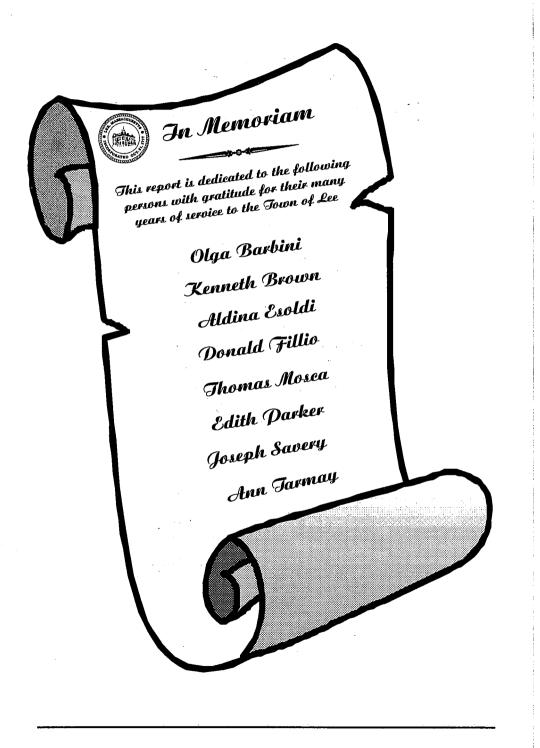
# TOWN OF LEE, MASSACHUSETTS



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#### **Town Board Meetings**

Board of Assessors Board of Health Board of Public Works Board of Selectmen Conservation Commission Council on Aging Historical Commission Housing Authority Planning Board School Committee Veterans Agent As needed 2nd Monday of the month, 7:30 p.m. Airoldi Building Tuesday 3:30 p.m. 2nd & 4th Monday of the month, 7:00 p.m. 1st, 3rd & 5th Monday of the month, 7:00 p.m. 2nd Tuesday of the month, 7:30 p.m. Airoldi Building 2nd Tuesday of the month, 7:00 p.m. Airoldi Building 3rd Tuesday of the month, 4:30 p.m. Brown Court 1st, 3rd & 5th Monday of the month, 6:30 p.m. 2nd Tuesday of the month, 7:30 p.m. Monday 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. or by appointment Airoldi Building 2nd Monday of the month, 8:00 p.m.

Youth Commission

# Business Hours of Town Offices 32 Main Street

Hours 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday

### **TELEPHONE DIRECTORY**

•	
Accountant	243-5510
Administrator	243-5501
Assessors	243-5512
Board of Selectmen	243-5500
Building Inspector	243-5518
Conservation Commission	243-5511
Council on Aging	243-5545
Department of Public Works	243-5520
Health Department (Tri-town)	243-5540
Library	243-0385
Planning Board	243-5517
Police Department	243-5530
Sewer Plant	243-5525
Tax Collector	243-5515
Town Clerk	243-5505
Treasurer	243-5506
Veterans Agent	243-5519
Youth Association	243-5535
Water Plant	243-5526
Zoning Board of Appeals	243-5517

# **COMMUNITY PROFILE**

Location: First Settlement: Incorporated:	Western Massachusetts, Berkshire County Dodgetown, 1760's October 21, 1777 Named after Major General Charles Lee		
Government:	First Congressional District John Olver Fourth Berkshire District State Senator, Andrea Nuciforo, Jr. State Representative, Wm. "Smitty" Pignatelli Representative Town Meeting Six districts, 54 members		
Town Meeting:	Second Thursday in May		
Population:	5,865		
<b>Registered Voters:</b>	3,939		
2005 FISCAL TAX:	\$14.12 per thousand		
Area:	Square Miles27Land.55% (98.8%)Water0.60% (2.2%)State Highways11.39 milesTown Highways60.1 milesSidewalks14.7 miles		
Geographical Features:	Highest Elevation - 2,050 (October Mountain) Lowest Elevation - 888 (Steps of Memorial Hall) Housatonic River, 4 lakes, ponds, 2 mountains (October Mountain State Forest, Beartown Mountain State Park), lime quarry, marble quarry		
Services:	<i>Electric</i> - Western Mass. Electric Co. <i>Gas</i> - Berkshire Gas Co. <i>Cable</i> - Adelphia Communications <i>Bus</i> - Berkshire Regional Transit Authority <i>Fire Department</i> - Volunteer <i>Ambulance Department</i> - Volunteer		
Distances:	9 Miles to Pittsfield 122 Miles to Boston 138 Miles to New York City		



# TOWN OF LEE TOWN REPRESENTATIVES MAY 13, 2004

# District I

James Castegnaro	2008
111 Woodland Ave. (243-9938)	
Marilyn Hansen	2008
86 Mill St. (243-2572)	
Francine Larson	2008
806 East St. (243-1080)	
Daniel Courchaine	2007
120 Bradley St. (243-0331)	
John "Buck" Donovan	2007
140 Lander Rd. (243-1810)	
Carty, Matthew	2007
371 Washington Mt. Rd. (243-18	
David Brown	2006
225 Washington Mt. Rd. (243-29	
Edward Forfa	2006
45 Maritta Ave. (243-1569)	
Elizabeth Leahey, Chair.	2006
172 Reservoir Rd. (243-2893)	

# District II

Neil Clarke	2008
85 Orchard St. (243-3649)	
Nelson Daley, Sr.	2008
135 Maple St. (P.O. Box 59) (243	-1065)
John DeVarennes.	2008
25 St. Mary's Ave. (243-0478)	
Margaret Biron	2007
25 Housatonic St. (243-0489)	
Thomas Kennedy.	2007
30 Hartwood Rd. (243-1698)	
Joan Wickham	2007
22 High St. (243-0401)	
Gerald LePrevost	2006
94 E. Center Rd. (243-2490)	
William Noonan, Chair.	2006
60 Cliffwood St. (243-0263)	
Mary Philpott	2006
115 Franklin St. (243-2733)	

## **District III**

John Coty, Jr. 50 First St., P.O. Box 74 (243-2 Mayme Peltier	2008 2813) 2008
140 Old Pleasant St. (243-0603	
Wezevitz, C. W. Jr.	2008
143 Silver St. (P.O. Box 54 (243-	-1200)
Robert Giarolo	2007
10 Lois St. #A (243-8151)	
Mary McDarby	2007.
425 Marble St. (243-2967)	
Millard Eckert	2007
585 Marble St. (243-1797)	
Ottavio Biasin	2006
515 Marble St. (243-3328)	
John B. Giarolo	2006
500 Marble St. (243-3465) Alexandra Heddinger 90 Silver St. (243-2897)	2006

## District IV

Stephen Cozzaglio 2	2008
60 Davis St. (243-3204)	
Arthur Mack, Chair.	2008
130 Highfield Dr. (243-2156)	
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170 Fairview St. (243-0663)	
William Brunell	2007
605 Fairview St. (243-1415)	
Joseph F. Dupont 2	2007
395 Fairview St. (243-9834)	
Cornelia Kalisher	2007
P.O. Box 383 S. Lee (298-5518	-
William Roche	2006
840 Fairview St. (243-1580)	
	2006
715 Fairview St. (243-3244)	
	2006
P.O. Box 103 S. Lee (243-4200	6)

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# District V

Edward Handberg	2008
57 Main St. Apt. 13 (243-2186	6)
Daniel Kelley	2008
290 Mandalay Rd. (243-1142)	
Alan Zerbato, Appt.	2008
165 Summer St. (243-0183)	
Robert Boynton	2007
225 Prospect St. (243-1131)	
Laura Lohbauer	2007
45 St. James Ave. (243-8052)	
Richard Shields	2007
27 Academy St. (243-1773)	
Richard Burns	2006
190 W. Park St. (243-3548)	
Diedre Consolati	2006
57 Main St. Apt. 8 (243-2318)	
Pauline Pollard, Chair.	2006
121 High St. (243-0252)	

### **Members at Large**

Selectmen: Frank A. Consolati, Chair. 2006 5 Debra Ave (243-2364) Patricia Carlino, 2007 80 East Center St. (243-2825) Gordon Bailey 2008 734 Pleasant St. (243-3110) Moderator: R. Christopher Brittain 2006 325 Fairview St. (243-6152) **Town Clerk:** Suzanne Scarpa 165 Old Pleasant St. (243-1664) **Finance Committee:** John Graziano, Chair. 140 Church St. (243-3922)

### **District VI**

330 Laurel St. (243-4738)	
W. Raymond Grogan, Chair. 20	80
495 Laurel St. (243-1851)	
Dayton Delorme 200	30
10 Debra Ave. (243-0960)	
Dorothy Fraser 200	07
55 Devon Rd. (243-1302)	
Peter Sitzer 200	07
135 Spring St. (243-4079)	
Jerome Scully 200	)7
P.O. Box 247 (243-2660)	
James Nolan 200	06
P.O. Box 273 (243-3372)	
Charlotte Davis 200	)6
35 Navin Ave. (243-1092)	
Martin Deely 200	)6
P,O, Box 700 (243-2824)	

## MODERATOR APPOINTMENT FINANCE COMMITTEE 9 Members, 3 Year Term

2006	Marylou Antoniazzi
2008	Joseph Furgal, Jr.
2008	Mary Lou Dadak
2007	John W. Graziano, Chair.
2007	Joann M. Sullivan
2006	Freda Grim
2007	Chauncey Collins
2008	Mary Swift

# **ELECTED TOWN OFFICERS**

MODERATOR One Year Term	
Christopher Brittain	2006
SELECTMEN	
Three Year Term	
Patricia D. Carlino	2007
Frank A. Consolati Gordon D. Bailey	2006 2008
•	2000
CONSTABLES Three Year Term	
Stephen Cozzaglio	2008
Pauline Pollard	2008
Dennis B. Forshee Shaun Sullivan	2008 2008
Shadii Sumvan	2000
HOUSING AUTHORITY Five Year Term	
William O'Brien	2007
Rosemary Hughes (State Appointee)	2007
Frank McCarthy Diane Shepardson	2010 2007
•	2007
PLANNING BOARD Five Year Term	
Robert W. Birch	2009
Anthony Caropreso, Chairman	2007
Martin Deely David Durante, V. Chairman	2006 2007
Thom Swift	2007
Aldo Pascucci, Associate	2010
SCHOOL COMMITTEE Three Year Term	
Joan Piacquadio	2008
Robert Lohbauer	2007
Jeanne Davidson	2006
Margaret Biron	2006
Diane Wespiser Jeremia Pollard	2008 2008
Michael Bullock, <i>Chairman</i>	2008

# **TOWN ADMINISTRATOR APPOINTMENTS** (Department Heads and Town Officials)

Fiscal Year July 1, 2004 to June 30, 2005

Ambulance Director Animal Control Officer Civil Defense Director Communications Director Council on Aging Director D.P.W. Superintendent Fire Chief Deputy Fire Chief - Lee Deputy Fire Chief - South Lee Inspector of Buildings Asst. Inspector of Buildings Inspector, Gas Inspector, Plumbing Inspector, Wiring Library Director Lee Youth Director Police Chief Principal Assessor Sealer/Weights & Measures Town Accountant Town Clerk Town Collector Town Treasurer Veterans Agent

Lisa Breault Cindy Belair Ronald Glidden Ronald Glidden Norma Maroney Christopher Pompi Ronald J. Driscoll Alan Sparks Richard Ford Donald R. Torrico Ned Baldwin Paul Jakacky Paul Jakacky Richard Driscoll Georgia Massucco Sharon Terry Ronald Glidden Jacki Bitso Gerald Cahalan Kathleen Borden Suzanne Scarpa Janice Smith Susan E. Kelley Lloyd "Doug" Mann

### BOARD OF SELECTMEN APPOINTMENTS (Town Counsel & Multi-Member Boards)

Fiscal Year July 1, 2004 to June 30, 2005

#### **Town Administrator**

Robert L. Nason

(Special Legislation) (Chief Financial Officer)

#### **ONE YEAR TERM APPOINTMENTS**

#### Town Counsel

MGL Ch. 40 Sec. 5-15 Attorney Jerome Scully

#### **Cable Television Commission**

3 Members Malcom Chisholm, Jr., Esq., *Chair*. Edward Lahey

#### **Capital Outlay Committee**

(Capital Outlay Committee) Town By-law 2.3 John Philpott, *Chair.* Elizabeth Leahey William Noonan Arthur Mack Thomas Unsworth Dayton DeLorme William Derrick

#### **Cemetery Committee**

Millard R. Eckert, *Co-chair*. Charlotte P. Davis, *Co-chair*. Peter R. Biasin John J. Kelly Virginia Vania, *Secretary* 

#### Traffic Commission

Ronald Glidden, *Police Chief* Gerald LeProvost, *Chair* Edward Forfa Robert Giaroli Jacob's Ladder Trail Scenic By-Way Commission Dee Dee Fraser Naomi Gordon

### Personnel Board

Town By-law, MGL Ch. 40, 41 Thomas Unsworth, *Chair* Martin Deeley Susan Stevens

#### Juvenile Diversion Committee

Ronald C. Glidden, *Police Chief* Paul Collins Erin O'Brien Kathy Bort

#### School Building Commission

Town By-law 2-163 to 166 Minimum 5, Maximum 9 Members Robert Boynton, *Chair* Gordon Bailey Margaret Biron Dr. Mary Seppala Donna Toomey Neil Merwin Recycling Committee Monica Ryan

Christopher McDermott Ann Sterlin, *Chair* 

### **BOARD OF SELECTMEN** TWO YEAR TERM APPOINTMENTS

Board of Public Works MGL 40-69D, Enabling Act, Ch. 438 - Seven Members

> Robert Bartini, *Chair.* Thomas Arment William Enser David Forrest Peter Jahn Roger Scheurer Garth Story

#### THREE YEAR TERM APPOINTMENTS

#### **Board of Assessors**

MGL 41-24 - Three Members 2006 - William Derrick, *Chair.* 2008 - Edward Briggs 2007 - Dayton DeLorme

#### **Board of Health**

MGL 41-1, 21 – Three Members 2006 - Dr. Robert Wespiser 2008 - Leslie Trachier Daley, RN 2007 - Dr. James Leahey

#### **Board of Registrars**

2007 - Donna Toomey 2006 - Sandra Cozzaglio 2008 - Rita Perry Suzanne Scarpa, *Town Clerk* 

