's craft is 'Spring Flower Candles'. Please call or email to sign up.

Meet the Lee Candidates

Thursday, March 3rd, 2022 at 7:00pm via Zoom: A “MEET THE CANDIDATES” event will be hosted by the Lee Public Library Trustees on Thursday, March 3 from 7:00 - 8:00 PM via Zoom.

All candidates that have filed for any office for the town have been invited to share their background, qualifications and reasons for running for office with the voters. Any questions for the candidates can be emailed to the library (leelibrary@comcast.net) before the date.

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Meeting ID: 895 8723 1209, Passcode: 925982

Reflections on Spectacle Pond, Virtual Program with Presenter George Kinder

Thursday, March 10th, 7:00pm – Virtual Presentation by George Kinder: In this virtual event, George Kinder offers an intimate window into his creative process with a poetry reading, photography slideshow, and discussion about meditation, nature, and inspiration. NOT TO BE MISSED! Call or email us for the zoom link.

Adult Book Group- Meets on the 2nd Monday of the Month

March 14, 2022 6:00pm - Discussion: *The Book Woman of Troublesome Creek* by Kim Michelle Richardson

FOR THE CHILDREN

Grab and Go crafts

Make sure to like the *Lee Public Library (NH)* Facebook page to see our weekly updates, and watch for info on this month's grab and go crafts. The next kits will be going out on March 1st & 15th.

Preschool Story-Times

Thursdays from 10:30am – 11:30am. Stop by for our traditional story time. We will read, sing, wiggle and craft. **There will be no story time on March 3rd.**

Sensory/Station Story time

Fridays from 10:30am – 11:30am. This is our activity based program. We will listen to a story or two, get out our rhythm sticks/maracas/boomwhackers or scarves and then have fun with assorted stations including sensory, fine/gross motor, puzzles...

March Themes:

3rd – **No program today**

10th – **Mud**

17th – **Springtime**

24th – **Trains**

31st – **Laughing**

Afterschool Offerings – Tuesday & Thursday

Call the library at 603-659-2626 for information on registering for our next 8 week session.

After School story time - Tuesdays from bus drop off until 4:45.

After School Craft Club - Thursdays from bus drop off until 4:45.

Middle School Book Club – Tuesday, March 22nd, 6pm

Our middle school book club meets via ZOOM on the 4th Tuesday of each month from 6-6:45 pm. Contact the library at 603-659-2626 if you are in grades 5-8 and would like to join us. We have a supply of the books available at the Library.



Middle School Legos, March 11th & 25th, 3:45pm – 4:45pm

Join us on the 2nd and 4th Fridays of the month for this *NEW CLUB!* Participants can choose from several Lego challenges, or just create on their own. Call the library at 659-2626 for more information.

Middle School Crafters

This fun group meets on the 1st and 3rd Friday of each month from 3:45 – 4:45pm. Our crafts supplies will include items and ideas to create winter dream catchers and gods eye wall art. Call the library at 603-659-2626 for more information.



Regional & State News & Events

OYSTER RIVER COOPERATIVE SCHOOL DISTRICT NEWS – 1-19-2022

First day of school in New ORMS Building – Monday, February 28th.

Parent open house for grades 5 and 8 – Tuesday, March 1st (details provided later by team)

Parent open house for grades 6 and 7 – Thursday, March 3rd (details provided later by team)

The next regular school board meeting will be March 2nd.

Oyster River High School Class of 2022 Graduation Ceremony will be held Friday, June 10, 2022, with a rain date of the next day.

GOVERNOR & EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEETING

Wednesday, February 16, 2022

[CLICK HERE](#) for the 2/16/2022 Minutes

Next Governor & Executive Council Meeting

Wednesday, March 9, 2022 10:00 am in Concord, NH



[CLICK HERE](#) for the Winter 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



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

Grief, Healing, and Resilience: A Structured Program of Support for Adults Who Have Lost Children/Grandchildren, Nieces/Nephews, Spouses/Partners, or Siblings

Mondays; April 4, 11th, 18th and 25th 5-6:30pm

Chapel, Community Church of Durham, NH

At some point, most humans suffer grief, often defined as the process by which someone experiences loss. But losing a child/grandchild, niece/nephew, spouse/partner, or a sibling is an especially devastating form of seismic trauma. While grieving is very specific—based on the individual griever, the nature of the loss, and the relationship with the one who has been lost—there are many common elements to the journey. These include an emotional roller coaster at times triggered by passing comments such as “Oh, you’ll get over it” or “You’ll have another child,” or “Don’t be in denial,” or “She’s in a better place.” This program of four 90-minute meetings is NOT clinical therapy, but it is designed to offer information and some tools for engaging with grief and healing. While spiritual in orientation, the program is non-sectarian and non-denominational. Discussion is most welcome, but no one need participate if not comfortable doing so.

Facilitator: Steve Hardy earned a graduate-level Grief Support Specialist Certificate from the University of Wisconsin in 2017. More important, he has personal experience in grief—shared with his wife Donna—through the loss of two sons. He retired in 2014 as Professor of Kinesiology and Affiliate Professor of History at the University of New Hampshire, where he won awards for teaching excellence. This is the third time he has offered the structured program. Since 2018, he has also facilitated informal grief support groups. And he has written blogs on resilience at: <https://onesummit.org/what-we-do/profiles-in-resilience/>

Enrollment: This program is for grieving adults who have lost a child/grandchild, niece/nephew, spouse/partner, or a sibling. BYO writing material—tablet (paper or digital), pencil, pen. There is no cost, but enrollment is limited to 20 people. For information or registration please contact Steve Hardy at: stephen.hardy@unh.edu or 603-781-7194.

Comments from past participants:

A spouse: “It is really hard to express one's true feelings, but Steve made it comfortable to do. Some really helpful suggestions to help one get through the tough times.”

A parent: “The Grief Workshop provided me with information, insights and a safe and supportive environment to understand and deal with the grieving process. Steve’s knowledge, personal experience and caring created a healing circle for the participants.”

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.

ATTENTION!

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