

TOWN OF LEE, NEW HAMPSHIRE
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Lee News & Upcoming
Events
March 12, 2021

TOWN OF LEE
March 9, 2021 ELECTION RESULTS

758 BALLOTS CAST

ARTICLE 1 To choose all necessary Town Officers for the ensuing year:

Selectman	3-year position	Katrin Kasper	404
		John LaCourse	172
		Jonathan Moss	129
Trustee of the Trust Funds	3-year position	Michelle Martinson	630
Library Trustee	3-year position	Annamarie Gasowski	650
Cemetery Trustee	3-year position	Jeffrey Liporto	620
Advisory Budget Committee	(2) 3-year positions	Patricia Barbour	561
		Stacey Waitz	515
Advisory Budget Committee	2-year position	Bambi Miller (Write-in)	16

ARTICLE 2 - Optional Meeting Procedures due to Covid-19	643	YES	101	NO
ARTICLE 3 - Operating Budget	470	YES	264	NO
ARTICLE 4 - Purchase of New Fire Engine	518	YES	222	NO
ARTICLE 5 - Fire Equipment Capital Reserve Fund	532	YES	212	NO
ARTICLE 6 - Fire Ponds and Cisterns Capital Reserve Fund	567	YES	175	NO
ARTICLE 7 - Library Capital Reserve Fund	530	YES	211	NO
ARTICLE 8 - Highway Equipment Capital Reserve Fund	566	YES	179	NO
ARTICLE 9 - Highway Road and Bridge CRF	568	YES	174	NO
ARTICLE 10 - Transfer Station Equipment CRF	551	YES	184	NO
ARTICLE 11 - Town Buildings Capital Reserve Fund	446	YES	282	NO
ARTICLE 12 - Internal Service Expendable Trust	469	YES	249	NO
ARTICLE 13 - Contingency Fund	522	YES	204	NO
ARTICLE 14 - Adopt RSA 287-E Allowing Bingo and Sale of Lucky 7	532	YES	180	NO
ARTICLE 15 - Change Purpose of Fire Ponds and Cisterns CRF	593	YES	136	NO
ARTICLE 16 - Move \$4500 from Contingency Fund to Town Building CRF	576	YES	156	NO



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TRANSFER STATION

Open Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays 7:00 am – 6:00 pm

ATTENTION: NEW CLOSING TIME OF 5:45pm WILL START TUESDAY, MARCH 16TH

SELECT BOARD MEETING VIA ZOOM – MONDAY, March 22nd 6:00 pm

Meeting ID 892 7541 3158 & Password 124855

Please check the website for Agendas and instructions on how to access Zoom meetings

Subject to change, please check the website meeting calendar

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

LEE TOWN COMMITTEE AND COMMISSION VACANCIES

The Planning Board, Energy, Advisory Budget, and Sustainability Committees have openings to be filled. If you are interested contact the Town Secretary Denise Duval at 603-659-5414 or email dduval@leenh.org. [CLICK HERE](#) for Application.

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

RECENT COVID-RELATED INFORMATION

FORBEARANCE & FORECLOSURE PROTECTIONS for HOMEOWNERS

The Biden-Harris Administration recently announced an extension of COVID-19 forbearance and foreclosure protections for homeowners. The most recent actions announced will extend the foreclosure moratorium for homeowners through June 30, 2021; extend the mortgage payment forbearance enrollment window until June 30, 2021 for borrowers who wish to request forbearance; and provide up to six months of additional mortgage payment forbearance, in three-month increments, for borrowers who entered forbearance on or before June 30, 2020. More information can be found [here](#).

PAYCHECK PROTECTION PROGRAM

The SBA announced upcoming changes to the Paycheck Protection Program (PPP). Beginning Wednesday (2/24), there is a 14-day exclusive PPP loan application period for businesses and nonprofits with fewer than 20 employees. The remaining changes were expected to be rolled out the first week of March. The full announcement can be found [here](#) and a fact sheet outlining the changes can be found [here](#). Borrowers must apply for a forgivable PPP loan before the March 31st statutory deadline, subject to the availability of funding.

NH FOOD BANK – UPCOMING MOBILE FOOD PANTRIES

The NH Food Bank will be hosting several mobile food pantries across the state this month using a drive-thru distribution model. Recipients will remain in their car and fresh produce, non-perishable items and more will be delivered right to them. These events are open to anyone in need. More information about upcoming mobile food pantries – including dates, times and locations – can be found [here](#).

New Hampshire Emergency Rental Assistance Program - NHERAP

Senator Shaheen recently advocated for the inclusion of \$25 billion to create the [Emergency Rental Assistance \(ERA\) program](#). The state of NH will receive \$200 million in federal assistance through the ERA. These funds will be used to administer rental assistance through NHERAP which will be administered by NH Housing Finance Authority (NHHFA), in collaboration with Governor's Office for Emergency Relief and Recovery (GOFERR). NHHFA will work with the 5 regional Community Action Partnership (CAP) agencies that will administer applications and payments for the program. More information about this program can be found [here](#).

Full program guidelines and the NHERAP application information will be available by March 15th and you can sign up to receive updates from NHHFA about this program by clicking [here](#).