#### **Conservation Commission**

MGL 40-8C – Minimum 5, Maximum 7 2006 - Stuart Dalheim, *Chair.* 2006 - Jan Kegler 2008 - Kathleen Arment 2008 - John Rohane 2007 - Marilyn Hansen 2007 - Deborah Garry 2008 - Audie Furgal

#### Historical Commission

MGL 40-8D, Minimum 3, Maximum 7 2007 - Mary Morrissey\* 2007 - Caroline Young, *Secretary* 2006 - Barbara Allen\* 2006 - Joseph DuPont 2008 - Patricia LaChapelle\* 2007 - Richard Burns 2008 - Dawn Borst Advisors: Dee Dee Fraser, Betty Dennis Florence Consolati, Charlotte Davis \**Rotating Chairs* 

#### Lee Cultural Council

2008 - Sharon E. MacDonald 2007 - Barbara Mahoney 2006 - Freda Grim, *Chair.* 2008 - Frederic M. Cohen 2006 - Sande Kilmer 2006 - Gloria Arnold 2007 - Alexandra Heddinger 2007 - Mary Theresa Valleri 2008 - Mario Calouri 2007 - Laura Frank-Palmer 2007 - Barbara Tracy

#### Council on Aging

2007 - Alma Allen, *Chair.* 2006 - Helen Botto 2006 - Val Baldisserotto 2008 - Maurice Larrivee 2008 - Stephen Cozzaglio 2008 - Val Masiero 2008 - Ameila Zatorski 2006 - Marguerite O'Brien

#### **Zoning Board of Appeals**

2005 - Edward Handberg, *Chair.* 2004 - Becky Brunell 2007 - Francine Larson 2006 - Richard Brittain 2008 - Jodie Chiquoine Alternate - Garth Story

#### Sandy Beach Committee

- 2008 Deidre Consolati, Chair
- 2006 Linda Cysz
- 2008 Bill Abderhalden
- 2007 Richard Christman
- 2007 Cynthia Christman
- 2008 Francine Larson
- 2006 Terrie Babcock
- 2007 Susanne Wickham

### **BOARD OF SELECTMEN APPOINTMENTS**

### AD-HOC COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

#### **Golf Course Study Committee**

Dayton DeLorme Tom Unsworth Christopher Shields Helen Gasparian Clare Lahey Dennis Mountain Daniel Sullivan Bruce Packard, CGCS Frank Consolati Peter Scolforo Richard Salinetti

#### **Central School Reuse Committee**

Patricia Carlino, *Chair*. Carol LePrevost Edward Briggs Robert Birch Bart Miller Joseph Toole Charlotte Davis Sharon MacDonald Pauline Pollard Robert Bartini David Parker Daniel Pascucci Norma Maroney Don C. Hunter Paul Porrini Martin Deeley Christopher Hodgkins Aldo Pascucci



**BOARD OF SELECTMEN** 

 $\mathbf{F}$  iscal Year 2005 (ending 6/30/05) found the Town of Lee, facing new challenges.

With State Aid remaining either flat or decreased, the town was faced with the burden of finding increased budgets, some due to "fixed costs", such as health insurance, and others due to a modest employee increase, or just higher prices in the market place.

Aside from the financial difficulty on the taxpayers, the town also suffered an emotional burden when long time employee/Ambulance Director Ken laBier confessed and was subsequently charged with embezzling from the town through payments for Ambulance Services. It was sad for the whole town that one who did so much good for the town will be remembered only for the bad.

The former Central School project for elderly housing continues on schedule, with occupancy due to take place in December/January. Thanks to a \$100,000 grant from the State, the gymnasium will continue to be an integral part of the building and the community.

The wastewater treatment plant expansion/upgrade continues to dominate Town Hall. In September of 2004 Town Representatives turned down the idea of a public/private relationship with Veolia Water. Back to the drawing board, a special, oversight committee was appointed to continue the process. While still able to obtain a low interest (2%) loan from the State Revolving fund, costs for the project will now far exceed what was originally quoted by Veolia.

Many thanks go out to those people and organizations that continue to make the Town of Lee a desirable place to live and bring up a family. Lee Chamber of Commerce. (for their marketing of the town and attention to flowers), Aldo Pascucci (for his parades), Mary McGinnis (Founders Weekend), Kiwanis, Rotary, Lions Club, and all the school groups.

As always, the Board of Selectmen offer much deserved praise to our Police, Fire and Ambulance Departments for their dedicated commitment to the Town of Lee.

In closing we sincerely appreciate the work by all of the Town's employees, especially our Administrator, Bob Nason and our Administrative Assistant, Suzanne Alderman, for making our office run as smoothly as possible.

Respectfully submitted,

Frank Consolati, *Chairman* Gordon. Bailey Patricia Carlino



# **TOWN ADMINISTRATOR**

Under the leadership of the members of the Select Board and through the efforts of paid and volunteer employees and members of Boards, Commissions and Committees, in fiscal year (FY) 2005 (July 1, 2004 to June 30, 2005) the Town of Lee overcame new fiscal challenges and made substantial progress on major public works and facilities projects.

After two consecutive years of reductions totaling about \$540,000 or 20%, the Town received the same amount of basic, unrestricted state aid in FY2005 as it had received FY2004. While a second quarter "Municipal Relief Aid" payment of \$55,213 was welcomed, it was explicitly offered as a "one time grant," which the Town reserved for one-time expenditures. While state aid remained essentially flat, outside funding for education, that had partially offset prior years' state aid reductions, decreased significantly. In FY2005 tuition payments from Tyringham and Otis decreased by \$60,000 or 16%. Also the Town's payments for students attending schools outside the school district (Choice tuition assessment) increased by \$40,000 or 12%; and, the funding that the school department received directly for incoming students (Choice tuition receipts) decreased by \$20,000 or 3%.

In FY2005 the Operating Budget decreased \$102,000 due to a \$521,480 reduction in debt service. However, that debt service decrease was more than offset by reductions totaling \$604,000 from two debt funding sources, the School Construction Debt Service Reserve and borrowing premiums. Adjusting for those decreases in debt service funding sources, operating expenses increased by about \$500,000 or 3.4 %. Most of that additional expense was due to a modest 2% cost of living increase for employees and increased retirement (\$58,600 or 15%) and health insurance expense. While the Town's 75% share of the cost of health insurance increased by \$108,000 or 8.6%, a 13.5% increase (or an additional \$61,000 expense) was averted by employees assuming more of the cost of health care. In FY2005 employee co-payments increased for doctors visits from \$5 to \$15 and for emergency room visits from \$25 to \$50. Although some of the additional operating expense was offset by new growth, in FY2005 the amount of revenue resulting from new growth declined by \$88,000 or 47%.

Increased personnel expense, level state-aid, along with school revenue and debt funding reductions added to the overall property tax burden. Moreover, a 16 % increase in residential property values while commercial and industrial values remained flat shifted more of the cost on to the residential property tax payers. Consequently, the average single family home tax burden increased by \$111 or 4.6%.

In FY2005 two part-time positions were created and filled. In July 2004 Marguerite O'Brien was appointed Council on Aging Clerk, a sixteen hour a week position; and, in February 2005, David Parker was appointed Information Technology Trainer, a ten hour a week position. In May 2005 David launched the Town's web site, www.lee.ma.us. There was only one change in personnel among the full-time municipal positions in KY2005; however, that position became vacant again shortly after the end on the fiscal year. In November 2004 Assistant Water Treatment Plant Operator Matt Inhelder left for a promotion offered by the City of Pittsfield Water Department. In December 2004 he was replaced by Marc Zamboni who served until he resigned on July 11, 2005. In August 2004 part-time Wiring Inspector Charles Grady resigned due to illness, and Assistant Wiring Inspector Richard Driscoll was promoted to fill his position. Charlie passed away in October 2004. That same month Gary Danko was appointed as a part-time alternate Building Inspector.

In November 2004 long-time Ambulance Director Kenneth LaBier was forced to resign and he was subsequently charged with embezzling receipts from payments for ambulance services. In December 2004, Lisa Breault was appointed to replace Mr. LaBier. Police Chief Ronald Glidden accepted the Communications and Emergency Management duties previously assigned to Mr. LaBier.

During the winter of 2004-2005 Christian Daoust served as a seasonal Truck Driver/Laborer. In the summer of 2005 Scott Abderhalden served as the Public Works Department intern and Don Wertz and Joseph Flynn returned as seasonal grounds keepers in the Highway/Cemetery Division. In June 2005 Jason Hopkins returned for a third year as a seasonal police officer, and Benjamin Towne was appointed to join him on July 1st. Swimming instructor April Pish, together with lifeguards Abby Tierney, Scott Gregory, Justin Mercer and Nathan Silfer, joined returning maintenance/operations person Ed Handberg and lifeguards Kalia Buffis, Michael Gregory, Sam Weiskotten and Steve Laurin at Sandy Beach.

In FY05 there was significant progress on state and local public works and facilities projects. Throughout the fiscal year, the Massachusetts Highway Department's (MassHighway) contractor worked on the long anticipated replacement of the Golden Hill Road bridge. By June 30, 2005, the new bridge was substantially complete and scheduled to open later in the summer. In the spring of 2005, MassHighway's contractor began the "Gateway" project which incorporates the Town's federally funded (\$567,000) period lighting and landscape enhancements into the state's roadway repaving and sidewalk replacement project for Housatonic and Park Streets from the Massachusetts Turnpike to Main Street. The work is expected to be completed in the spring of 2006.

Additional funding was obtained to make the gym at the former Central School accessible. Previously Elder Services of Berkshire County received approximately \$6.19 million to reuse the central and new wings of the former Central School to construct thirty-eight units of housing for low income elderly residents who require on-site services; to create a new senior center in the former school cafeteria; and, to renovate, except for accessibility alterations, the gym. In August 2005 the Commonwealth awarded the Town a \$100,000 federal Community Development Fund grant to make the gym accessible to all. Construction on the project named Crossway Village began in the fall of 2004 and it is expected to be completed by the

end of 2005. In the spring of 2005, the Town retained the services of Reinhardt Associates to conduct a building and potential occupants' space needs assessment for the remaining portion of the former Central School, the Hyde Building. That study is expected to be completed in the fall of 2005.

In FY 2005 there was a great deal of activity associated with the state mandated upgrade and expansion of the wastewater treatment plant. Following the July 2004 Special Town Meeting authorization to negotiate a long-term contract with Veolia Water North America to design and construct the treatment plant upgrade; and, to operate the plant and the wastewater collection system, as well as the water treatment plant and water distribution system, the September 2004 Special Town Meeting rejected the proposed public-private partnership agreement. That fall the members of the Select Board appointed Deidre Consolati, John Coty, Jr., William Enser, John LePrevost, Lawrence Salvatore, Roger Scheurer, Garth Story, Jr. James Wickham and Alan Zerbato to serve on a Wastewater Treatment Plant Improvement Project Oversight Committee and I appointed Superintendent of Public Works Christopher Pompi, P.E. to serve as the Town's Project Manager. On January 31, 2005 the Town retained Metcalf and Eddy, Inc. to design the wastewater plant upgrade and expansion and the Project Engineer completed its preliminary design on June 3, 2005. Construction plans and specifications are expected to be completed in mid October. 2005, and construction is expected to begin in the late spring or early summer of 2006. Financing for the project was assured in April 2005 when the Massachusetts Water Pollution Abatement Trust selected the Town for a \$15.2 Million State Revolving Fund low interest (2%) loan.

The Berkshire Housing Development Corporation completed the Town's federally funded (Community Development Fund (CDF) Home Improvement Program in the summer of 2004. The program rehabilitated twenty-one units of housing at a construction cost of \$401,350. Together with the Town's of Lanesborough, Hinsdale, Savoy and Florida, the Town of Lee has applied for additional state administered CDF funding to continue its home improvement efforts.

Working together in FY05, we maintained services despite a significant reduction in outside funding for education; and, we made progress on important public works and facilities projects, notwithstanding the protracted Veolia publicprivate wastewater and water agreement deliberations and the difficult leadership transition in the Ambulance Service.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert L. Nason, Town Administrator



# TOWN ACCOUNTANT Combined Balance Sheet June 30, 2005

Assets	General	Special	Capital	Trusts	Agency	Total
Cash	\$3,449,954.00	\$5,508,578.00	\$595,743.00	\$1,998,061.00	\$469,416.00	\$12,021,752.00
Receivables:						-
Property Taxes	60,521.00					60,521.00
Excise	52,418.00					52,418.00
Tax Liens and Forclosures	143,572.00					143,572.00
User Charges		327,914.00				327,914.00
Deffered Taxes	12,709.00					12,709.00
Departmental Receivables	8,316.00					8,316.00
Other Assets						
TOTAL ASSETS:	\$3,727,490.00	\$5,836,492.00	\$595,743.00	\$1,998,061.00	\$469,416.00	\$12,627,202.00
Liabilities:						-
Warrants Payable	335,544.00	128,029.00		119.00	495.00	464,187.00
Accured Payroll & Withholdin	ngs 27,443.00					27,443.00
Deferred Revenue	274,580.00	329,957.00				604,537.00
Other Liabilities	13,571.00	,				13,571.00
TOTAL LIABILITIES:	\$651,138.00	\$457,986.00		\$119.00	\$495.00	\$1,109,738.00
Reserv. for Encumbrances	533,471.00	1,125,398.00				1,658,869.00
<b>Reserv.</b> for Expenditures	785,920.00	323,370.00		9,500.00		1,118,790.00
Reserv. for Future Exclud De	ebt 96.012.00	·				96,012.00
Reserv. Short Term Debt Excl	ud 10.711.00					10,711.00
Reserv. for Snow/Ice Deficit	(19,012)					(19,012)
<b>Undesignated Fund Balance</b>	1,669,250.00	3,929,738.00	595,743.00	1,988,442.00	468,921.00	8,652,094
TOTAL FUND BALANCE:	\$3,076,352.00	\$5,378,506.00	\$595,743.00	\$1,997,942.00	\$468,921.00	\$11,517,464.00
TOTAL LIABILITIES						
& FUND EQUITY:	\$3,727,490.00	\$5,836,492.00	\$595,743.00	\$1,998,061.00	\$469,416.00	\$12,627,202.00

