

TOWN OF LEE, NEW HAMPSHIRE
249 Calef Highway
Lee, New Hampshire 03861
(603) 659-5414

**Lee News & Upcoming
Events
March 19, 2021**

SATURDAY IS THE FIRST DAY OF SPRING – HERE'S TO NEW BEGINNINGS



**[CLICK HERE](#) for Town of Lee 2020
Annual Report
Cover Photo by Jill Nooney**



TRANSFER STATION
Open Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays
7:00 am – 5:45 pm
PLEASE NOTE NEW CLOSING TIME

SELECT BOARD MEETING & PUBLIC HEARING VIA ZOOM
MONDAY, March 22nd 6:00 pm

**In addition to the regular meeting, there will be a public hearing to discuss adopting fees for
dumping brush at the Transfer Station for commercial contractors**

Meeting ID 892 7541 3158 & Password 124855

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

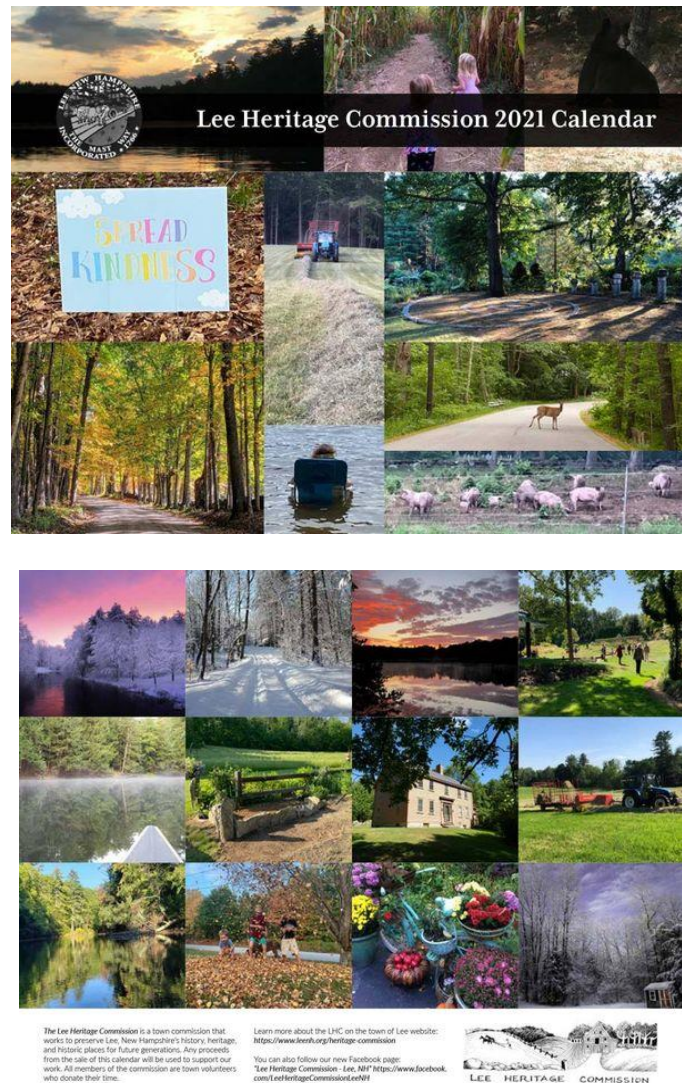
Subject to change, please check the website meeting calendar

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

2022 LEE HERITAGE COMMISSION CALENDAR

In hopes of getting photos of Lee throughout the year, we will be calling for submissions every month. We're particularly interested in folks sending us photos at the new ice rink next to Mast Way School and winter-time fun. Please email high-resolution version of your photos to:

LeeNHcalendar@gmail.com.



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](#)



One Bin at a Time – Office Paper and Magazines

Talking trash with Jen Messeder, LSC member

Old habits are hard to break. We get it. And having the old Mixed Paper bin divided and re-defined is surely shaking up our old habits. It's been a few months now, and we were curious how it's going.



On the left side, we're doing pretty well getting magazines and magazine-like catalogs in there.

However, some food boxes are also getting in there, so we have some room for improvement. (Food boxes are trash now, sadly.)

On the right side, we need to do a bit more work to break those old Mixed Paper habits. This side is strictly for plain (not shiny) office-type paper items. No cardboard of any kind.

And open those Valpak envelopes – the envelope itself is office-type paper, but the contents are often shiny paper.

- Basic 8.5x11 and similar paper of any color or size
- Copy paper
- Plain (not shiny) paper
- Lined notebook paper, graph paper
- Envelopes (plastic windows are okay)

If you're not sure if a thing is made of plain paper, try these "look and feel" tests.

Look – If the item is shiny like a magazine page, it's trash.

