

TOWN OF LEE, NEW HAMPSHIRE
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Lee News & Upcoming
Events
June 25, 2021

SELECT BOARD MEETINGS BACK TO IN-PERSON

MONDAY, June 28th 6:00 pm

Public Safety Complex, 20 George Bennett Road

Subject to change, please check the website meeting calendar

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



**BE A LEE REPRESENTATIVE ON THE
STRAFFORD COUNTY REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION**

Interested Parties should contact Caren Rossi at 603-659-6783

Regional Planning Commissions serve and advise their member communities not only by providing requested technical assistance, but they work to address the various regional issues raised by member communities each year. As stated within RSA 36:50, Regional Planning Commissions may assist local planning boards within the region to carry out any regional plan or plans developed and may also render assistance on local planning problems. In addition, Regional Planning Commissions may make recommendations based on its plans and studies, to any planning board, selectmen, town/city council, or alderman within the region and to any state or federal authorities. In addition to providing requested services for member communities, a primary duty of the Regional Planning Commissions as stated in RSA 36:47 is to prepare a coordinated plan for the development of the region, taking into account present and future needs with a view toward facilitating the most appropriate use of land, transportation and communication, economic location, public utilities and services, and to promote the development of adequate recreational areas, good civic design, and the wise and efficient expenditure of public funds. While the recommendations contained in these plans are intended to assist communities, they are not enforceable by law or regulatory effect. The Regional Planning Commissions have no authority to diminish or appropriate any of the powers given to local government under New Hampshire laws and constitution. The nine Regional Planning Commissions are governed and controlled by Boards of Commissioners from member communities. Each Commissioner is nominated by their community's Planning Board and appointed by the elected Local Governing Body (Selectmen, City Council, Mayors or Aldermen). Commissioners from municipalities serve as volunteers and represent the interests of their community and constituents. Municipalities may select residents who are appointed, or elected officials to be their representatives. Commissioners serve a term of four (4) years and representation is based on each community's population. Communities with a population of 10,000 or fewer persons have two (2) representatives on the commission.



FOR THE TOWN OF LEE SWAP SHOP!!!

The Swap Shop cannot open until it is properly staffed. If you are interested in volunteering for this great cause, please email swapshopleenh@gmail.com.

Lee Swap Shop is unable to accept the following

(a mandated list - not by us!)

NOT ACCEPTED WHERE/ALTERNATIVES?

Alkaline Batteries - **DISPOSE IN TRASH**
 Large Appliances (Washer/Dryer etc.) - **METAL BIN UNLESS HAS FREON - HAVE TO PAY**
 Batteries (rechargeable, Lead-Acid, Button cell) - **UNIVERSAL WASTE**
 Car Batteries - **BULKY BUILDING**
 Carpet/Rugs - **BULKY BUILDING (PAY)**
 Cell Phones - **TABLE BY THE GLASS BIN**
 Child car seats (they have expiration dates) - **DISPOSE IN TRASH**
 Construction/Demolition debris (wood/plastic windows, doors, fence, boards, sheetrock, cabinets, non-metal toilets, sinks, etc.) - **BULKY BUILDING**
 Cosmetics - **DISPOSE IN TRASH**
 Clothing, shoes, bed linens & pillows - **PLACE IN DONATION BINS**
 Explosives/Flares/Fireworks/Ammunition - **BIG NO!**
 Food - **DISPOSE IN TRASH**
 Futon Beds - **BULKY BUILDING**
 Helium tanks, Fire Extinguishers, Metal Gas Cans (Even empty) - **BULKY BUILDING**
 Helmets - **DISPOSE IN TRASH**
 Household Hazardous Waste Materials (oil paints, varnishes, chemicals, fuels, poisons, etc.) - **SAVE FOR HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE DAY**
 Lawnmowers, Snow blowers, motorized equipment, exercise equipment - **METAL DROP OFF**
 Lightbulbs **TABLE BY GLASS BIN** Florescent bulbs - **UNIVERSAL WASTE**
 Liquids (soaps, chemicals, cosmetics, sprays, poisons, fuels etc.) **TRASH OR HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE DAY**
 Mattresses, Box springs - **BULKY BUILDING**
 Medications/Needles/Sharps - **SEE TRANSFER STATION EMPLOYEE FOR DISPOSAL**
 Mercury items (florescent bulbs & tubes, thermometers, thermostats, etc.) - **UNIVERSAL WASTE**
 Planos/Organs - **BULKY BUILDING**
 Propane/Oxygen/Other gas tanks - **BULKY BUILDING**
 Swing sets/ slides/ Structures - **BULKY BUILDING**
 Trailers - **BULKY BUILDING**
 Trophies - **DISPOSE IN TRASH**
 Smoke/CO detectors - **UNIVERSAL WASTE**
 Stuffed Toys - **DISPOSE IN TRASH**
 Weapons - **BIG NO!**