TOWN ACCOUNTANT Special Revenue Fund					Scl	edule 1-A
FUND:	Balance 7/1/2004	Revenues	Transfers In	Expenses	Transfers Out	Balance 6/30/2005
Ambulance	34		173,762	(171,562)		2,234
Elections & Registration	91	893		(944)		40
Tri Town Health	16,446	113,793	72,146	(171,470)	(11,410)	19,505
Health Cancer Grant	286			(278)		8
Tobacco Grant 04	8,560	49,801		(56,650)		1,711
Highway: Chapter 11	(9,277)	23,767				14,490
Highway: Chapter 235	(100,933)	75,175				(25,758)
Highway: Chapter 246	0	69,503		(61,105)		8,398
Highway: Chapter 53C	0	35,227		(33,236)		1,991
Conservation Commission	7,701	3,545		(5,159)		6,087
Mass. Recycling	1,856			(1,800)		56
Workmen's Comp. Reserve Fd	23,146					23,146
Springfield, MA Rec Facility	387	600		(591)		396
MSCP Community Dev.	62					62
CDAG Lee Business Park	(547)					(547)
PWED 95	1,452					1,452
MA Hist Comm Park	427					427
Youth and Parks	50					50
HUD 107	500					500
Rural Business Devel.	(3,406)					(3,406)
FY98 Mass. Pike Grant	(32)					(32)
CDAG Admin Funds	1,111					1,111
MTA 2000 Grant	3,874					3,874
Laurel Lake Assoc.	21					21
Berkshire Housing Grant	12,449					12,449
Compost Bins	525	475				1,000

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FUND:	<b>Balance</b> 7/1/2004	Revenues	Transfers In	Expenses	Transfers Out	Balance 6/30/2005
Trolley	22,439	6,199		(4,903)		23,735
Sale of Real Estate	1,336					1,336
Sale of Cemetery Lots	43,677	4,919			(5,000)	43,596
Conservation Commission	3,303					3,303
Ambulance	24,470	219,464			(184,839)	59,095
Ambulance Debt Reserve		4,850				4,850
Sewer Easement	1,610					1,610
MA Clean Up Grant	22,522					22,522
State Aid to Libraries	2,445	7,073			(9,425)	93
LSTA Grant 04	711	5,000			(5,711)	-
Arts Lottery Council	8,133	2,075			(1,800)	8,408
Council On Aging	103	6,999			(7,086)	16
Arts Council Donations	1,920	2,105			(323)	3,702
Historical Dormers Restore	1					1
D.A.R.E. FY '02	690				(254)	436
Community Policing '03	124					124
Community Policing '04	11,200				(10,345)	855
Gov. Emergency Plan Grant	126					126
Gov. Highway Safety Grant	(104)	5,674			(4,152)	1,418
Gov. Police Safety Grant	50					50
Gov. Fire Dept. Safety Grant		21,000			(21,000)	-
School Lunch Program	10,526	293,298			(283,381)	20,443
Total Revolving School Fund	845,273	904,463			(940,709)	809,027
Total School Grants	39,930	478,783			(511,254)	7,459
Skateboard	110					110
Police D.A.R.E. Donation	426	20				446
Explorers Donation	344					344
Flag Donations	200					200
Sandy Beach Donation	401	140			(368)	173

FUND:	Balance 7/1/2004	Revenues	Transfers In	Expenses	Transfers Out	Balance 6/30/2005
Hazardous Waste	14					14
E.M.T. Donation	1	3,847			(3,585)	263
Elderly Tax Abate Program	5,153	1,098			(1,500)	4,751
Animal Control Donations	70					70
TOTAL:	\$1,011,988	\$2,339,786	\$245,907	\$(507,698)	\$(2,002,142)	\$1,087,841
		TOWN ACC	COUNTANT		Sc	hedule 1-B
			ojects Fund			
FUND:	Balance 7/1/2004	Perm Bond	Transfer In	Expenses	Transfer Out	Balance 6/30/2005
Water Filtration PH#1	91,873					91,873
Water Filtration PH#3	(140,508)					(140,508)
New Ambulance	99		19,000	(18,973)		126
Union St./Sewer Line	10,000		,			10,000
Wastewater Collect/Treat	1,351					1,351
New School Design	(12,615,354)	3,230,000	352,040 9,487,960	(235,187)		(219,459)
School Underground Tank	27,685					27,685
Sewer #7	2,251					2,251
Highway Gar. Ceiling 22/97	3,423					3,423
Fire Stat Windows 36/99	1,800					1,800
Fire Stat/Window/Heat 25/97	401					401
Water Meter Install Project	3,623			(3,240)		383
Landfill Closure	4,484					4,484
TOTAL:	(\$12,608,872)	\$3,230,000	\$9,859,000	(\$257,400)	· -	\$222,728

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# TOWN ACCOUNTANT Trust and Agency Funds

Schedule 1-C

FUND:	Balance 7/1/2004	Transfers	Receipts	Expenses	Transfers	Balance 6/30/2005
Fairmont Cemetery	155,250	5,000				160,250
M. Jones	4,700					4,700
St. Mary's	5,870					5,870
A.A. Jones	1,000					1,000
TOTAL RESTRICTED:	\$166,820	\$5,000				\$171,820
Fairmont	11,308		3,366		(3,000)	11,674
Gravestone Repair	410		3			413
J.J. Jones	437		29			466
Morgan Jones	3,088		158			3,246
Conservation	4,000		30			4,030
Stabilization	1,455,865	100,000	36,670			1,592,535
Law Enforcement	16,504		2,938	(996)		18,445
Historical	1,995		88	(50)		2,033
St. Mary's Expend	_		118	(118)		_
Scholarship Funds*	191,059	700	13,834	(12,315)		193,278
TOTAL UNRESTRICTED:	\$1,684,666	\$100,700	\$57,234	\$(13,480)	(\$3,000)	\$1,826,121
TOTAL:	\$1,851,486	105,700	\$57,234	\$(13,480)	(\$3,000)	\$1,997,941

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	TOWN ACCOUNTANT Agency Funds					nedule 1-D
FUND:	Balance 7/1/2004	Transfers	Receipts	Expenses	Transfers	Balance 6/30/2005
Berkshire Village	14,200		218		· .	14,417
Horizon	218,999		3,505			222,504
Conservation Oak n Spruce	24,194		97			24,291
Tri-Town	(359)		19,742	(20,237)		(855)
0/S Detail	808	20,000	77,545	(100,779)		(2,427)
Ins Claim	3,306		200	(225)		3,281
Deputy Fees	6,114		11,589	(13,553)		4,150
Firearms License	8,500		10,875	(17,125)		2,250
Silverleaf Phase 2	33,474		251			33,725
Scully- Sewer Mitigation	171,502		854	(14,157)		158,198
Curb Cuts	5,837		2,544	(914)		7,467
0/S Consultant	66		5,769	(5,769)		66
Ambul Clearing	(4,555)		36,965	(32,410)		_
Silverleaf Resort	1,477		3	(214)		1,267
Yokum Ridge Property	1,322		2	(861)		463
Erskine Park/Newton	1,807		6	(1,690)		123
TOTALS:	\$486,691	\$20,000	\$170,164	(\$207,934)		\$468,921
*Scholarship Funds (Sched	ule 1-C):					
Nagle Scholar	1,429		33	(100)		1,362
Class of 1978	15					15
M. Abderhalden	781		7	(750)		38
Class of 1977	14					14
H.J. Wheeler	3,794		87	(100)		3,782
Michael Whalen	8,094		184	(500)		7,778

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*Scholarship Funds (Cont'd):	Balance 7/1/2004	Transfers	Receipts	Expenses	Transfers	Balance 6/30/2005
F. Leda Stratton	112		3			115
B & J Stevenson	22,908		1,023	(1,000)		22,930
Lucille F. Smith	63		1	• • •		64
St. Georges Handbell	17		0			17
Pease Memorial	38,077		876	(1,000)		37,954
Abner Rice	187		0	(186)		1
J. Cuene, S. Weslowski	593		10	(604)		_
Churchward Davis	25		1			26
Michael R. Coty	10,817		249	(300)		10,776
Michael Coty/Class 89	120		51	(100)		71
Gertrude T. Bailey	189		4			194
David Bailey	3,371		77	(250)		3,198
Griffin Memorial	2,948		63	(500)		2,511
Maria Impoco	152		4			155
Penny Lohbauer	1,898		45	(200)		1,743
Joseph Loring	3,110		68	(250)		2,928
Alan Wurtzbach	126		3			129
James Shaw	1,088		22	(400)		710
Carl Shirley	232		1	(200)		33
Mario Bona Memorial	1,711		38	(200)		1,550
Victor Blache Memorial	1,025		24			1,049
Williamson Family	80		2			82
Heather Helen Hawley	5,396		122	(250)		5,267
Ladies Auxiliary VFW	976		23			999
Robert Lucy	8,206		1,377	(1,000)		8,583
Charles Stratton	17,710	300	418	(300)		18,128
Eugenio Bonafin	2,513		56	(150)		2,418
Ardella Donnell	2,612		61	(50)		2,622
Al & Mary Vinatier	1,391		31	(100)		1,321

*Scholarship Funds (Cont'd):	Balance 7/1/2004	Transfers	Receipts	Expenses	Transfers	Balance 6/30/2005
Michael A. Curley	3,926	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	88	(200)		3,814
LTP C. Carrington	572		12	(50)		534
Class 37 D. Trufant	7,182		170			7,352
Henry G. Greiner	5,232		119	(200)		5,151
M.J. Boulanger	204		2	(100)		106
Lee High Parents	7,876		186			8,062
M. Salinetti	1,298		18	(1,000)		316
Meg Cade	3,981		1,097	(500)		4.589
Mark Drury	714		536	(300)		950
Richard Morin	2,567		54	(500)		2,121
Alba Pasco	10,209		240	(75)		10,374
Mitchell Family	4	400	3	(400)		7
Eloise Myers	5,511		119	(500)		5,129
Joseph Savery			6,227			6,227
SCHOLARSHIP FUNDS:	\$191,059	\$700	\$13,834	(\$12,315)	\$0	\$193,279

TOWN ACCOUNTANT Debt Schedule					Schedule 5		
PURPOSE:	Outstanding 7/01/2004	Issued This Year	Retired This Year	Outstanding 6/30/2005	Interest Paid		
Inside Debt Limit							
Fire Truck	85,000		15,000	70,000	3,993		
Bossidey Block	10,000		10,000	· _	245		
Ambulance Garage	270,000		40,000	230,000	13,005		
School Remodeling	10,000		5,000	5,000	341		
High School Roof	10,000		5,000	5,000	341		

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PURPOSE:	Outstanding 6/30/2004	Issued This Year	Retired This Year	Outstanding 6/30/2005	Interest Paid
Inside Debt Limit					
Highway Garage	5,000		5,000	0	111
Road	20,000		5,000	15,000	816
Fire Truck	120,000		30,000	90,000	4,898
TOTALS:	\$ 530,000		\$ 115,000	\$ 415,000	23,750
Outside Debt Limit					
Elementary School	12,330,000		425,000	11,905,000	487,621
High School		3,230,000		3,230,000	
Water Filtration #1	1,512,255		23,376	1,488,879	68,051
Water Filtration #3	279,855		4,079	275,777	12,594
Water Filtration #4	3,458,350		47,574	3,410,776	155,626
Landfill	155,000		40,000	155,000	6,290
WWTP	162,912	151,216	162,912	151,216	1,473
Meter Serial Notes	500,000		100,000	400,000	14,375
TOTALS:	\$18,398,372	\$3,381,216	\$802,940	\$20,976,648	\$746,030
GRAND TOTAL	\$18,928,372	\$3,381,216	\$917,940	\$21,391,648	\$769,780
Temporary Notes Payable					
Ambulance FY02	42,500		18,400	24,100	572.69
High School	-		_	· —	
Elementary School	13,070,000		13,070,000		325,854.79
Elementary School				-	
TOTALS:	\$13,112,500		\$13,088,400	\$24,100	\$326,427



# TOWN CLERK

The Clerk's office continues to be a very busy office with the issuance of births, marriages and death certificates as well as fishing and hunting licenses and dog licenses. Since 9/11, regulations have been increased to insure the safety of your identification. The requirement for a long form birth certificate and passport to travel outside the United States has increased.

New this year was putting a notice in with the annual census that stated dog licenses are due April 1st. This reminded residents to get their dog licensed and the numbers for the amount of licensed dogs in Lee increased by over 100 additional dogs.

New rules and regulations for registering to vote and voting on Election Day are updated yearly to ensure the voting process runs as smooth as possible and the voter has every opportunity to vote.

Voting laws for our service men and women has changed to allow armed forces overseas the ability to vote in every election easier than in the past. They have a new form which helps get the ballot mailed overseas in a timely fashion.

I would like to thank the Board of Selectmen and the Town Administrator for their continued support. I would also like to express my thanks to the women who work in my office when I am in school, on vacation or ill. Donna Toomey, Betty Larrivee, Sandy Cozzaglio and Rita Perry do a great job in my absence.

The following is my report:

#### VITAL STATISTICS

Births Marriages Deaths	55 39 95
Inflammable Licenses	4
Business Certificates	32
Raffle Permits	6
Registered Voters	3,012
Population	5,682

#### **DOG LICENSES**

Males	25	\$375.00
Females	17	255.00
Spayed	108	432.00
Neutered	198	1,980.00
Spayed	238	2,380.00

Total Fees collectedfor the Town:\$4,990.00

Respectfully submitted,

Suzanne M. Scarpa Town Clerk

#### FISH AND HUNTING LICENSES

Fishing	352
Hunting	79
Sporting	243

Total Fees collectedfor the State:\$19,238.00



# ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

**D**uring the year June 30, 2004, to July 1, 2005, the Lee Zoning Board of Appeals met as needed throughout the year overall it was a very quiet year. The Board received three (3) Special Permit Applications; all petitions in (Flood Plain District), and two (2) petitions for Appeal. The three Special Permits applications were granted. The action taken on the Appeals that were filed, one was withdrawn without prejudice and the other appeal was denied.

Members attended several training sessions sponsored by the Massachusetts Association of Zoning Board of Appeals, as well as informative meetings of the Berkshire Regional Planning Commission. As the laws of the Commonwealth change or are reinterpreted, Board members must stay current of developments.

The Board regretfully accepted resignations from members Thom Arment and Michelle Nardin. The Board welcomes new members Francine Larson and Jodie Chiquoine who were appointed to serve as full members.

Respectfully submitted,

Edward Handberg, *Chairman* Richard Brittian Becky Brunell Jodie Chiquoine Francine Larson



## TOWN COLLECTOR

I herewith submit my annual report covering July 1, 2004 through June 30, 2005.