Feel – You're feeling for medium weight:

- If it feels like the type of paper you might use in a printer, it's office paper.
- If it feels like tissue paper, a business card, a post card or a cereal box, it's trash.

YES!



NO



Refuse • Reduce • Reuse • Repair • Repurpose • Recycle • Rot

 • Lee NH Sustainability Committee • Low Carbon Diet - Seacoast NH • "Zero Waste" groups

RECENT COVID-RELATED INFORMATION

TRAVEL QUARANTINE GUIDANCE

Domestic travel within the U.S. outside of New England no longer requires quarantine upon return to NH, although people are recommended to still follow CDC's travel guidance, including wearing a well-fitted face mask while traveling, practicing social distancing, getting tested 3-5 days after travel (with a molecular or PCR-based test), and limiting public interactions after travel (even if not required to quarantine).

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](#).

NH FOOD BANK – UPCOMING MOBILE FOOD PANTRIES

The NH Food Bank will be hosting several mobile food pantries across the state in March 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 can be found [here](#).

New Hampshire Emergency Rental Assistance Program - NHERAP

The application for the NH Emergency Rental Assistance Program became available on **March 15th**. This program is being managed by the NH Housing Finance Authority (NHHFA) and the funds are being administered through NH's five Community Action Partnership (CAP) agencies. An overview of the program can be found [here](#), answers to Frequently asked questions can be found [here](#), you can find your local CAP agency [here](#) and a PowerPoint with more information about the program and how to apply can be found [here](#).

Eligibility:

To be eligible for rental or utility assistance, at least one person in the household must have qualified for unemployment benefits, had their income reduced, had significant costs, **OR** had other financial hardship due to COVID-19. The household must be at risk for homelessness or housing instability, and meet certain income requirements. This program is for renters and landlords, not homeowners.

NHERAP will:

- Pay current and past due rent, as well as utility and home energy costs for eligible households. This assistance is available retroactive to April 1, 2020 through the date of application, and the applicant may also receive assistance for these same future expenses, for a total of 12 months.
- Pay for current and past due utility and home energy costs for eligible households, even you are not receiving rental assistance.
- Pay grants directly to the landlord or utility provider on behalf of the household.
- Work with a landlord, with the tenant's permission, to apply for assistance on behalf of their tenant.



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®** **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 23 Spring has Sprung

March 30 Felt Bunny craft

Preschool Story-time Thursday—11:30 on Facebook

March 25 Librarian's Choice

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.



OYSTER RIVER COOPERATIVE SCHOOL DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD NEWS

March 17, 2021

School Board members including Student Representative Megan Deane and Superintendent Morse expressed appreciation for the leadership of Thomas Newkirk who served as School Board Chair for the last 7 years. Dr. Newkirk continues to serve as a School Board member.

Andre Kloetz of Bauen Construction provided an update on the new Middle School construction. Construction is now over 42% complete. Interior framing as well as mechanical, electrical, and pumping installation is in full swing. The dark blue layer on the exterior is a rubber sealant and is now being covered with 3 inches of foam insulation and fireproof plywood. Additional insulation is being installed on the inside of the exterior walls. The existing ORMS gymnasium will be demolished beginning over April school vacation. To make way for driveway and parking lot work.

Kendall Gray and Maggie Morrison, ORCSD Sustainability Coordinator, presented a greenhouse gas inventory for the school district. This is the first study of its kind for a public-school district in New Hampshire and will inform a Sustainability Management Plan for the district.

March 24, 2021 and April 19, 2021 will be teacher workshop days with no school for students. This is a change to accommodate the vaccination of all ORCSD and Barrington school staff as well as licensed childcare and youth rec program personnel. The vaccination pod is being run by Strafford County Public Health Network at ORHS.

The School Board approved Dr. Morse's request to begin planning for a 5-days-per-week, full day school model. The district wants to have plans in progress should the State order a change. No decisions have been made yet about implementation. The School Board will meet on March 24, 2021 in a workshop meeting to discuss planning progress.

The School Board workshop is a public meeting, but with a limited agenda. The school board will not take any actions or votes. Workshop meetings are generally not televised and do not include public comments. The public is always invited to provide input by email to orcsdsb@orcsd.org. The next regular meeting of the School Board including public comments is scheduled for April 7, 2021.

In order to allow staff to focus on planning for the potential 5-full-day model, the elementary schools will not add Wednesdays as synchronous learning days in April as previously announced.

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!

To receive the E-CRIER via email every week go to www.leenh.org, click on the Subscribe button under the Town Resource Center section & follow the directions to subscribe.

If you do not have the internet please come to the Town Offices for a printed copy or go to the Library to view it there. If you cannot leave your home please call Town Secretay Denise Duval at 659-5414 to have it mailed!