

TOWN OF LEE, NEW HAMPSHIRE
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**Lee News & Upcoming
Events
April 2, 2021**

CONSERVATION MONITORING IN LEE

From now until early fall, join the Conservation Commission on Wednesday mornings as they conduct site walks on the Town's conserved properties. 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 walk along, go to <https://www.leenh.org/conservation-commission> and email the Conservation Commission Chair Dawn Genes by clicking on her name. Monitoring begins at 9:00 am and generally takes 1½-2 hrs. Most outings require traversing through thick brush. Standard precautions for COVID, ticks & mosquitoes are advised.

TOWN OF LEE PROPERTY VALUES UPDATE

Beginning in April 2021, appraisers from the firm of Cross Country Appraisal Group, LLC will begin an update of properties for the Town of Lee. This process will be completed over the next few months resulting in new values for the fall tax bill. All properties that have sold within the past two years (4-1-2019 to 4-1-2021) will be re-measured and listed. [CLICK HERE](#) for more information.



TRANSFER STATION

Open Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays

7:00 am–**5:45 pm**

PLEASE NOTE NEW CLOSING TIME

SELECT BOARD MEETING VIA ZOOM

MONDAY, April 5th 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 **You Tube** at [CLICK HERE](#)

FIRE PERMITS AVAILABLE ON LINE

According to the website for the NH Division of Forests and Lands, the cost of obtaining an online burn permit will increase from \$3.00 to \$5.50 effective March 31, 2021. The online transaction fee supports the development and management of the fire permit system. The fee increase will be used for upgrades and improvements to the system such as ease of use with devices, the ability to obtain multiple permits at one time and increased functionality for the local Forest Fire Wardens and fire departments. These changes are intended to streamline the fire permitting process and should significantly enhance the public's experience obtaining their permits. The Town of Lee and State of New Hampshire do not receive any portion of these fees. Permits may be obtained online: <https://nhdflweb.sovsportsnet.net/> or by utilizing the following QR code:



Please keep in mind that seasonal permits may be obtained through the site for Category I and Category II burn permits. Seasonal permits must be renewed annually and are valid until December 31st of that year.

LEE TRAILS COMMITTEE

The Trails Committee, a subcommittee of the Conservation Commission, has been busy since its creation in February of this year. The committee has 14 members, divided into 3 groups working on the town-owned trails in Little River Park, the Town Forest, and Maud Jones Memorial Forest. The committee is charged with maintaining all town trails and is striving for accessibility, safety, and enjoyment on the trails.

Maud Jones: The crew assessed the 2 trails and made a plan for maintenance work which will begin in early May. They plan on re-blazing the main trail and adding blazes on the trail to the esker lookout. Also in the works is a plan for new environmental education markers.

Little River Park: After assessing the 3 trails in the park, the crew made a plan to improve the trails by painting blazes in bright, primary colors and by trimming overhanging plant growth. They will also be helping to complete the Little River Trail grant project (kiosk, bridges, and educational markers).

Town Forest: After talking with many people who walk the trails, the crew decided to make some simple changes to the trail configuration to help avoid confusion. Their goal is to make sure that the trails are accessible, safe, and enjoyable. Before more permanent blazes are painted, you may see colored blazing tape along the routes. Keep an eye out for new maps!

We need your help!

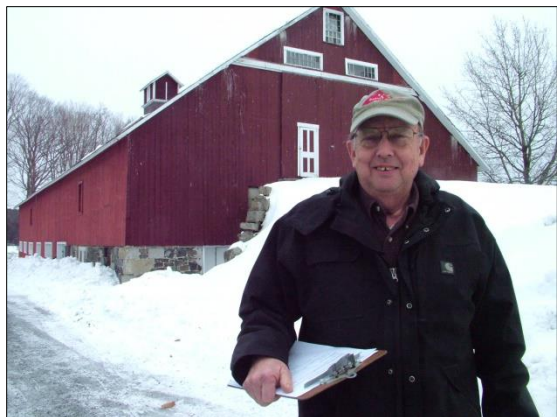
1. If you have an idea - we want to hear about it! We welcome your ideas, input, and thoughts.
2. Please do not make any changes to existing trails or add new trails on your own. The Trails Committee serves as the clearinghouse for project work under the guidance of the Conservation Commission.
3. Please do not paint blazes on trees or add (or take down) blazing tape on any of the trails. It is the committee's job to maintain blazes and unauthorized work makes it harder for us.
4. Keep a lookout for things that need help: bridges, downed trees, etc. Let the committee know what you find.