Julie 30, 2003.	·** .	Balance as of
	Collected	June 30, 2005
Real Estate Tax		<b>u</b> ,,
2003	\$ 6,442.47	\$0
2004	171,629.42	25,869.97
2005	8,406,872.57	325,327.65
Personal Property Taxes		
2004	4,681.88	35.41
2005	426,507.20	9,122.62
Motor Vehicle Excise Tax		
1990	41.25	0
1992	12.50	0
1993	17.50	0
1994	63.75	0
1995 a set of the set of the set	23.75	0
1996	21.25	0
1999	51.25	1,708.72
2000 2001	148.23 522.50	494.99 3,656.47
2001	834.50	1,760.10
2002	6,642.47	4,029.47
2004	150,389.96	2,693.55
2005	558,969.62	32,136.33
2005 Water Lien Added to Tax	9,900.95	5,981.03
2005 Sewer Lien Added to Tax	19,632.03	11,392.97
2004 Water Lien Added to Tax	3,699.15	872.10
2004 Water Lien Added to Tax 2004 Sewer Lien Added to Tax	5,954.00	1,175.01
	5,554.00	1,175.01
2003 Water Lien Added to Tax	138.51	0
Trailer Park Fees	7,176.00	$\{f_{i,j}, f_{i,j}\} \in \{g_{i,j}, j\}$
Elderly-Disabled Fund	900.90	
Deputy Fees	12,778.00	
Municipal Lien Certificates	6,125.00	•••••
Tobacco Rent	720.00	1. je
Berkshire Eagle Ad for Takings	72.00	

Small Claims Court Fees	30.00
Bounced Check Fees	25.00
Interest Added to General Fund	45,581.51
Fees Added to General Fund	12,462.00
Registry of Motor Vehicles Clear	3,700.00
Parking Tickets	2,555.86
Water Receipts	1,068,989.57
Sewer Receipts	1,379.798.25
Total Receipts	\$12,314,110.80
Remove from Litigation in FY2005	
Real Estate Tax	\$3,276.11
Water Lien Added to Tax	390.50
Sewer Lien Added to Tax	528.23
Added to Tax Title in FY 2005	
Real Estate Taxes	\$35,853.31
Water Lien Added to Tax	835.07
Sewer Lien Added to Tax	
	3,534.00

Respectfully submitted,

Janice G. Smith *Town Collector* 



# **FOWN TREASURER**

The Treasurer's office started the new fiscal year busy. We quickly moved into a very difficult and stressful time when a mishandling of town funds was discovered. With the aid of our auditors and Chief of Police an investigation was launched. It was an unfamiliar situation that required a lot of man-hours and the department was stretched to its fullest abilities. As a result departmental procedures were re-evaluated and new measures of increased security were put in place.

Under the role of human resource manager, I have a total of 445 full and part time employees. This creates a very challenging atmosphere particularly at the end of the fiscal year when employees are retiring and at the beginning of the school year when I have seen a rise in new hires. This rise of new hires is a combination of turnovers and retirement replacements. I still supported the usual employee health seminars including an 8 week Dancekinetics workshop, a "Practice Safe Stress" seminar for the town hail employees, the yearly "Get Fit Challenge" and the continuation of the walking pedometer program. The annual health fair provided during open enrollment to discuss employee's health, dental and retirement benefits. In addition to those benefits I offered a healthy cooking demonstration, fitness testing, chair massages and a resource center which provided loads of health information to improve the quality of our employees well being. I continue to strive hard in introducing and encouraging wellness to keep down future costs of health insurance.

We currently offer to our employees, health insurance, life insurance, whole and universal insurance, accident and disability insurance, two separate voluntary retirement plans, a flexible spending plan and dental insurance. This requires a lot of management from within our department. To always strive and get the best product and prices most of these are renegotiated each year.

I manage the Insurance Advisory Committee which consists of the following members. Paul Porrini, Donna Tyer, Betty Leahey, Jim Gralla, Patricia Gray, Mark Hungate, Donna Kresiak, and Todd Briggs, We met on and off throughout the fiscal year. The committee brought on True North, a brokerage firm, to help us review insurance companies and help maximize the benefits to the Town of Lee employees. I wish to acknowledge the time commitment these members gave towards this committee and appreciate their input.

I had four school employees retire.

Last year I sold a property with a house on it through an auction. The individual who was awarded the property never was able to come up with the funds, thus another auction took place. I held this auction at the Town Hall court room in June 2005. The property at 25 First Street was sold for \$70,000.00. A parcel at 460 Leisure Lee Road was sold for \$33,000.00. Janice Smith continues to work towards moving other tax titles into foreclosure so we can sell them at auction for the future.

Jan works very diligently with the tax titles and I appreciate all of the attention she pays to this very important task.

I earned \$204,343.53 in investment income which considering the low interest rates available during this time I think I did very well. Included in this amount is a premium earned from a note that I put out for our high school project.

I retired two bonds on our debt/interest schedule. The Bossidy Block and the highway garage. The current total amount outstanding is \$32,010,520.35. The total debt/interest schedule effective 7/1/05 is as follows:

Fire Truck	\$80,062.50
Ambulance Garage	\$270,412.50
Water Treatment Plant	\$9,757,503.78
School Remodeling	\$5,115.00
High School Roof	\$5,115.00
Industrial Park Road	\$16,067.50
Fire Truck	\$96,405.00
Landfill	\$122,940.00
WWTP Upgrade	\$121,468.30
Elementary School	\$17,106,180.77
High School	4,429,250.00

The office hours are still Monday through Thursday from 8:30 to 2:45. We make every effort to accommodate the other departments and employees in our absent. Donna Toomey continues to work very hard handling the entire payroll and many employee benefit issues that come up throughout the year. She is a great support and valuable asset to the Town of Lee.

BALANCE IN TREASURY JULY 1, 2004	11,464,431.49	
Receipts July 1, 2004 through June 30, 2005	31,512,244.29	
Less Payments July 1, 2004 through June 30, 2005	30,960,462.64	
Balance June 30, 2005	12,016,213.14	
DEPOSITORIES		
Mellon Bank	22,723.87	
Lee Bank General Fund	1,063,596.61	
Bank of America	23,122.86	
Legacy Bank	39,756.90	
Berkshire Bank Cafeteria	59,274.86	
Citizen Bank	70,172.38	
Webster Bank	230,400.58	
UniBank	135,176.26	

Berkshire Bank	400,857.74
Massachusetts Municipal Depository Trust	4,560.09
BankNorth	1,359,165.30
Bank of Western Mass	231,072.99
Berkshire Bank CD Investment	1,304,177.67
Berkshire Bank CD Investment	1,027,427.55
Berkshire Bank CD Investment	1,511,538.47
Lee Bank CD Investment	1,500,000.00
Lee Bank CD Investment	503,539.04
Berkshire Bank Stabilization Fund	1 ,592,534.92
Lee Bank Cultural Council	9,989.18
Lee Bank Historical	2,083.25
Lee Bank Law Enforcement	18,445.13
Lee Bank Sale of Lots	44,695.48
A. A. Jones - Lee Bank	1,466.34
Morgan Jones - Lee Bank	7,945.21
Fairmount Cemetery Perpetual Care Fund-Lee Bank	169,623.99
Conservation Commission Trust Fund-Lee Bank	4,030.18
Gravestone Repair-Lee Bank	413.09
Horizon/Outlet/Traffic Mitigation Bond-Lee Bank	222,504.17
St. Mary's Perpetual Care Fund-Lee Bank	5,870.00
Horizon Conservation Commission Bond-Lee Bank	14,417.30
Conservation/Silverleaf-Lee Bank	24,291.25
Conservation/Silverleaf Phase 2-Lee Bank	33,724.70
Scholarship Accounts-Webster Bank	193,279.21
Elderly Taxation Account	3,877.89
DPW Curb Cuts-Webster Bank	7,466.93
Legacy Bank - Sewer Mitigation	170,898.16
Planning Board - Escrow Accounts-Webster Bank	2,093.59
TOTAL DEPOSITORIES	<u>12,016,213.14</u>

Respectfully submitted,

Susan E. Kelley, *Treasurer* 



# **BOARD OF ASSESSORS**

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Total Appropriations \$	5 17,917,851.50
Other Charges	679,897.00
State and County Charges	380,924.00
Allowance for Abatements and Exemptions	197,570.50
Total Amount to be Raised:	16,659,460.00
Estimated Receipts - STATE	3,557,753.00
Estimated Receipts - LOCAL	3,037,601.72
Free Cash - Applied	617,303.00
Available Funds - Applied	1,529,217.00
Total Estimated Receipts	\$ 8,741,874.72
Raised From Real Estate Tax	8,792,780.67
Raised From Personal Property Tax	383,196.11
Total Raised From Taxes	\$ 9,175,976.78
Total Raised	16,659,460.00
Total Assessed Valuation	649,856,713.00
Tax Rate	14.12
The Board of Assessors processed:	
Elderly Exemptions and Veteran Exemptions 15	
Personal Property and Real Estate Abatements 132	
Motor Vehicle Abatements 179	
Senior Work Off Program	6
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Respectfully submitted,

William Derrick, *Chairman* Dayton DeLorme, *Appointed Assessor* Edward Briggs, *Appointed Assessor* Jacqueline Bitso, *Principal Assessor* Sarah T. Navin, *Assessors' Clerk* 



# DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

The following is the annual report of the Department of Public Works for the fiscal year 2005 (FY05).

#### **Highway Division**

The primary responsibility of the Highway Department is to maintain the Towns highway and bridge infrastructure. This year town employees modified problem drainage areas, patched potholes, landscaped roadsides, and completed a multitude of roadway and bridge maintenance projects.

In addition to the Towns forces, private contractors were retained to place bituminous concrete, to apply crack sealing, and to chip seal various Town roads. The following roads were re-paved: Greylock Street, Marble Street and Meadow Street. The following roads were crack sealed: Stockbridge Road, Devon Road, and Church Street. The following roads were chip sealed: Beartown Mountain Road, Fernside Road, and West Pine Street.

The winter season was handled superbly by Highway Supervisor, Dennis Kelly and his crew. They performed with excellence during extremely adverse and tiring conditions. The Town utilized 1,500 tons of salt and countless man hours to provide safe traveling for the public.

#### Forestry

The DPW continues to receive numerous requests to remove trees. The budget is limited as to the number that can be removed. We prioritize tree removal to those that are of an immanent danger to the public.

#### Water Division

The Water Department strives to provide all users with excellent water and uninterrupted service. This fiscal year the Water Department finished 325 million gallons of potable water. The Towns Water Supervisor, Mike Towler and his crew continue to maintain, operate, and initiate improvements to the distribution system, storage tanks, treatment plant, reservoirs, access road, and watershed. With the Towns aging water system, these tasks become increasingly difficult. Mike and his crew should be commended on their effort to maintain the system.

The water metering program is on-going. The contractor installing the meters is National Metering Services from Kearney, N.J. It is anticipated that all meters will be installed by the end of February 2006.

#### **Sewer Division**

The Sewer Departments primary responsibility is to collect, pump, and treat raw sewage. This fiscal year the Sewer Department treated approximately 298 million gallons of raw sewage. The Towns Waste Water Supervisor, Alan Zerbato and his crew continue to maintain, operate, monitor, and initiate improvements to the collection system, pump stations, and treatment plant. The Waste Water Treatment Plant constructed in 1968, along with the Towns aging sewerage infrastructure, while in definite need of improvement and upgrade, continue to operate within acceptable parameters, producing a "quality" effluent. This is attributed to the dedication of Alan and his crew.

#### **Privatization of Water and Sewer Divisions**

The Town continued to investigate the feasibility of privatizing the water and wastewater departments with Veolia Water North America. Through Town vote the negotiations with Veolia were halted. The Town will now move forward with a design, bid, build process to upgrade and expand the Wastewater Treatment Plant.

#### Respectfully submitted,

Christopher A. Pompi, P.E., D.P.W., Superintendent

Board of Public Works: Robert Bartini, Chairman David Forrest, Clerk Martin Barenski, Member Maurice Leahey, Member William Enser, Member



# ELECTRICAL INSPECTOR

Applications for Wiring	Number of Permits
Service Upgrade	19
Temp. Service	1
Addition to Homes	14
Addition to Commercial & Industrial Bldgs.	2
New Homes	24
New Commercial & Industrial Buildings	6
Misc. Wiring Residential	44
Misc. Commercial & Industrial	23
Swimming Pools & Hot Tubs	8
Fire & Burglar Alarms	10
Oil & Gas Boilers	2
Total:	153
Fees Collected From July 1, 2004 to June 30, 2005	\$8,540.00

Total Number of Inspections 268

Respectfully submitted,

Rich Driscoll Electrical Inspector



# **SEALER OF WEIGHTS & MEASURES**

The testing and inspection of one hundred twenty (120) weighing devices, one hundred and eight (108) gasoline dispensers, sixteen (16) diesel dispensers, twenty two (22) price scanners and five (5) retests, was done in fiscal year (2004-2005). Fees collected and turned into the town treasurer amounted to five thousand three hundred and seventy dollars (\$5,370).

Respectfully submitted,

Gerald J. Cahalan, Sealer of Weights & Measures



GAS AND PLUMBING INSPECTOR

The following is a list of inspections done by the Gas and Plumbing Inspector during fiscal year 2005:

## <u>Gas</u>:

- 22 Boilers
- 17 Water Heaters
- 4 Roof Top Units
- 6 Fireplaces
- 2 Pool Heaters
- 47 Furnaces
- 4 Room Heaters
- 16 Ranges
- 11 Dryers
- 2 Miscellaneous Gas Fixtures
- 69 Inspections for new construction
- 33 Inspections for renovations
- 25 Inspections for replacements

## Plumbing:

- 230 Toilets
- 105 Kitchen Sinks
- 250 Lavatory Sinks
- 72 Bathtubs
- 62 Shower Stalls
- 37 Dishwashers
- 7 Garbage Disposals
- 51 Water Heaters
- 3 Tankless Coils
- 17 Slop Sinks
- 45 Roof Drains
- 12 Backflow Preventors
- 4 Grease Traps
- 54 Washer Connections
- 11 Miscellaneous Fixtures
- 1 Oil Separators
- 10 Floor Drains
- 123 Inspections for new construction
- 126 Inspections for renovations
- 21 Inspections for replacements

Respectfully submitted,

Paul Jakacky Gas and Plumbing Inspector



## **BUILDING INSPECTOR**

I hereby submit my report for the fiscal year 2005.