PLEASE... ONLY
1-large tote of donations
per week / per family
we have very limited space!
 want to let everyone have a chance to
 donate before we're too full!

THE FIRST 2021 PROPERTY TAX IS DUE JULY 2, 2021

EASEMENT MONITORING JUNE 16, 2021 An encounter with a courageous wood duck

With sunny skies, temperatures in the upper 60's, and a light breeze to keep the bugs off, conditions couldn't have been more perfect for last Wednesday's monitoring walk. Steep slopes as well as many large snags and blowdowns made for what was, at times, a challenging walk, but our efforts were amply compensated by the property's natural beauty.

Birds were plentiful throughout the walk with robin, phoebe, red-winged blackbird, ovenbird, chickadee, northern parula, red-bellied woodpecker, common yellowthroat, brown-headed cowbird, chipping sparrows and swamp sparrow seen or heard. Near the end of our walk, as we approached the North River, a female wood startled us by suddenly darting across our path and then running along the forested riverbank. Holding her body outstretched and low to the ground, with her feathers puffed out, tail feathers spread, and wings held low and somewhat away from her body, she barreled along the edge of the steep embankment for several yards, before racing down and into the river where she continued to hold her body in the same outstretched position, paddling furiously along the surface of the water and roiling things up quite a bit. At that point, loud peeping downstream from where the duck had re-entered the water, alerted us to the fact that this duck had youngsters, six of them.



Wood duck and ducklings. Photo by Andrea LeBlanc.

What we had witnessed was a distraction display, a strategy used by most shorebirds, water fowl, and ground-nesting species, to lure would-be predators away from nests or young. The "broken wing" distraction display is most commonly used, but the wood duck we observed was using the "rodent-run" display. By scurrying along the ground with her body held low and her wings held away from her body and almost dragging, the duck created the illusion that she was a four-legged mammal, such as a squirrel; as such she offered a more substantial meal for a potential predator. Once she'd "lured" us a sufficient distance from her ducklings, the wood duck plunged into the river and, to keep our attention away from her young, continued her display in the water. After taking a quick photograph of her brood, we left the little family in peace. Unfortunately, distance and the dense shade of the surrounding hemlock stand made for a very poor quality picture of the ducklings. Andrea LeBlanc's photograph of a mother wood duck and her young used at the beginning of this write up provides a much clearer picture of this beautiful species.

LEE TRAILS COMMITTEE UPDATE



**Lydia Shemchuk volunteering at the Town Forest.
Pic by Deb Sugerman.**

The Lee Trails Committee was formed in February of 2021 with the goal of making the trails in Lee accessible, safe, and enjoyable. The committee's first charge was to upgrade the Lee trails to follow the guidelines set by the AMC and the American Trails organization. The guidelines relate to blazing (size and shape of blazes and location of blazes on the trails), signage, and mapping. Several towns around us are following these guidelines and we want Lee to be up to the same high standards.