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

Saturday March 20, at 9 Am via Zoom

Introduction to Ancestry and other Genealogy Databases. Email Ruth at leelibrary@comcast.net to sign up. Or join the session from Zoom.us Meeting ID 476 452 0503, password 675752

 **Ancestry Library Edition® is now available from Home!**

Go to the library website www.leelibrarynh.org, then click on catalog. From the library catalog home screen there will be a link to Ancestry on the right under “Links”. You will need to log in using your login details (instructions will be on the screen) then you will be directed to the Ancestry Library Edition® website!

Curbside Pickup

Contact-less curb-side pickup is available during regular open hours. If the weather is non-cooperative, the pickup cart will be just inside the library’s main entrance. You may request items via phone 659-2626, [email](#) or online through our [catalog](#). Your requested items will be checked out to you, placed in a bag, and tagged with your name. We will email or call you when your items are ready to be picked up.



Mark your Calendar!

History of Agriculture as Told by Barns. Wednesday April 7 at 7:00 PM via Zoom. Hosted the New Hampshire Humanities

Council, the Lee Public Library and the Lee Historical Society. [Click here](#) to register for this program.
Presenter: [John C. Porter](#)

Barns can tell us a great deal about the history of agriculture in New Hampshire. In the colonial period, New Hampshire was a rural, agrarian state and small subsistence farms dotted the landscape. An important part of these farmsteads was the barn, which housed animals and stored crops. Early barns used traditional building methods and followed the English barn style, with a low pitched roof and doors under the eaves. As time went on, the farms expanded to accommodate changes in agriculture. This presentation will follow the progression of barn styles that evolved to handle the increased productivity required to meet the needs of a growing population and respond to changes in society caused by the railroad and the Industrial Revolution. John C. Porter, author of *Preserving Old Barns: Preventing the Loss of a Valuable Resource*, will demonstrate how these majestic barn structures represent Yankee ingenuity, hard work, and skilled craftsmanship, as well as providing a link to our past that adds to the state's scenic beauty.



Youth Programs March 2021

All of our winter programs can be found on our Facebook page.

Grab and Go Crafts—Pick up on Tuesday

We will put out new craft kits and activities every Tuesday at 2:00 pm.

March 16 STEAM circle craft

March 23 Spring has Sprung

March 30 Felt Bunny craft

Preschool Story-time Thursday—11:30 on Facebook

March 18 Spring!

March 25 Librarian's Choice

Lap Sit Story-time March 17 8:30 am

Facebook live program- Join Shay, Miss Judy and the crew for some fun movement songs and stories. This program is designed for littles 24 months old and younger and their caregivers, but can be enjoyed by all ages .

Music and movement Story-time March 17 2:30 pm

We will sing and move to some fun stories and songs.

A **Facebook Live!** Program.

Pajama Story-time — Wednesday March 24 6:00 pm

Put on your jammies a little early, bring along your blanket and favorite stuffy and listen to some bedtime stories.

A **Facebook Live!** Program.



Regional & State News & Events

OYSTER RIVER COOPERATIVE SCHOOL DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD NEWS

March 3, 2021

The Oyster River School Board approved Athletic Director Andy Lathrop's proposal for spring sports at ORHS and ORMS, which builds on the success of fall and winter athletics programs. Outdoor sports will be able to accommodate 2 spectators per player. Go Bobcats!

Assistant Superintendent Todd Allen has been working with many teachers, staff, and the towns of Lee and Durham to develop an in-person, primarily outdoor REACH program for this summer. REACH is expected to run 5 weeks from July 5 to August 5. The Oyster River School Nutrition department will offer FREE meals to all children in Oyster River during REACH days (and through the remainder of this school year). Once again, ORCSD will partner with the Town of Durham Parks & Rec to offer afternoon programming. Final location, scheduling, and program offerings will be published as details are finalized. The programs will not be offered at Oyster River Middle School this summer due to ongoing construction.

The School Board approved a recommendation from Elementary Principals Misty Lowe and David Goldsmith to extend in-person and remote teaching to Wednesdays for grades K-4. Starting the week of April 5, elementary students will have classes 5 days per week. Ms. Lowe and Mr. Goldsmith commended the dedication and tremendous work teachers and staff have invested this year to redesign their curriculum for the hybrid and remote teaching environment. They also recognized the contribution of all staff, students, and families in adhering to infection control precautions to make this year successful.

High School and Middle School staff and students continue to prepare for 2 days-per-week in-person school starting Monday, March 8.

The Long-Range Planning Committee has continued to meet regularly refining the models used to predict future ORCSD student populations. The LRPC is seeking an additional member who is a Madbury resident.

Finally, the School Board reluctantly accepted Assistant Superintendent Todd Allen's intent to retire at the end of June. Mr. Allen has served Oyster River for 36 years as a parent, teacher, coach, assistant principal, principal, and assistant superintendent. Dr. Morse appreciated Mr. Allen as a caring, kind, and thoughtful educator who has been instrumental in the success of Oyster River students, teachers, and staff.

GOVERNOR & EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEETING

Wednesday, March 3, 2021

[CLICK HERE](#) for the 3/3/2021 Minutes

Next Governor & Executive Council Meeting

Wednesday, March 24, 2021 10:00 a.m. in Concord, NH

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 Andy Corrow, Commander, VFW Post 10676, at 603-397-9267 or vfwpost10676@yahoo.com for assistance.

ATTENTION!

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