Permit Category	<u>Issued</u>
New Dwellings	27
Fountations only	13
Add/Alter/porch/decks/garage/(attached)	169
Detached Utilities/shed barns/garages	31
Pools	3
Commercial	62
Roofs	72
Demolition	7
Certificate of Occupancy	34
Temp C/O	7
Fuel Appliances	15
Signs	21
Temp Sign Permits	16
TOTAL	477

Respectfully submitted,

Donald R. Torrico, Building Commissioner



# POLICE DEPARTMENT

While crime statistics stayed similar to that of pervious years, we did experience a rise in fraud cases this year. The various forms of fraud we investigated this year included crimes against the elderly in which residents received telephone calls or faxes telling them they had won a prize and requesting money or bank account information to claim the prize. In some cases, unsuspecting seniors have lost thousands of dollars through this scam. Businesses in town also experienced an increase in receiving counterfeit bills. We are working with the U.S. Secret Service to address this problem. We also assisted several people who were victims of fraud via the internet by paying for merchandise they never received. Finally, the newest form of fraud we are experiencing is the result of identity theft which is clearly on the rise across the country. Residents are urged to safeguard personal information and account numbers and to be cautious to whom such information is given. Residents who become victims of identity theft are encouraged to report such incidents to the police department immediately. We will do our best to help residents through this difficult process which often involves multiple jurisdictions. The department also investigated numerous cases of larceny this past year. The most notable of these cases was the embezzlement of over \$259,000 of Town funds by a Town employee. That employee was indicted for larceny and was awaiting final disposition in Superior Court as of this writing.

Over the past year, Officer William Bartini continued to work with the Berkshire County Drug Task Force, and Officers Jeffrey Roosa and Craig DeSantis continued to participate in and receive advanced training from the Berkshire County Special Response Team. Officer Stephanie Burdick taught several Rape Aggression Defense (RAD) classes to the public. Sgt. Joseph Buffis instructed at the annual summer DARE Camp, and Officers Todd Briggs and Jeff Roosa instructed numerous handgun safety classes.

During the past year, we applied for and received a Community Policing grant for \$11,299 that allowed us to continue our highly successfully seasonal officer foot patrol program on Main Street. We also received a \$5,400 Governor's Highway Safety Bureau grant to participate in the Commonwealth's "Click It or Ticket" campaign. While we no longer receive state DARE grants, we are committed to the DARE program, and continue to have an officer in the school system. Officer Adrian Kohlenberger, working as our School Resource Officer taught DARE classes this year as part of his regular SRO duties. The Lee Police Association also assisted with some of the funding necessary to run the DARE program this year.

During the last year, the Department also received a new computer provided by the state allowing us to automate our firearms licensing procedures. The new system known as the Massachusetts Instant Records Check System (MIRCS) allows for more efficient and accurate processing of firearms license applications. Applicant photographs are no longer required as they are taken digitally as part of the MIRCS process. The new firearms licenses are conveniently sized like a drivers license. The licensing process is handled by the Police Secretary, Tracy Dunn, as part of her daily responsibilities.

I would like to thank our officers for their investigative and enforcement efforts, and their dedicated service to the community. I would also like to thank Tracy for her hard work as Police Secretary. In addition, I would like to thank the Board of Selectmen and Town Representatives for their support. I would also like to thank all of the dispatchers, firemen, and EMT's for their continued assistance.

Listed below is a summary of calls the Lee Police Department responded to in FY 2005:

Total Incidents Handled	
Assaults	24
Burglary	11
Larceny	
Larceny of Motor Vehicle	5
Rape	
Medical Assistance	345
Armed Robbery	0
Driving Under the Influence	17
Drug Čases	
Traffic Accidents	
Motor Vehicle Citations	666
Alarms	518

#### FY 2005 Statistical Summary

#### Respectfully Submitted,

Ronald C. Glidden, Chief of Police



TRAFFIC COMMISSION

The Traffic Commission has addressed the concerns of Lee residents this past year with issues concerning traffic safety.

We recommended the change of parking spaces in front of the new Lee Hardware Store to ease traffic flow, leaving Elm Street on to Main Street and exiting the parking lot at Lee Hardware Store.

We received approval of a new stop sign at the intersection of Tyringham Road and Meadow Street.

We recommended the Handicapped signage in front of St. George's Church, as requested.

We tried to better enforce the truck traffic on Marble Street southbound, with new signage and painting of double center lines on the new reconstructed roadway.

We are presently working with Elder Services to correct the No Parking signage on High Street for the new reuse of existing Central School.

We applied for and received approval for new street light on Spring Street to serve the walking residents at night and safer vehicle travel.

The traffic commission strives to make Lee a safer place to walk and drive.

Hopefully when Housatonic Street is finished the traffic flow and safety will be improved.

Respectfully submitted,

Gerald H. LePrevost, *Chairman* Edward Forfa Robert Giarolo Christopher Pompi, *DPW* Ronald Glidden, *Police Chief* 



ANIMAL INSPECTOR

hereby submit my report as your Animal Inspector for the Town of Lee for the period of July 1, 2004 through June 30, 2005.

Quarantine was issued for one dog bite incident and there were two possible rabies exposures to domestic cats from interaction with wildlife. Please have your pets vaccinated to safeguard them from the rabies virus from their encounters with skunks, raccoons, bats, etc.

Thank you.

Respectfully submitted,

Cindy L. Belair, Animal Inspector



## ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER

hereby submit my report as your Animal Control Officer for the Town of Lee for the period of July 1, 2004 through June 30, 2005.

I responded to 304 calls from the Town of Lee, which were logged into the Lee Dispatch Center. This number does not include calls directly to my home or office. These calls consisted of problems concerning the following: 19 loose dog complaints, 16 barking dog complaints, 6 domestic animals hit by cars, 53 stray dog complaints, 54 calls concerning lost pets, 34 wildlife calls (calls regarding skunks, raccoons, birds, etc.), 80 miscellaneous calls, 6 aggressive dog complaints, 3 calls for donations of blankets, towels, etc., to the Lee Kennel, 20 Complaints of Abuse and/or Neglect of an animal, 7 calls concerning dogs left in parked cars in the hot summertime weather and 5 deceased dog & cats found on the road.

There were a number of unclaimed strays that were either adopted out or brought to the Berkshire Humane Society for adoption. Donated items of blankets, dog/cat food, supplies, etc, are always appreciated and I will pick up donations at any time.

Respectfully submitted,

Cindy L. Belair, Animal Control Officer



FIRE DEPARTMENT

The Department responded to 202 calls.

Structures	4	Defibrillator	10
Fire Alarm Activated	55	CO Detector	9
Grass & Brush	8	Mass. Turnpike	7
Mutual Aid Given	7	Service Calls	9
Fuel Spills	11	Jaws of Life	3
Electrical	3	Vehicle, Fire or other	19
Wires Down	9	Chimney	2
Miscellaneous	43	Oil Burner	3

All engines have had pump service and were pump tested during the year and are pumping to their capacities.

The need for volunteers has increased. The need to have some type of incentive program for these people has also increased. These people attend classes, go to practices, keep up the equipment and perform their duties at fire incidents. Volunteers are needed at Central Station and also at Station #2 at South Lee.

The Department is receiving an International truck from the DPW that was replaced. After some repairs this chassis will have a water tank installed. This will replace a truck that is a 1963 International.

A State Grant was received this year for purchasing equipment for the Department. The amount was \$21,500. Saws, radios, gas detectors and a 6x6 ATV were purchased. The equipment purchased will be an asset to the Department.

My personal thanks to the officers and all the volunteers who have given their time to answer alarms and come to practices and also for keeping the buildings and equipment in great shape. I extend my appreciation to the communication cebterm ambulance squad and the police department. I extend my thanks to all the fire lepartments that assisted during the year. I sincerely thank the people of the town for heir cooperation.

Respectfully submitted,

Ronald J. Driscoll, Chief



## EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY

Over the past year, members of the town's Emergency Management Department have attended numerous training sessions with the Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency to enhance the town's preparedness against various forms of terrorism as well as natural disasters. In addition, all officers of the Lee Police Department received specialized National Incident Management System training from the Federal Emergency Management Agency. While police officers were the first town employees to receive NIMS training, there is currently a presidential mandate that all town employees receive this training. Currently, employees are undergoing NIMS training and testing both on-line and at regional sites offering the training within the county.

We have also begun work on a town Hazard Mitigation Plan. Working together, police, fire, DPW, and other town departments, are developing a Hazard Mitigation Plan that will help us better prepare for natural disasters. In addition to working on this plan, we will continue to work closely with the Lee Police, Fire and Ambulance Service, the Communications Center and the Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency to continually upgrade our emergency response plans.

Respectfully submitted,

Chief Ronald C. Glidden Emergency Management Director



# LEE AMBULANCE SERVICE

**D**uring this year your ambulance service responded to a total of 757 requests for medical assistance, resulting in the transport of 741 patients to area hospitals.

A breakdown of these calls is as follows:

LOCATIC	<u>DN</u>	TYPE OF CALL	
Town of Lee	479	Motor Vehicle Accident	79
Town of Stockbridge	151	Non-Motor Vehicle Injuries	185
Town of Tyringham	23	Cardiac/Respiratory	136
Mass Pike	29	Other Illness	286
Mutual Aid Provided	75	Misc.	57

Of these calls 275 required Paramedic level services from Pittsfield.

There were 84 incidents requiring multiple ambulance response, of these:

- 50 calls were answered by the returning ambulance
- 34 calls were answered by our second ambulance
- 23 calls required mutual aid as we were unable to respond the second ambulance.
- 20 calls required mutual aid as we were unable to respond the first ambulance

Our average response time is 5 minutes, and our average on scene time is 13 minutes.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Breault, *Director* 



## **CONSERVATION COMMISSION**

The Conservation Commission processed 11 Notices of Intent, issued 11 Orders of Conditions, and handled 14 Requests for Determination. Among our clients were single-family home owners, Mass Highway, WMECO and a commercial establishment.

A major issue during the year, and still being resolved, was the improper repaving of the Brooks parking area, which filled flood plain and has caused serious storm water flow onto abutting properties. We submitted a draft of Lee regulations for the Scenic Mountain Act to the Secretary of State and are still awaiting his comments. Following the finalization of our regulations, we will schedule a public hearing for comments, and then make a formal presentation to the Select Board and Planning Board.

### Respectfully submitted,

Stuart Dalheim, *Chair* Tom Arment Noel Bailey Audie Furgal Deborah Garry Marilyn Hansen



## COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT CORP.

In Fiscal Year 2005 the Lee CDC continued in its mission to market Quarry Hill Business Park and undertook a number of initiatives including the provision of assistance to qualifying companies regarding the Commonwealth's Economic Development Incentives Program (EDIP).

During the year, Barrington Coffee Roasters, Inc. purchased a lot in Quarry Hill and will complete construction of a 8,750 sq. ft. facility in December 2005. This company has invested more than \$1.1 Million and committed to the retention of 4 existing jobs and the creation of 7 new jobs through the EDIP program. The Lee CDC also assisted Lee Hardware, Inc. in its application for Tax Increment Financing in the relocation and expansion of its business to a new facility on Main Street. The company is investing more than \$1 Million and has committed to creation of four new permanent jobs.

The Lee CDC continues to actively participate in regional economic development issues and has established a strong linkage with the newly formed Berkshire Economic Development Corporation in an effort to create jobs and economic opportunity locally and regionally.

## LEE CORPORATE CENTER

The LEE CORPORATE CENTER is a 116,640 square foot multi-tenant office and light manufacturing facility developed in 1995 by the Lee Community Development Corporation, Berkshire Housing Development Corporation, and a consortium of local businesses including Boyd Converting, Country Curtains, and Ray Murray, Inc.

Situated on a 15.4 acre tract on Route 102 the facility has parking for 150 vehicles. The steel framed building, originally built in the 1970's, has been transformed from its original use as a single use distribution center to an innovative multi-tenant facility with 35,000 square feet of modem office space and 81,000 square feet of warehouse/light industrial/assembly space. A new elevator services the second floor and all offices feature wall to wall carpeting, central air conditioning, acoustical ceilings, and recessed lighting. The facility meets all safety and ADA accessibility guidelines. The Lee Corporate Center has enjoyed another successful year, housing a wide variety of companies. As of the publication of this report, the Corporate Center is nearly fully leased.

#### **QUARRY HILL BUSINESS PARK**

This Lee CDC facility features town water and sewer, natural gas, full service high capacity electric, telecommunications (telephone/fiber optic to site/cable communications) and a complete storm water management system, as well as concrete sidewalks and decorative lighting. Since completion in November, 1997, five parcels have been sold at Quarry Hill to Cavallero Plastics, Inc., Applied Energy Management, Inc., Ray Murray, Inc., and Lee Family Practice medical group, which completed their new facility at Quarry Hill in 2004. In 2005 Barrington Coffee Roasters, Inc. will complete their new facility at Quarry Hill.

We look forward to the coming new year to continue our mission to encourage business expansion and the retention and creation of jobs and opportunity in Lee.

#### Respectfully submitted,

#### Don Hunter, President

Board Members, 2005:

Don Hunter, *Esq. President* Raymond B. Murray III, *Vice President* Chauncey Collins, *Treasurer* Robert Birch, *Clerk* Richard H. Vinette, Jr., Esq., *Executive Director* David Bruce John Toole Dani J. Holmes William Enser Dr. Mary Seppala (2004) Jason McCandless (2005) Frank Consolati John Philpott



# TRI-TOWN HEALTH DEPARTMENT

 $T_{itle 5}$  On-site Wastewater Disposal: Health Department responsibilities associated with Title 5 requirements continues to increase year after year. The review and approval of plans, issuance of permits, inspection of repairs and upgrades and witnessing of percolation tests and soil evaluations for site suitability are often challenging as more and more sites are built near environmentally sensitive areas and proposed plans incorporate new alternate technologies. In an effort to maintain our service levels in this area, I plan to cross-train two more employees in Title 5 requirements including certification in soil evaluation training as soon as training slots are available.

**Food Service Sanitation Program:** Massachusetts has seen a substantial rise in food borne illness particularly those associated with Hepatitis A. To address this concern, office staff attended a number of state sponsored seminars on Hepatitis A and passed this information on to area food establishments. In addition, we stepped up our inspections to a minimum of four (4) per year, with staff Inspectors rotating to a different Town every quarter.