The first decision of the Committee was to make trail blaze colors in Lee consistent across all trails. The committee members chose yellow, white, and orange because they are very visible on the trail. People who have color blindness have difficulty seeing blue and red, so those colors were avoided. Our work so far has been to blaze the trails at Maud Jones, Little River Park, and the Town Forest. At each area we have also trimmed trails and done erosion control.

The Town Forest trails were blazed last Saturday, June 19th with help from a large group of volunteers. The yellow trail circumnavigates the property, the white trail bisects the yellow circle trail, and the orange trails are connector trails (these have not been blazed yet). A map has been placed at the Transfer Station kiosk and copies are available at the Library.

The Trails Committee has great plans for the trails:

- Fixing the bridges in the Town Forest
- Making professional maps for each area
- Putting signage on trails (trail names and mileage markers)
- Putting informational kiosks at each trailhead
- Adding educational and historical markers to places like the kettle hole and esker at Maud Jones and the cemetery and bog at the Town Forest.
- Collaborating with other people and organizations on projects like a story trail, an orienteering program, and a Lee trails historical exhibit.

The Committee would like to thank the Lee Boy Scouts and the Lee Conservation Commission for making the trails what they are today. We plan to build on their legacy of having the trails be a place for all Lee residents to use and enjoy.



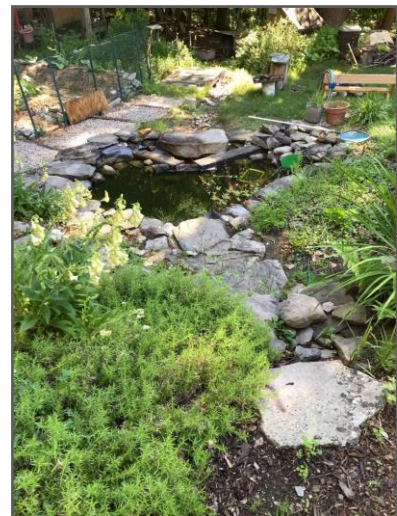
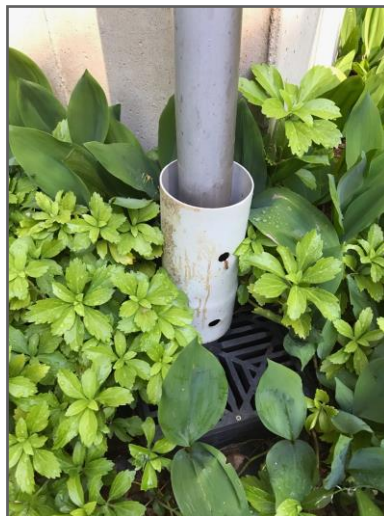
The Chronicles of a Water Catcher by Paul Gasowski, LSC Member



As we teeter on the edge of a moderate drought, the Lee Sustainability Committee would like to offer some personal perspectives on the importance of 'catching water.' Over the next several months, we plan on sharing some of our own attempts and experiences at conserving water, both outside and inside our homes.

For the Gasowski family on Lamprey Lane (Now just the two of us.), we harvest the rainwater from our roof, holding it in a variety of ways and using it to water the perennials and shrubs....not the edibles from our vegetable garden. From buckets, to watering cans, to barrels and ponds, we employ many methods for harvesting and using rainwater. However, nothing quite beats the bathtub that my in-laws used to hold water for their vegetable garden in Western Pennsylvania....entirely gravity-fed.

At our home, rain from the south roof is directed from gutters, through the downspouts into underground drains and down to our garden pond. When the pond overflows (Not very often these days!), the extra water is channeled into our rain garden. As for the north roof, it is a work in progress. For now, some of the rain is captured in a large aluminum kettle, an artifact from my wife's childhood, while the bulk of the water is directed underground toward an area where we have transplanted shrubs and trees. Eventually, our plan is to put a rain barrel in line with the downspout.



