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Lee News & Upcoming Events July 2, 2021

THE FIRST 2021 PROPERTY TAX IS DUE TODAY JULY 2, 2021



TOWN OFFICES WILL BE CLOSED MONDAY, JULY 5TH
IN OBSERVANCE OF THE JULY 4TH HOLIDAY

SELECT BOARD MEETINGS BACK TO IN-PERSON

WEDNESDAY, July 7th 6:30 pm
MONDAY, July 12th 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 Tube 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.

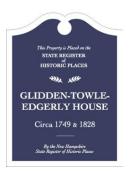
THE LEE SWAP SHOP STILL NEEDS VOLUNTEERS!!!

If you are interested, please email swapshopleenh@gmail.com.





The Lee Heritage Commission has created a series of historic marker plaques that are being awarded to the owners of historic properties in Lee who have successfully applied for NH State Register of Historic Places designation. The wording on each plaque states, "This Property is Placed on the State Register of Historic Places by the New Hampshire State Register of Historic Places". Every time we share a photo of a historic property plaque presentation, we will also try to share some of the history of that property – and the families that have owned it. On May 23, 2021, the Heritage Commission had the honor of presenting the Glidden-Towle-Edgerly House on Wadleigh Falls Road (Route 152) in Lee with a plaque that acknowledges the historic importance of the Glidden-Towle-Edgerly house to the State of New Hampshire and the Town of Lee.





(L-R): Stephanie Fischer (Property Owner) and Patricia Jenkins (Chairperson of the Lee Heritage Commission) (Photos by Scott Bugbee)

Glidden-Towle-Edgerly House History:

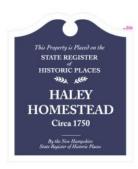
This three-story home located across Route 152 from the Wadley Falls dam and mill site is the Glidden-Towle-Edgerly House. Built circa 1749 (the current back ell) with a large, stately addition (now the main house) added in 1828 this building's legacy includes ownership by three families who were all connected with the mill industries at Wadley Falls. Nearly destroyed by an arsonist in April of 2010 this stately structure with its multiple fireplaces and a dance hall on the third floor has since been stabilized and wrapped waiting for a future historically minded owner to return it to its former stature when it stood as a proud structure in the forward-looking thriving Wadley Falls Village. It was placed on the New Hampshire State Register of Historic Places in November of 2010.

Some photos of the Glidden - Towle - Edgerly property:



(Photos by Scott Bugbee)

On May 23, 2021, the Heritage Commission had the honor of presenting the Haley homestead on Birch Hill Road in Lee with a plaque that acknowledges the historic importance of the Haley Homestead to the State of New Hampshire and the Town of Lee.





(L-R): Laura Gund (Member of the Lee Heritage Commission), Patricia Jenkins (Chairperson of the Lee Heritage Commission) and Maria and Robert Barth (Property Owners) Photos by Scott Bugbee

Haley Homestead History:

The Haley Homestead was built in 1750 and was owned by the Haley family for more than 150 years, daily life at this Georgian style home was well-documented in the 19th century journals of family member S. Olevia Haley. The Haley Homestead was placed on the New Hampshire Register of Historic Places on January 26, 2004.

More photos of the owners of Lee Historic Plaque properties accepting their plaques will be published in the coming months, along with historic notes about their properties and the people who owned them.

June 23, 2021 Easement Monitoring Notes - Beautiful Damsels

During last week's monitoring outing, we visited two abutting conservation easements, and everything - the properties, weather, flora, fauna, and company - made for a most enjoyable outing. We walked the first easement in the company of the property-owner, who had graciously cleared a pathway along the boundaries, making this monitoring session one of the year's easiest. Though owners aren't always able to participate in monitoring walks, it's a pleasure when they do, because along with information about new circumstances or potential problems within the easement, we often get to learn more about the history of the property and the changes, both natural and anthropogenic, that have occurred over the years.

Our walk along the borders of the first property took us through young forest habitat, to the banks of the Little River, and across a newly-mown meadow. With its mixture of open spaces, forest and wetland habitats, this is a very "birdy" property and we heard and/or observed hermit thrush, American redstart, bobolink, red-winged black bird, bluebird, robin, red-tailed hawk, mourning dove, red-eyed vireo and rough-winged swallow. Along the way we found a magnificent pair of dryads' saddle shelf mushrooms, looking like a couple of fresh-off-the-griddle flapjacks. Hawkweed, red clover, elderberry, daisy fleabane, yarrow, oxeye daisy and the year's first milkweed flowers were all in bloom. Insect life was present everywhere, with pollinators such as wasp and bee species abundant. Near the border between the field and the river, damselflies and dragonflies were active, and here also were found a gorgeous and very fresh white admiral butterfly resting with outstretched wings on a sunny leaf.