<u>Pool & Spa Monitoring Program</u>: Health Inspector Jim Wilusz has done an exceptional job in ensuring that all facilities meet minimum bacteriological standards and owners of such facilities have properly trained Certified Pool Operators to oversee and maintain these facilities. He is now concentrating on working with facility owners to confirm that any necessary upgrades to facilities are completed.

<u>Tobacco Awareness Program</u>: Our program continues to be the only state funded Board of Health program in Berkshire County thanks to the continued great work and oversight by Program Administrator Kimberly Kelly. Kim's responsibilities include coordinating inspectional activities, conducting retail store compliance checks, providing training programs, complying with state budgeting and reporting requirements and effectively communicating program objectives and activities to local Boards of Health and the State Public Health Department.

**EPA Air Quality Conference:** Peter Kolodziej, Department Director and Kimberly Kelly Department Administrator/Health Inspector were invited to attend a national conference in Washington DC, sponsored by the Environmental Protection Agency and the National Environmental Health Association on public health issues associated with indoor air quality.

<u>Max (Pops) Bookless, Health Inspector Retires:</u> Max Bookless retired from the Health Department in December of 2004 after 22 years of dedicated service to the Health Department and communities of Lee, Lenox and Stockbridge. Max was honored for his many contributions and valued service as an employee of the Tri-Town Health Department but also for his persistence and perseverance in promoting public health prevention initiatives. He was passionate in advocating minimum training requirements for food service employees as a necessity in the prevention of food borne illnesses. His efforts lead to local regulations requiring such training and a few years later the State Public Health Department followed suit. His philosophy of promoting and enhancing public health through education first and enforcement as a last resort is now a key component of the Health Department mission. We will all miss Max (Pops) and wish him many happy and healthy years of retirement.

## Permits Issued (Lee Only):

Permit Type	Number I	lssued	Permit Type	Number Issued
Food Service		96	Retail Food	57
Catering		7	Mobile Food	4
B&B		11	Bakery	8
Special Event Food	Permit	16	Tobacco	15
Indoor Pool		2	Outdoor Pool	6
Hot Tubs		2	Frozen Dessert	9
Milk/Cream Store		29	Milk/Cream Vehicle	1
Milk/Cream Dealer		2	Pasteurization	1
Disposal Works Ins	tallers	9	Septage Hauler	5
Garbage Hauler		8	Rec. Children's Camp	<b>)</b> 0
Motel/Hotel/Cabin/	/Trailer	12	Massage Practitioner	18
Massage Establishn	nent	4	<b>Biological Wastes</b>	1
Disposal Works Cor	nstruction	23	Well Permit	13
Beaver Permits		2		

## Soil Evaluations for On-Site Septic Systems (Lee)

#### **Inspections:** (Lee)

Food Service Inspections	288		
Misc. Complaints/Nuisances	9	Housing Inspections/Chapter II	1
Quality Control	321	Pool & Hot Tub Testing	151
Water Testing Performed-Beache	es 32	Ice Sampling	50
Well Sampling	5	WWTP Sampling	36
wen Samping	3	w w IP Sampling	36

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## **Budget/Revenue Information Fiscal 2005 (Lee)**

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	Total	\$ 36,894.64	
	Rent Income	4,896.00	
	Septic	2,822.40	
	Water Testing	6,164.24	
Breakdown:	Permits	\$ 23,012.00	
Total Budget:	\$75,894.26	Revenue Generated:	\$36,894.64

Respectfully submitted,

Peter J. Kolodziej, R.S. *Director/Sanitarian* Tri-Town Health Department



## **COUNCIL ON AGING**

The Lee Council on Aging respectfully submits the following report of services and activities which took place during the fiscal year of July 1, 2004 to June 30, 2005. The COA Board and Director meet the second Tuesday of each month at 10:00 am at the Senior Center. The programs focus on the elderly members of the community and their families. The goal of the COA staff, Board and volunteers is to serve the elderly through health, nutrition, informational and social programs. The Outreach Program works to identify and set programs to meet these needs.

A Nutrition Luncheon, staffed by volunteers is served at the Center every Tuesday and Thursday. Educational and social programs are offered on these days.

A newsletter, "Lee Senior Citizens News", with activities, programs news pertinent to seniors is published once a month and distributed through the Center, Post Office and Library and is mailed to shut-ins through a grant from the MA Executive Office of Elder Affairs. In cooperation with the Lee Visiting Nurse Association, Blood Pressure and Flu clinics are held at the Center. Transportation is provided through the COA office to events at the Center as well as shopping, errands and most importantly, Medical Appointments.

Special social events include, Pot Lunch lunches, bingo, line dancing, Bridge Club, and bus trips which are open to all seniors. The Lee COA offers volunteer opportunities in a variety of program.

The COA offers Health Insurance Counseling by state trained counselors and Tax Counseling volunteers and general information and advocacy to seniors and their families.

The COA coordinates programs with the Lee Regional Visiting Nurse Association, Elder Services of Berkshire County and other organizations to provide these services. The COA operates with a Director, Secretary and transportation driver along with 24 volunteers to provide services to the community.

## Respectfully submitted,

Norma Maroney, *Director* Alma Allen, *Chairwoman* Helen Botto Stephen Cozzaglio Val Masiero Val Baldisserotto Maurice Larrivee Amelia Zatorski Marguerite O'Brien Robert Johnson



ETERANS' BENEFITS AND SERVICES

This office exists to serve the needs of the Veterans' of Lee and their families. This past year saw very few new cases of veterans' and/or their spouses who needed financial assistance. The primary need continues to be for veterans' widows who have very little income, and are unable to work.

Though we anticipated more cases this year due to the change last year in the expanded definition of veteran, actually there has been a reduction in the financial help offered by supplying Veterans' Benefits for those in need. We have seen an increase in the number of requests for copies of discharge papers, for help in obtaining medical benefits and coverage, and for requests for what the Veterans' Services and the Veterans Administration has to offer a veteran and his family.

There continues to be an increase from veteran's next of kin who desire to find out more about the veterans' military service, and requests to get medals that the veteran had earned. We have been able to assist most of these in finding the information they desire.

#### Veterans' Benefits paid for FY 2005:

Veterans' Benefits Paid	\$16,898.09
75% to be returned by the State	\$12,673.59
Cost to the Town	\$ 4,224.50

Respectfully submitted,

Doug Mann Veterans' Service Officer



CULTURAL COUNCIL

The Lee Cultural Council's mission is to promote access, education, diversity, and excellence in the arts, humanities, and interpretive sciences within the community. Support for public arts programming is provided to cultural councils throughout the Commonwealth of Massachusetts through funding from the Massachusetts Legislature and the National Endowment for the Arts and is appropriated annually by a central state agency, the Massachusetts Cultural Council. In accordance with state policies and regulations of the Massachusetts Cultural Council, the Lee Cultural Council distributes funds on a local level through two channels:

- standard LCC grants to individuals and organizations offering a broad range of cultural activities
- PASS grants for schools and youth groups to access low-cost admissions to performing arts events and cultural institutions

The annual deadline for receipt of grant applications to Lee Cultural Council is October 15th. Grants are awarded in December after careful review by both LCC and MCC Councils. The Lee Cultural Council was one of the first local councils in the State to achieve "streamlined" status. Criteria for streamlining includes strong local procedures, a history of member training and a clean approval record. The streamlining process eliminates numerous steps in the yearly funding cycle and speeds up local reimbursements. Grant applications, reimbursement forms and general information are now available on the Massachusetts Cultural Council website.

Lee Cultural Council received and reviewed a total of 43 grant applications for Fiscal 2005. Twenty-three projects, with total funds of \$4,650, were approved. The Lee Cultural Council sponsors visiting artists in Lee Schools, including Shakespear and Company's Fall residency at Lee High School. Other projects have included school trips to the Norman Rockwell Museum, music programs for seniors, Lee Founders' Day cultural activities, and Saturday crafts programs at Lee Library.

In addition to its funding from the Massachusetts Cultural Council, the Lee Cultural Council solicits funds from local businesses and individuals through an annual appeal and various special events. These tax-deductible funds raised on a local level may be used to augment the amount awarded by the State but are not restricted to state approvals.

## Respectfully submitted,

## Sharon MacDonald, Chairman

Gloria Arnold, Mario Caluori, Frederic M. Cohen, Laura Frank, Anita Forzano, Freda Grim, Alexandra Heddinger, Barbara Mahoney, Mary Theresa Valleri



## HISTORICAL COMMISSION

The Commission worked further with the landscape designers for the Housatonic Street improvements, including final editing of the historical marker planned for the intersection of Fuller Street. The Commission was asked to approve the color of the cement used in the sidewalks, and, after looking at a sample of sidewalk and seeing no historical aspect to it, the members stated that there was no objection to the cement color.

Member Charlotte Davis was pleased to announce that the Hyde School has been accepted for listing in the National Register of Historic Places.

The Commission was invited to provide information and a write up on Lee's African American history to the Upper Housatonic African American Heritage Trail, an organization that is planning a publication on the subject. Members submitted the material and made comments and corrections to each draft of the work in progress.

The Commission was delighted to pass our work on Betty Dennis' articles about Lee, printed in the Penny Saver almost 30 years ago, on to the Historical Society. It was the Commission's hope to republish the articles in a book. However, the members feel that this project would be better served by the Society. The Commission and Society have been working together and the members are grateful for all the help and interest the Society has provided.

The Commission provided information to many individuals and professionals about the exact location of the Lower Main Street Historic District, how to apply for listing on the National Register of Historic Places, research on the Willow Mill Dam, and the limitations placed on buildings that had used Facade Program funds for restoration.

As always, members participated in the Founders' Weekend Parade. In addition, the Housatonic Valley National Heritage Area added the Commission sponsored Lower Main Street Walking Tour, always a part of Founders' Weekend, to their list of walks, further promoting it and thereby increasing the number of participants.

Special thanks to all members of the Commission who donated their time and energy to this year's projects and activities.

#### Respectfully submitted,

Barbara Allen, Alternating Chair Mary Morrissey, Alternating Chair Patricia LaChapelle, Alternating Chair Dawn Borst Richard J. Burns Joe Dupont Caroline Young, Secretary Advisors: Florence Consolati Charlotte Davis Betty Dennis Dorothy Fraser Caroline Meyer Young



## LEE LAND TRUST

The Lee Land Trust participated in the Housatonic Riverfest 2004 and in Founders' Weekend events during the summer and in October 2004.

At the December meeting, the following officers were elected: president, Jeannette S. Kegler; vice president, Mary L. Johansen; secretary, Thomas Wood treasurer, George O'Brien.

In December, Narian Schroeder of the Berkshire Natural Resources Council presented a program 'Conservation Plans and Methods.' He announced the completion of a permanent Conservation Restriction on the 206 acre mountain side in South Lee. This agreement with Silverleaf Resort's Oak n' Spruce, the Berkshire Natural Resources Council and the Lee Land Trust was entered on the deed and is in accordance with Chapter 184 Section 31 of Massachusetts State Law. The program included Comelia Kalisher, of the Citizens for Preserving South Lee, who gave a brief outline of the work and efforts of the membership. Sarah Hudson spoke of the conservation agreement she and her brother Barclay agreed upon to turn 306 acres to the Massachusetts Division of Fish and Game for preservation. Mary L. Johansen outlined her family's dedication of Longcope Park to the Town of Lee and of placing the farming acreage into an Agricultural Restriction.

In February 2005 Charlotte Davis presented detailed information regarding the process for property registration by the State of Massachusetts Historical Commission and also into the Federal Historical Register. This process is of concern as in 2003 the Barlow House in East Lee was deeded to the Lee Land Trust.

May 2005 was eventful. The second Barn Sale was held on the 21st. On the 25th we were greatly pleased to co-sponsor with the Lee Historical Commission a visit of George Westinghouse, IV and Ed Reis. Mr. Westinghouse is the great grandson of George Westinghouse the inventor and industrialist, and Mr. Reis is the Executive Director of the George Westinghouse Museum. All in attendance greatly enjoyed the first-person narrative biography of the inventor performed by Ed Reis in full period dress and sporting mutton chops and mustache. Mr. Westinghouse shared some of his family stories and also learned from those attending who had "Erskine Park" memories and associations.

The Land Trust is grateful for the support we receive from our membership as we continue to offer programs and activities of interest.

#### Respectfully submitted,

Jeannette S. Kegler, *President* Mary L. Johansen, *Vice President* Thomas Wood, *Secretary* George O'Brien, *Treasurer* 

#### **Board Members**

Deidre Consolati, Linda Cysz, Fred Feuerbach, Dorothy Fraser, Deborah Gary, Naomi Gordon, Helen Mougin, Jan O'Brien Tim Gray - Advisor



## CEMETERY COMMITTEE

This year Fairmount Cemetery had several trees fall down and damage several headstones. In addition two more trees were taken down to prevent further damage. Our biggest loss was our huge Black Walnut tree. We still have a few more trees that must be cut down next year. We must protect the headstones. Perhaps the use of smaller trees will be our solution.

Extensive gravestone repair was done this year in Fairmount Cemetery. Last year South Lee Cemetery received a complete headstone repair

The land at the entrance to Fairmount, off Greylock Street, was surveyed and made ready for future burials. One square will be known as Kelly Square and the other as Smith Square. Single lots in this area will be allowed to use only flat stone markers.

We are pleased that our cemetery employees have done an outstanding job mowing, trimming and always keeping the area neat, clean and attractive. The Committee is grateful for all the assistance we received from Chris Pompi, our DPW advisor, Dennis Kelly, Ginny Vania, our Secretary and all our faithful full time cemetery employees. We are fortunate we have two very fine cemeteries in town and we are doing our best to keep them that way.

#### Respectfully submitted,

Millard Eckert, *Co-chairperson* Charlotte Davis, *Co-chairperson* Peter R. Biasin John J. Kelly Myron Ford



JACOB'S LADDER TRAIL SCENIC BY-WAY, INC.