MUSIC IN THE PARK
Thursday Night Concert Series Schedule
Little River Park / Randy Steven Pavilion 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm

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| July 8 th | Quantum Steps |
| July 15 th | Andrew Emanuel Trio |
| July 22 nd | Knock on Wood |
| July 29 th | Dave Gerard-Truffle Duo |
| Aug 5 th | TBD |
| Aug 12 th | Clandestine |
| Aug 19 th | The Chickenshack Bluegrass Band |
| Aug 26 th | Alt-137 |
| Sept 2 nd | Claire Li |

CURRENT USE LANDOWNER SURVEY

We are counting on your participation! Please respond by July 15th.

NH Farm Bureau has teamed up with the NH Timberland Owners Association, Society for the Protection of NH Forests, and SPACE (Statewide Program of Action to Conserve our Environment – NH's Current Use Coalition) to jointly conduct a survey of Current Use landowners regarding the state's Current Use program. **The results of the survey are key to updating information in support of the state's Current Use program.** To conduct the survey we have hired Pan Atlantic Research based in Portland, ME, a highly recommended and experienced market research and consulting firm. Pan Atlantic will tabulate the responses and report to us on the results.

To participate: Go to: <https://www.research.net/r/NHCurrentUse> or you may contact the Farm Bureau office at 224-1934 or email robj@nhfarmbureau.org and you will be sent a paper copy of the survey via US Mail along with a postage paid envelope addressed to Pan Atlantic Research. Your answers are provided anonymously and the information you provide will be used in the aggregate only. The survey consists primarily of multiple choice questions with a limited number of short answer questions. It updates a Current Use landowner survey from 2007, also conducted by Pan Atlantic Research. Thank you for your participation!

Supervisors of the Checklist to Verify the Voter Checklist

NH law requires that the Supervisors of the Checklist verify the checklist every ten years, and this is the year. Any person on the checklist who has not voted in the past four years (since April 1, 2017) must re-register to remain on the checklist. On Wednesday, June 2nd, the Supervisors approved which voters were sent a 2021 Verification of Checklist letter. If your household should receive one of these letters and the person no longer lives there, simply throw away the letter. Unfortunately, people who registered last fall but then did not vote or whose absentee ballot arrived late, will also receive a letter and will need to re-register at some point.

A 2nd session will be held by the Supervisors of the Checklist on **Thursday, July 22nd from 6-7pm in the Lee Library parking lot (hobo shed located in that lot if raining)** to allow voters that received the 2021 Verification of Checklist letter an opportunity to re-register. Voters that still live in Lee and would like to remain on the checklist may come before us at this time or go to the Lee Town Clerk's office during normal business hours before July 22nd. At this July 22nd session, Supervisors will also accept applications for new voter registration and accept requests for the correction of the checklist and/or change of political party affiliation. Voters may check their party affiliation online [HERE](#).

Applicants for registration or re-registration, whether at the Clerk's office or with the Supervisors, should bring with them proofs of identity, age (18 by the next election), citizenship, and domicile. Affidavits may be signed under oath if proofs are lacking.

Questions can be directed to the Town Clerk's office, 603-659-2964 x308 or any Supervisor.

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.

[CLICK HERE](#) for U.S. DROUGHT MONITOR

NHDES is urging water systems to implement outdoor water use restrictions. Implementing mandatory restrictions is prudent in areas experiencing moderate drought, particularly in areas which experience a significant increase in outdoor water use in the summer. Those areas experiencing abnormally dry conditions should be messaging water conservation to residents and customers, as well as be implementing restrictions based on availability of supplies and increases in demand.

Currently [74 water systems](#) have restrictions in place.

Community water systems and municipalities should report restrictions to NHDES for posting on the NHDES website using the [electronic reporting form](#).