To get in touch with the Trails Committee, email Deb Sugerman at debsugerman@gmail.com. Thanks for your support of the committee and our wonderful trails in Lee!

THE HISTORY OF AGRICULTURE AS TOLD BY BARNs

Wednesday, April 7th at 7:00 pm

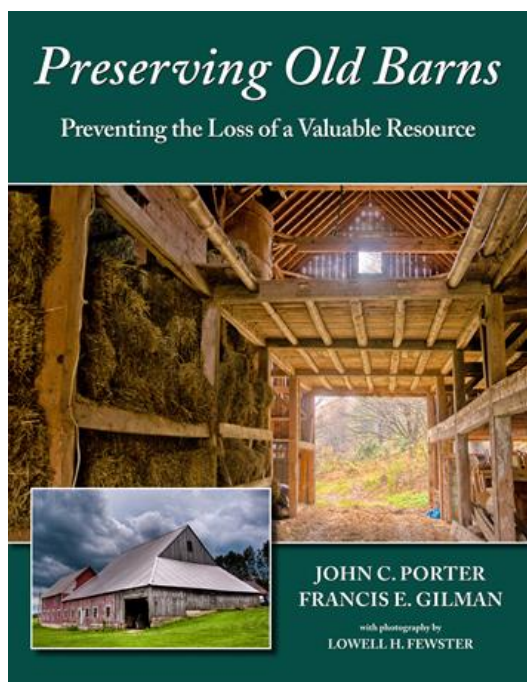
Presenter: John Porter



"The History of Agriculture as Told by Barns"- The evolution of barn architecture tells the story of NH agriculture. Barns changed from the early English style, to Yankee style, to gambrel and then pole barns to accommodate the changing agriculture. This presentation will be a chronological walk through time, with photo illustrations of barns around the state that are examples of these eras of agricultural history. Pre-registration is required. [CLICK HERE](#) to register for this and other programs scheduled monthly through May 2021.

Presenter's Biography:

John Porter was raised on a dairy farm in Lebanon, New Hampshire. He graduated from the University of New Hampshire with a B.S. Degree in Animal Science, and then went on to get a master's degree from Cornell University in Animal Nutrition and Farm Management. Later he earned a master's degree from Bob Jones University in Education Administration. He served as a Dairy Specialist for the UNH Cooperative Extension from 1974 until his retirement in 2006. He still works part-time for UNH and operates his own consulting company, Farm Planning Services, LLC. In 2001, he co-authored the book "Preserving Old Barns"; in 2007, was editor and contributing author of "The History and Economics of the New Hampshire Dairy Industry"; and in 2011 wrote the agriculture chapter for the Concord History book, "Crosscurrents of Change". In 2019 he published a second edition of the Preserving Old Barns book. He co-authored an addendum to the dairy history book, The New Hampshire Dairy Industry in 2020.



NEXT PRESENTATION:

JOHN WINANT: NEW HAMPSHIRE MAN OF THE WORLD

Wednesday, May 5th at 7:00 pm

Presenter: Richard Hesse

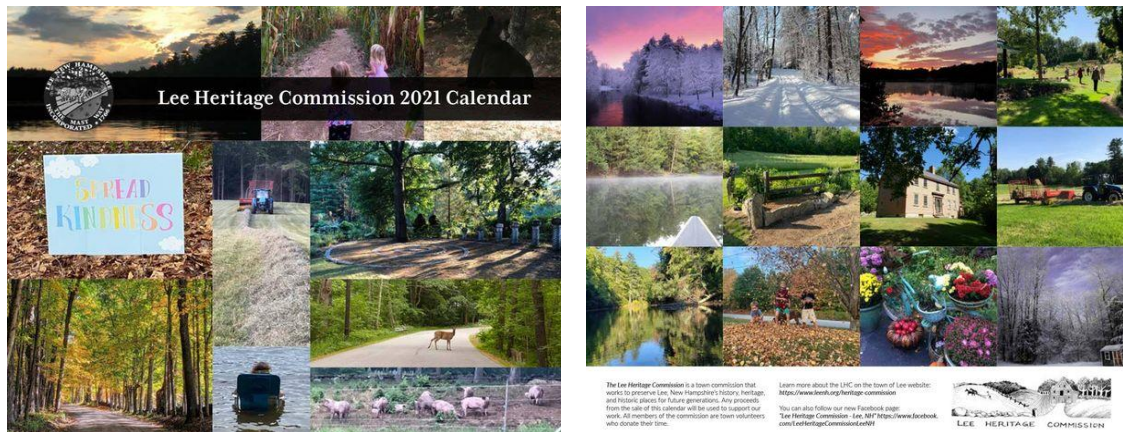
These presentations are provided by the Lee Historical Society and the Lee Library. Funding for these presentations is provided by the New Hampshire Humanities.