This portion of our morning's walk culminated with a visit to the barn which has been part of the property since the early- to mid-1800's. With newly baled hay stacked in the loft, the barn was sweetly fragrant, we spent time admiring the architecture and learning a bit about its history and the work the property owner has done to maintain it.

The second easement property abuts the first, and with many thanks to the first property owner, we crossed over and met with the owner of the second, who took time from what was clearly a busy morning to visit with us. Following an enjoyable and entertaining conversation, we walked the property's conserved area. Though smaller than the first easement, it is equally remarkable, situated as it is between the Little and Lamprey Rivers. This is a shadier property, so blooms were not as rampant as on the first. Insect life, too, was more muted, with one exception: with rivers bordering it on either side, this property is a haven for dragonflies and damselflies.

Belonging to the same order (Odonata), dragonflies and damselflies are closely related and similar in appearance. Damselflies are generally more slender, with eyes that are bulbous and not as close together as the eyes of dragonflies. The way in which members of the two families hold their wings when at rest is also different. Damselflies hold their wings folded above and parallel to their bodies, whereas resting dragonflies hold their wings perpendicular to their bodies - like airplane wings.

Large members of the dragonfly tribe were in evidence: a formidable darner was seen patrolling above the surface of the Lamprey; and on sunny verges, robust widow skimmers with their beautiful, black- and white-blotched wings perched on perennial stems and shrub twigs. But on this day the Odonata show belonged to the damselflies which were abundantly present on both properties. Delicate little bluet damselflies navigated the narrow spaces between grass and sedge blades. There are 22 bluet damselfly species in NH and the males of most of them are patterned with black and blue markings - daunting to identify! Happily, a larger, more showy, and easy-to-identify relative was present on both properties, the ebony jewelwing.

As is evident by these two photographs by Andrea LeBlanc, this gorgeous damselfly is perhaps the most beautiful insect in NH - or at least it gives the butterflies and silk moths competition for the title. With broad, inky wings and metallic bodies that may be turquoise blue or emerald green, these are truly gorgeous creatures - seeing one on a forest trail or streambank is always a treat. Seeing several while enjoying the beauty of these two properties made these special places seem even more so.







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 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 BEGINS JULY 8TH

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

July 8"	Quantum Steps
July 15 th	Andrew Emanuel Trio
July 22 nd	Knock on Wood
July 29 th	Dave Gerard-Truffle Duo
Aug 5 th	Clandestine
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 <u>HERE</u>.

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

Moderate drought has expanded to over half of the state and with the exception of areas along the southern border, the remainder of the state continues to experience abnormally dry conditions. In comparison to the 2016 and 2020 droughts, generally groundwater levels are lower than they were during the same time period. End of the month measurements are underway across the state's well monitoring network. So far measurements indicate a continuing downward trend of groundwater levels. Streamflows across much of the state are below normal and have reached all-time lows in some areas of the north.

As the state is kicking off the summer with lower groundwater levels and surface water flows than during more recent droughts, water systems and municipalities should be preparing to message conservation and implement mandatory outdoor water use restrictions earlier than they have in previous years.

NHDES is currently urging water systems to implement outdoor water use restrictions. Voluntary restrictions are helpful in spreading the conservation message and preparing the public for more strict restrictions, while 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.

Residential and other private well owners are encouraged to use water wisely. Giving the well time to replenish by spacing out usage is a good place to start. For example, do laundry several times a week, rather than doing back to back loads. Also, in areas of moderate drought, curbing non-essential uses, such as lawn watering and spraying down surfaces that can be swept or hand washed is an effective way to protect your supply.

Currently 76 water systems have restrictions in place.

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.

LEE TOWN COMMITTEE AND COMMISSION VACANCIES

Various 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 "<u>Universal Best Practices</u>" 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.



LIBRARY HOURS

The Library will be CLOSED Monday, July 5th to celebrate the 4th of July!

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

Registration is preferred

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





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ABOUT PROGRAMS

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

Regional & State News & Events

GOVERNOR & EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEETING Wednesday, June 30, 2021

CLICK HERE for the 6/30/2021 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 VIRTUAL RACE AND RUN/WALK A 5K ANYTIME 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.



CLICK HERE for 2021 LRAC SUMMER NEWSLETTER

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!