TOWN OF LEE PROPERTY VALUES UPDATE

Cross Country Appraisal Group (CCAG) will be in town to look at properties for the purpose of verifying sales data for the time period 4/1/2019-4/1/2021 as part of the ongoing town-wide revaluation process. The following CCAG employees have signs on their cars, carry an ID card and have the following vehicles: Rick Earls, CCAG Data Collector, has a 2020 Blue Kia Nero with NH license plate CCAG 4; Jeff Earls, CCAG Supervisor, has a 2021 Copper Kia Sportage with NH license plate CCAG-1; and Eric Ober, Data Collector, has a 2008 Grey Subaru Legacy with NH license plate 445-4002. This process will be completed over the next few months resulting in new values for the fall tax bill. All properties that have sold between (4/1/2019-4/1/2021) will be re-measured and listed. [CLICK HERE](#) for more information.

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 **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.

2022 LEE HERITAGE COMMISSION CALENDAR

If you would like to be part of next year's calendar, email your high-resolution photos of Lee to LeeNHcalendar@gmail.com as soon as you can! Time is running out!

LEE TOWN COMMITTEE AND COMMISSION VACANCIES

The Planning Board, Energy 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 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**

RECENT COVID-RELATED INFORMATION [NH COVID-19 WEBSITE](#)

UNIVERSAL BEST PRACTICES

The Governor's Office has released the "[Universal Best Practices](#)" guidance document that will replace the "Safer at Home Business Guidance" documents as of May 7th.

These "Universal Best Practices" are recommendations related to COVID-19 practices for all individuals, businesses, and organizations to consider and implement for the operation of their business. Nothing in this document or other guidance precludes any business, organization, or individual business operators from taking additional precautions for the health and safety of its employees and consumers. Additionally, a set of stand-alone guidance for "[Overnight Congregate Settings for Children](#)" has been released.



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



Adult and Children Summer Reading Program July 1-August 4

Please Registration at required

- Read a book.
- Visit the Library.
- Write a short review.
- Enter to win a weekly prize.



Special for the Summer Reading Program during July and August

8 downloads per month!

To see what's available, go to hoopladigital.com

GO TO WWW.LEELIBRARYNH.ORG TO FIND OUT MORE ABOUT PROGRAMS

Summer Programs Sponsored by the **Friends of the Lee Public Library**.



Regional & State News & Events

GOVERNOR & EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEETING

Wednesday, June 16, 2021

[CLICK HERE](#) for the 6/16/2021 Minutes

Next Governor & Executive Council Meeting

Wednesday, June 30, 2021 10:00 a.m. in Concord, NH

MARINA'S MILES VIRTUAL 5K RUN/WALK
REGISTER FOR THE RACE AND RUN/WALK A 5K ANYTIME BETWEEN
JULY 18 AND AUGUST 18, 2021

Marina's Miles 5K Run/Walk will be held virtually between July 18 and August 18, 2021. To participate, register for the race, run or walk your 5K anywhere, and send us your run/walk race times. Registration fee for the race is \$20. Participants may register at MarinasMiles.org or on our Facebook page (Facebook.com/MarinasMiles).

We have free t-shirts for the first 100 registrants, and raffle prizes will be awarded via drawing. If you email your run/walk race times to MarinasMiles5K@gmail.org, your results will be posted on Marina's Miles' website and Facebook pages.

Marina's Miles raises money for college scholarships in memory of Marina Slavin. Scholarships are awarded annually to Oyster River High School students. Marina was an Oyster River High School graduate, UNH student, NH state champion runner, and most importantly, a person who loved life and people from all walks of life.

OYSTER RIVER COOPERATIVE SCHOOL DISTRICT
School Board News

The school board approved a framework for the opening of school for fall 2021. ORCSD is planning for all classes to be in-person full time. The administration and school board will review precautions again prior to the start of school and as pandemic conditions change. The full plan document is online [here](https://www.orscd.org/UserFiles/Servers/Server_538005/File/News/Opening%20of%20School.pdf):

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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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