WILKINSON FOOD PANTRY - Lee Church Congregational, 17 Mast Rd

Even though our building is closed, 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 6 - 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.

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](#)

READY RIDES

Ready Rides is still providing rides to patients. We recommend you utilize family friends and neighbors with whom you already have regular contact to help provide rides if possible but we are here for you if you need us. **We have added pharmacy pickups and food pantry and grocery pickups our registered riders. If you have placed an order with Walmart.com or Hannaford.com we have volunteers who will pick up these orders and bring them to your door with minimal contact.** If you are unable to order online and you are in desperate need of help with acquiring food or some necessity here are some resources.

If you live in Barrington, Lee, Madbury, Newmarket, Northwood, Barrington, Nottingham and Strafford towns call 244-8719 and we will do our best to find a way to get you the help you need.

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](#).



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

COVID-19 VACCINE AVAILABILITY

Begins March 29th

Anyone 16+ can register for a vaccine through the NH DHHS Website

<https://www.vaccines.nh.gov/>

Or by Calling 211

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 & April 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.

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

Happy Spring! Happy Easter!

Free flower bar

Saturday, April 3rd at 9:00 am

The Friends of the Lee Public Library and Pinewoods Yankee Farms is pleased to offer their ever-popular Flower Bar! Stop in starting at 9am while supplies last to make a lovely flower bouquet for your holiday table. This program is free of charge. The Friends of the Lee Library welcome donations! Become a Friend Today.

 **Ancestry Library Edition© is now available from Home until June 30th!**

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!



Youth Programs

All of our 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.

April 6 Balloon Tennis (STEM craft)

April 13 Frog/fly craft

April 20 Potted sunflower

April 27 April Aliens/Animals



Preschool Story-time Thursday—11:30 on Facebook

April 1 Silly stories

April 8 Librarian's choice

April 15 Frogs

April 22 Earth Day/plants

April 29 No Story time this week. Enjoy the outdoors!



Lap Sit Story-time April 7 & 21 at 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.

We will post readings of *The End of the Beginning: Being The adventures of a Small Snail and an Even Smaller Ant*-by **Avi** at 4 pm Monday-Thursday.

Middle School Book Club

Our middle school book club has **moved** to the **2nd and 4th Tuesday** of each month. We meet via **Zoom from 6-6:45 pm**. Contact the library at 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.

April 13 6:00-6:45 discussing [A Single Shard](#) by Linda Sue Park

April 26 6:00-6:45 discussing [The Swap](#) by Megan Shull (pages 1-199)

May 11 6:00-6:45 discussing [The Swap](#) by Megan Shull (pages 200-382)

May 25 6:00-6:45 final book group until fall 2021. TBD

Music and Movement

Join us Wednesday **April 14th at 2:30 pm** on Facebook live for this fun story time. We will read some action packed stories, sing and dance.

Pajama Story time

Wednesday **April 28th, at 6:00 pm** is our monthly pajama story time on Facebook live. Put on your jammies a little early, bring along your blanket and favorite stuffy and listen to some bedtime stories.



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.

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 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.



[CLICK HERE](#) for 2021 LRAC SPRING NEWSLETTER

GOVERNOR & EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEETING

Wednesday, March 24, 2021

[CLICK HERE](#) for the 3/24/2021 Minutes

Next Governor & Executive Council Meeting

Wednesday, April 7, 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.

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