The Scenic Byway corridor management group accomplished several projects that had an impact on Lee this year. To begin with the Byway was extended through Lee to the border with Lenox, better to reflect the historical and architectural importance of the town center. The group hired a tourism marketing firm, Destination Development, from Washington to prepare a marketing plan for the Byway. The marketing plan, which was very positive about downtown Lee, had worthwhile recommendations for maintaining the character of the town while increasing tourist spending, and is available on a compact disk from the Lee representatives at no charge. A second project involving the town was improvements to the Lee-Becket turnout at the Appalachian Trail. Dee Dee Fraser worked with the design group to provide amenities for hikers at the stop, including a kiosk and boulder seating. Offroad parking was constructed, a stone wall put up and a new access trail constructed to allow hikers safely to reach the trailhead. The mobile exhibit on transportation history was on display for much of the year at the Springfield Convention and Visitors Bureau. Other accomplishments along the Byway include the landscaping and erection of an interpretive sign at the Summit House in Becket, and a landscape plan for Walker Brook park in Chester. Lee representative Dee Dee Fraser served as Vice President and representative Naomi Gordon served as liaison to the Berkshire Visitors Bureau.

### Respectfully submitted,

Bonnie Parsons, Secretary

John Garvey, *President* Dee Dee Fraser, *Vice President, Lee representative* Naomi Gordon, *Lee representative* 



## LIBRARY ASSOCIATION

 $T_{0}$  the Board of Directors and Members of the Lee Library Association, I hereby submit my annual report for the fiscal year July 1, 2004 to June 30, 2005 :

29,320
24,493
. 2,879
582
755
611

## Category of material circulation:

Fiction.	15,492
Biography	712
History	
Literature	
Arts	846
Applied Science	. 1,255
Pure Science	
Language	58
Social Science	
Religion	137
Philosophy	
Video and Cassettes	. 2,879
Paperbacks	999
General	

Of the total circulation 24,546 were adult materials and 4,774 were children's materials. A total of 6,505 circulations were by non-residents. 5,225 were to Massachusetts residents from certified towns. An additional 1,233 circulations were to Massachusetts residents from non-certified towns or out-of-state: Otis – 495, Tyringham – 735, Washington – 3, Out-of-state – 47.

Books added during the year:	1,440 Adult	456 Children	Total: 1,896
Books withdrawn:	274 Adult	165 Children	Total: 439
Number of volumes ov	nad	12 960	
Number of volumes ow			
Records and Cassettes.		657	
Videos		86	
Filmstrips			
Units of Microfilm			
Serials (Magazine Subs	criptions)	92	
(8 magazines are gift			
Newspapers (5 weekly,	4 daily, 1 mon	thly)11	
Estimated number of re			

Memorial donations were received in memory of Carl Foster and James Brighenti. Books were donated in memory of Sarah Bradley and Louise Hodgkins. "Mandy" was remembered by her owners, Dorothy and Henry Naventi, who presented the library with an autographed copy of Jan Brett's "The Umbrella". (Jan is a summer neighbor and Mandy was a model for one of Jan's books.) Florence Consolati's retirement as a columnist for the Advocate was marked by a book donation from Chris Niebuhr. Bill Sinico never wavers in his dedication to keep our beautiful porch boxes, donated by Golden Hill Nursery, watered throughout the summer. Rochelle O'Gorman presents us with dozens of wonderful audiocassettes. We appreciate the bookmarks presented to us by the Toole Agency. Anthony Lorio and Lee Bank have given us magazine subscriptions. Many other patrons generously give us new books. Some are put in our collection and others are put on our sale shelf to help earn additional funds for the library.

Our Summer Reading Program theme was "Explore Other Worlds @ your library". We had 44 participants read 376 books. Our readers were awed by the stories and music of Davis Bates and Roger Ticknell at the end of the 6-week long program.

Many community groups took advantage of our "Gallery" and held 226 meetings there this year. Eight artists also displayed their works this year. The Library Board of Directors sponsored our "CreativeLEE IV" exhibit for Founder's Weekend and the month of October. Many local artists and artisans participated in this event. The opening reception was made very enjoyable with the talent of Mary Masiero playing the piano. This is the second year that we filmed the exhibit to show on the local CTSB-TV channels. Copies are available for purchase in VHS or DVD! Prior to the release of the video, a fun "Preview Party" was held in April. We hope to have it played this September on TV to remind residents to enter their art pieces in CreativeLEE V!

Our Board has been instrumental in helping the library offer more programs for children and adults. The After School Program Final Report was filed on October 1. Mary Philpott and Sandy Hayes have contributed their time and artistic skills to make attractive and timely displays and exhibits in the Children's Room and the adult cases. The Massachusetts Library Association recognized their efforts by awarding them a 2nd place in the MLA Public Relations Awards presented in May at the annual conference. The Board also sponsored a "Cabin Fever" series of programs during the year: Classical pianist Alfred Watson performed "The Nutcracker" in the Gallery in December. Vincent Dowling gave a wonderful reading in the Gallery the same month. The last event in the series was a well attended pastel workshop in January led by Greg Maichek.

Our building stands in good repair thanks to the watchful eye of Bill Derrick. However, one of the heat valves in the children's room needed replacing this year. Some new laws were passed last year affecting our building, so we installed a new back-flow valve to comply with the law. The biggest problem that we have with the building is space! You may have noticed the Reference Room has new taller stacks to accommodate our expanding collection. The moving of the books has just been completed. In addition to a more aggressive weeding policy, the Board decided it was time to hire a space planning consultant. After the Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners recommendations were made, Mary Braney of Spencer was selected to proceed with the study. She has done a lot of work on the document. She held various meetings, brought in computer consultants, and will have the document ready to submit to the Board in the summer of 2005.

The CW MARS computer network continues to assist us in our quest for on-line circulation services at our library. In April, a fractional T1 line was installed with a new router and hub. These have greatly enhanced the network response time for our computers. Our internet computer sees an average of 46 patrons per week using that service. We have been registering patrons since October 7. Our whole staff received specialized training for registering borrowers and distributing our attractive new library cards. We have over 1000 of our patrons registered in the system. The great news is that if you have a Sheffield, Lenox or Pittsfield library card-you are already registered in the system. Any CWMARS network library will recognize your card in Western Massachusetts libraries-but, remember, not all libraries belong to CWMARS. (For example: Stockbridge, Tyringham, Otis and Great Barrington are NOT members at this time. You would need their separate library cards for each one of them.) You may return books at any CWMARS library. You can manage your library card, place requests on titles, and access the statewide databases--all from your home computer. Please ask us if you need help doing any of these things at home. By the way, CWMARS itself has changed a bit this year. In April, they moved their servers to a "data hotel" in Worcester in anticipation of moving the organization to a new Worcester area location in August, 2005.

The Western Massachusetts Regional Library System (WMIULS) has moved into a new building in Whately. It supports libraries in Western Massachusetts with delivery service for interlibrary loans and deposits of books delivered by the bookmobile. We receive westerns, audiocassettes and video deposit collections from them. They also provide educational and professional support to libraries in Western Massachusetts.

LitNet (formerly named Southern Berkshire Literacy Network) continues to offer free one-on-one tutoring in basic reading, English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL), and preparation for the General Educational Development (GED) test to earn the equivalent of a high school diploma. In June they held their first annual Volunteer and Student picnic on the Lee Library lawn. Also in June, three new staff members-Susan Russell, Executive Director, Tricia Farley-Bouvier, Education Director, and Mary Spina, Associate Director of Education, all experienced educators-joined the organization. 20 Lee residents are currently tutoring students and 7 residents of Lee are in the LitNet program now.

In addition to volunteers Mary and Sandy, we have another wonderful volunteer to recognize-Lynne Fay of Otis. For the past several years, Lynne has volunteered her time, talent, and services by conducting countless story hours, PJ

parties, and art activities. She has put together and donated about 25 Discovery Totes for our youngest patrons to enjoy. This year alone, she has held approximately 60 programs attended by over 1,200 children. We couldn't possibly do this without her-Thank you, Lynne!

You may have noticed that Helen Southworth, Special Projects, is not here anymore. She decided to return to Wisconsin to be closer to her family. We miss her and wish her well!

Thank you to the members of the Board of Directors, and staff members of the library with whom it is a pleasure to work! Thank you also to Experience Works that provides us with a trainee from their program. Together we hope to make the library a valuable resource for all our patrons and citizens of Lee.

Respectfully submitted,

Georgia Massucco, Library Director

# LEE LIBRARY ASSOCIATION

**Statement of Receipts and Expenditures** 

Balance on hand in checking account 7/1/04:		\$3,392.76
RECEIPTS:		
Appropriation	\$ 187,991.23	
Fines	909.65	
Copier	1,743.30	
Sale of Books	178.46	
Interest in Checking Account	326.01	
Dividends in Checking Account	342.50	
Donations and Gifts	799.00	
LIG/MEG/NRCO Grants	7,201.88	
Books Lost/Damaged/Refunds	22.95	
LSTA/MBLC After School Grant	7,059.57	
Sale of Ornaments	10.00	
Sale of Disks	1.00	
Total Receipts:		<u>206,585.55</u>
Total Monies Available		209,978.31
EXPENDITURES:		
Salaries	122,966.86	
Books and Materials	32,908.91	
Library Supplies	5,477.52	
Oil	4,846.05	

Electric	7,215.53
Telephone	1,093.15
Water and Sewer	563.40
Repairs and Maintenance	6,551.50
Social Security Taxes (FICA)	5,863.86
Computer	5,816.89
Conferences and Dues	240.00
Bindery	2, 644.35
MA D.E.T. Health Insurance	87.00
After School Grant	5,861.79
Workman's Compensation Insurance	744.00
Dir. & Off. Insurance	1,058.00
Green Thumb Contribution	725.00
Miscellaneous	1,599.74
Adjustment	19.35
Total Expenditures:	

Balance on hand in Checking Account 6/30/05:

<u>205,557.90</u>

\$ 4,420.41



LEE YOUTH ASSOCIATION

The LYA found 2005 to be filled with changes and improvements. Not only did I complete my first full year as director but the Board of Directors has had a tremendous change in membership and now consists of the following:

President - Peter Sitzer Vice President - Keith Kelly Treasurer - Chauncey Collins Secretary - Karen Lrhazi

Board Members -

Richard Aldrich Bart Collins Jim Comalli Dave Consolati Sandra Dignard Buck Donovan Dan Kelley Nick Parsenios Kathy Salice Youth Advisor -

Kerry Burke

The staff has experienced some wonderful changes as well.

Donna Skowron is now in her 22nd year and runs the 3-8 wake-up and after school programs, the under five Play Group, the teen dances and field trips and the Summer Park 'n' Rec program.

Lee Skowron still works in the K-2 Wake-Up program, the Teen Dances and Field Trips and the Summer Park 'n' Rec Program. She has also taken on additional responsibilities in the office working with the director in financial coordination. She will be receiving her Bachelor's Degree this year and already holds two Associates Degrees

This year we have hired a new Pre-School Coordinator. Melissa Willey comes to us with five years, of experience as a preschool teacher in Berkshire County. She holds her Bachelor's Degree in Early Childhood Education.

Bonnie Morrison is also one of our veteran employees and has 20 years of experience working with preschool and K-2 children. Bonnie is lead teacher qualified and teaches in the Busy Bee Learning Center.

Marie Regnier is now working in the K-2 After School Program. Marie is in her fourth year with us, has a great deal of experience working with children and formerly ran her own day care in her home.

We created a new Summer Adventures Day Camp this year. It was a tremendous success and was run by Marcie Fennelly with Amber Coty and Nicole Nalepa as Camp Counselors.

We have been working very closely with the College Internship Program and currently have two interns working with us.

We continue to run the Youth Basketball Program, Biddy Baseball Program and Gymnastics Program.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sharon A. Terry *Executive Director* 



# PLANNING BOARD

**D**uring the year June 30, 2004 to July 1, 2005, the Lee Planning Board acted upon nineteen (19) Form A Applications (Plans Not Requiring Approval under the Subdivision Control Law), nineteen were approved. The Board also made decisions concerning ten (10) Special Permit Applications; all applications for Special Permit were approved. The Planning Board reviewed all applications for permanent signs. Several site plans were also brought before the Board for hearing and comment.

The Board held several meetings throughout the year with their consultant Mark Bobrowski on the recodification of the zoning bylaw.

The Board reviewed a preliminary proposal for the redevelopment of the former Diesel Dan's site with F.L. Roberts. The proposal includes the construction of a four-story hotel, restaurant, convenience store, car wash and fueling station. The project would require a zoning amendment and an amendment to the zoning map.

The Board worked on several amendments to the Town of Lee Zoning Bylaw during the year, which included an amendment to the Zoning Map extending the CBC zoning district, the addition of a new footnote #1 8 to the Table of Dimensional Requirements for the Commercial Business Corridor which would allow the Special Permit Granting authority to allow a structure to be erected that is greater than 2-1/2 stories and up to 40 feet in height provided that the lot is a minimum of 1.75 acres, and the amendment to paragraph 199-60-D (1). A public hearing for the amendments was held and April 11, 2005 and May 2, 2005 and was voted in unanimously. The Town Representatives at Town Meeting voted to approve the amendments to the bylaw in May.

Anthony Caropreso was voted in to serve as Chairman in May replacing Thom Swift.

#### Respectfully submitted,

Anthony Caropreso, *Chairman* Robert Birch David Durante Thom Swift Martin Deely Aldo Pascucci, *Associate Member* 



# **COMMUNICATIONS CENTER**

The role of the Lee Communications Center as a vital component of the Town's emergency services is well known. Dispatchers receive calls for police, fire and ambulance and dispatch emergency services wherever needed. In addition, the Communication Center dispatches the Department of Public Works, the Tyringham Fire Department and the Tri-Town Animal Control Officer. Dispatchers also assist the police department by monitoring prisoners through audio and video monitors located in the dispatch area. In addition to their emergency communication duties, dispatchers also frequently serve as the primary point of contact for both residents and visitors seeking general information and assistance.

Another service provided by the Lee Communications Center is a program called the Elder Well-Being Check Program. This program provides Lee elders with the option of having daily contact with a dispatcher for the purpose of ensuring the elder's continued well-being. This program is free to Lee elders, but registration is required. Registered elders contact the Lee Communications Center each morning. If the dispatcher has not received the call by 11:00 a.m., the dispatcher will call the elder to check on his or her well-being. If the dispatcher receives no answer by telephone, the Lee Police Department will be dispatched to physically check on the elder's well-being. The registered elders and dispatchers both look forward to this daily interaction. This service proved to be a lifesaver this year when an elder made her daily call, but according to the dispatcher did not sound well on the phone. The dispatcher contacted a family member and dispatched a police cruiser to check on the elder. It was subsequently determined that the person was having a heart attack but had not realized it at the time she called the Communications Center. It is likely that the dispatcher's familiarity with the elder because of these daily calls saved her life.

I would like to thank the dispatchers for their continued professionalism in what can sometimes be a very difficult job under stressful circumstances. I would especially like to thank Dispatch Supervisor Donna Tyer for her continued assistance.

### Respectfully submitted,

Chief Ronald C. Glidden Communications Director



## SANDY BEACH COMMITTEE

Local interest in and use of Sandy Beach at Laurel Lake remains constant. The secluded cove and wild shoreline to the west make the beach a unique sanctuary for plants and wildlife. Otters thrive, as do snapping turtles, gray fox, white-tailed deer, black bear, wild turkey, turkey vultures, osprey, great blue heron and a diverse population of small song birds.

Sightings of eagle and osprey are common, as well as cormorant, green heron, shore birds, butterflies, and in the fall several endangered species of wild flowers. Children and adults alike can learn and appreciate the wild creatures with whom they share this one-of-a-kind beach. The open lands of nearby High Lawn Farm, whose owners graciously allow us to use their beach property, provide further cover for wildlife not frequently found these days in the semi-urban setting which Lee has become.

In the summer of 2004, lifeguard trainer and swim instructor Jeanne Laurie Schackenberg gave swimming lessons to 53 Lee children. Jeanne, also an outdoor instructor at Canyon Ranch in Lenox, provided a nurturing atmosphere for young swimmers. She also competently served as a part-time lifeguard on the stand. Joining her were Michael Tullock and Claire Antil, co-head guards and full-time workers, and part-time guards Kaila Buffis, Michael Gregory, Sam Weiskotten and Steve Laurie. Serving in his 11th year as maintenance and operations supervisor was Edward Handberg.

We were happy to host the Lee Fire Department for its annual picnic during the summer and look forward to their return in the future. We enjoyed the presence of the Lee Youth Association when they attended as a group as part of their summer camp. The usual family reunions and birthday parties and Sunday afternoon Latino picnics were held in the grove. Also, the pre-school at Lee Elementary School held their annual picnic at the beach in mid-June of 2005.

A few weeks earlier, the Lee Kiwanis had cleaned the picnic grove, trimmed the grove and mulched under the tables. This, to prepare the beach for the coming season. Later, we enjoyed a barbeque. Under the leadership of beach committee member Suzanne Wickham, the Girl Scouts happily participated in all aspects of the clean-up. We wish to thank everybody, especially the Girl Scouts, for their enthusiasm. The Lee Land Trust, led by president Jan Kegler, also did a major share of the shoreline cleanup. As with the scouts and Kiwanis and other Lee volunteers, we appreciated their hard work and good humor.

The growing numbers of Canada geese at Laurel Lake is skirting the edge of an emergency situation. In June of 2005 the Lee Finance Committee supported our emergency request of \$502 for help in the early dawn hours when the geese arrive to eat, preen and defecate. A "Goose Chaser" with border collies cleared the beach. But the deep-water docks used by the geese (and later in the summer, by the cormorants and herring gulls) during their morning routine presented a new and constant problem. All the more so because cleaning goose droppings is NOT within the scope of a lifeguard's job (nor should it be); the maintenance man's lists of morning tasks (hauling garbage and cleaning toilets among them) is already back-breakingly full; and the deep-water docks can be reached only by way of the rescue surfboard (try to balance a bucket, cleaning rags and brushes on THAT). And so, the problem remains unsolved.

Townspeople are always enthusiastic to see the yearly arrival of the work crew sent by Sheriff Carmen Massimiano of the House of Correction in Pittsfield; it means that a clean, well-presented beach and good summer fun is on the way. The crew came through again this year by cleaning and landscaping the grounds and painting the furniture and interior of the beach house. On their last day of work they prepared the docks and floated them to their traditional spots---always an occasion for fun and celebration because the hard work is over and all other tasks have been accomplished.

It is a wonderful experience, every year, to see so many local families enjoying the beach. They kindly tell our staff how enjoyable their summers are. We particularly enjoy the growing presence of Latino families at the beach, reflecting the fact that Lee's latin population has reached eight percent. A wide array of cultures is represented at the beach as well as in local neighborhoods, ranging from Mexico to Brazil to Colombia to Ecuador to Chile to the Dominican Republic, and many more. Again we are grateful to all townspeople and business owners who volunteered their time or services; to town leaders and workers, particularly the DPW and highway department, who met the beach's needs so well; to Schweitzer-Mauduit Corporation which cooperates so willingly on the use of the beach road; and to the owners of High Lawn Farm who help Lee children thrive in the unique natural setting that is Sandy Beach.

### Respectfully submitted,

Deidre Consolati, Chair

**Beach Committee Members** Cynthia Chrisman Richard Chrisman Linda Cysz Francine Larson Suzanne Wickham



# LEE REGIONAL VISITING NURSE ASSOCIATION, INC.

The following is a report of the services performed in the Town of Lee during the fiscal year 7/01/2004 - 6/30/2005:

HOME VISITS	<u>VISITS</u>
Skilled Nursing	1,373
Physical Therapy	575
Occupational Therapy	208
Speech Therapy	1
Medical Social Work	24
Maternal Child Health	24
Nutrition Services	7
Home Health Aide	407
SCHOOL NURSING - ST. MARY'S	88.5 hours
OFFICE VISITS	5
NON-BILLABLE HOME VISITS	25

<u>CLINICS</u>	SESSIONS	ATTENDANCE
Flu / Pneumonia	16	557 / 7
Blood Pressure	52	382
Mantoux Tests		6

## FLU CLINICS WERE CONDUCTED AT THE FOLLOWING LEE BUSINESSES:

## DMR, Village at Laurel Lake

Respectfully submitted,

Paula Schutzmann, *Executive Director* 



TOWN OF LEE

Wages Paid in Calendar Year 2004

## **BOARD OF SELECTMEN**

Alderman, Suzanne M.	\$28,551.45
Bailey, Gordon D.	2,100.00
Carlino, Patricia D.	2,100.00
Consolati, Frank A.	2,100.00

## TOWN ADMINISTRATOR

## TOWN ACCOUNTANT

Borden, Kathleen	40,340.16
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## **BOARD OF ASSESSORS**

Bitso, Jacqueline B.	\$40,556.40
Briggs, Edward	2,400.00
DeLorme, Dayton	2,400.00
Derrick, William	2,400.00
Navin, Sarah T.	23,133.84

## TREASURER

Kelley, Susan E.	\$27,472.47
Toomey, Donna M.	12,721.93

## TOWN COLLECTOR

Baumann, Eleanor B.	\$32,760.50
Smith, Janice G.	44,924.34

## TOWN COUNSEL

#### INTERDEPARTMENTAL SECRETARY

Messana, Jaimy	\$17,937.58

## TOWN CLERK/ BOARD OF REGISTRARS

Bowers, David	\$56.00
Brighenti, Sandra J.	32.00
Collins, Ann Marie	120.00

Cozzaglio, Sandra	1,217.50
Dadak, Mary Lou	373.00
Dunn, Nannette	56.00
Enser, Anne D.	32.00
Flint, Richard C.	32.00
Forshee, Dennis B.	24.00
Grady, Karen	120.00
Larivee, Elizabeth	1,196.00
Lostrangio, Anne M.	48.00
Morrissey, Mary M.	56.00
Mougin, Helen J.	40.00
Mountain, Dermis	24.00
North, Edward	890.00
O'Brien, Ann L.	24.00
Perry, Rita	710.00
Pollard, Pauline	56.00
Scapra, Suzanne M.	35,350.54
Sullivan, Shawn	24.00
Trimm, Shirley	48.00
Ubertini, Antoinette	48.00
Viale, Sheila	24.00
Webster, Arlette	24.00

## **CONSERVATION COMMISSION**

Pyenson, D. Ann \$1,975.67

## INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY Parker, David M. \$14,120.00

## POLICE DEPARTMENT \*

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\$69,912.58				
65,136.12				
76,013.12				
54,392.36				
12,606.00				
66,057.86				
88.64				
264.00				
23,205.00				

Farina, John A.	3,976.50	COMMUNICATIONS	
Giarolo, Robert	5,150.25	Auger, Luann	\$32,473.02
Glidden, Ronald C.	64,280.68	Bailey, Kate M.	389.44
Hopkins, Jason M.	24,381.07	Lunt, Joanne E.	31,896.46
Kohlenberger, Adrian	71,290.63	Merriam, Edward	1,055.99
Loring, James A.	58,253.42	Sheehan, Christi, J.	3,084.23
Martin, Dan	12,594.91	Speth, Frank	32,337.07
Mooney, Jessica	3,142.26	Tyer, Donna	38,310.84
Murphy, Francis	6,149.36	<b>3</b>	-
Rhoades, Robert F.	4,733.00	DEPARTMENT OF	
Roosa, Jeffrey	73,512.07	PUBLIC WORKS	
Skowron, Philip	71,547.78	Abderhalden, Scott M.	6,356.17
Smachetti, Henry J.	25,558.50	Brasee, Jerry 5.	18,955.48
Smith, Michael T.	9,182.00	Curtin, John N.	40,342.44
Tatro, Ronald	19,187.56	Daoust, Christian M.	12,226.76
Tierney, William	82,485.42	Daoust, Stanley J.	33,187.70**
Toomey, James	773.56	Flynn, Joseph P.	5,755.78
Towne, IV, Benjamin B.	13,782.88	Ford, Myron A.	17,335.40
Winters, John	31,226.25	Heath, Harold B., Jr.	42,590.30
Wood, Robert	9,636.56	Inhelder, Matthew	21,250.52
	-,	Jones, Tara	22,888.36
FIRE DEPARTMENT		Kelly, Dennis B.	51,895.49
Coons, Jeffrey R.	1,465.71	Killackey, Charles	1,951.30
DeFreest, William M.	355.00	Larson, Matthew C.	46,839.25
Driscoll, Richard	5,547.36	Lucy, Jonathan W.	7,800.00
Driscoll, Ronald	4,217.04	McDonald, Daniel	1,200.00
Ford, Michael	831.12	Morawiec, James	43,250.93
Ford, Richard	1,380.72	Pompi, Christopher A.	60,717.54
Giarolo, Paul M.	1,372.30	Porrini, Paul	53,598.22**
Kelly, Michael J.	655.00	Rand, Craig	38,936.44
Sparks, Alan	5,743.44	Ranzoni, Matthew J.	40,198.68
	·	Sauce, James P.	41,162.07
AMBULANCE		Scarpa, Paul J.	32,150.00
Breault, Lisa M.	\$ 5,568,96	Towler, Michael	53,908.53
Palmer, Kevin F.	29,251.72	Vania, Virginia K.	28,551.50
		Wuertz, Donald H.	5,472.31
INSPECTORS		Zamboni, Marc F.	19,027.49
Cahalan, Gerry	\$ 4,770.00	Zerbato, Alan J.	47,819.09
Danko, Gary	854.61	,	·
Jakacky, Paul	9,647.40	<b>BOARD OF HEALTH</b>	
Thomson, Barbara	13,608.33	Leahey, Dr. James	\$ 170.00
Torrico, Donald	42,437.82	Wespiser, Dr. Robert	170.00
Wilcox, Glenn	355.00	<b>A</b>	
•		TIDE BOTTO	

## **TRI-TOWN**

VETERANS' AGENT

## **HEALTH DEPARTMENT \*\*\***

	<b>1</b>		
Belair, Cindy	\$ 4,670.71	Mann, Rev. Lloyd "Doug"	' \$4,246.62
Belba, Louis P.	3,447.71		
Bookless, Max I.	33.76	LEE LIBRARY	
Fouz, Abe O.	480.00	Masucco, Georgia	\$46,886.48
Fuore, Robert W.	112.00		
Garry, Deborah	4,198.01	LEE SANDY BEACH	
•		Buffis, Kaila E.	1,992.41
Hinton, Corbin J.	604.00	Gregory, Michaeal P.	3,481.54
Kelly, Kimberly	11,722.62	Gregory, Scott T.	2,099.96
Kolodziej, Peter	25,331.73		-
Phelps, Kathleen	14,519.56	Handberg, Edward M.	5,788.65
<b>1</b> • •	•	Laurin, Stephen	770.25
Trancynjer, Eric A.	208.00	Mercer, Justin M.	1,434.25
Wilusz, James J.	15,798.00	Pish, April A.	700.05
		Silfer, Nathan A.	680.41
COUNCIL ON AGING		Tierney, Abby E.	3,358.30
Faber, Christine	\$ 1,075.00	Weiskotten, Samuel	518.64
Johnson, Robert	8,794.18		
Maroney, Norma	23,911.88	MODERATOR	
O'Brien, Marguerite	10,345.44	Brittain, Christopher	\$ 150.00

\* These salaries reflect monies earned from all sources: Salary, overtime, education stipends and outside details.

\*\* These salaries reflect the 42% paid by the Town of Lee.

# Town of Lee Public School System



# ANNUAL REPORTS FISCAL YEAR 2005



# SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

The school year 2004-2005, like all school years, was full of excitement, challenges, trials, triumphs, and hard work. From the nervous energy of our new class of pre-school and kindergartners to the pleasure of watching a new class of Lee High graduates exit the Tanglewood Shed with diplomas in hand, this year was full of hard work and memories that we will all carry with us. The 2004-2005 school year saw many changes to the staffs of our schools. Dr. Mary Seppala, after serving three years as superintendent, left to assume the directorship of an international school in Germany. John Retchless left the Lee Elementary School principalship to be an assistant superintendent in another district. Cynthia Smith, a longtime teacher at Lee Elementary, stepped in as interim principal for the remainder of the year. With good wishes we bid a happy retirement to Claire Hodgkiss and Robert Hodgkiss from the Lee Elementary School; and to Diane Ferraro and Bill Chisholm from Lee Middle and High School. The collected wisdom and experience of these folks will be missed, as will their dedication to the Lee Public Schools and the families we serve. In May Jeremia Pollard was elected to the Lee School Committee replacing Steve Cozzaglio, whose years of dedication and service to the Lee Public Schools are tremendously appreciated.

On an extremely sad note, last year was marked by the illness, and then passing of our Special Education Director, Catherine Stauffer. Cathy was a Lee High School graduate, a tireless advocate for children, a gifted educator and administrator, and one of the kindest souls one could have the pleasure of ever working with. She is, and will be sadly missed by many in our community.

A continued focus on teaching and learning at both schools led teachers to take part in many staff development programs. At LES teachers engaged in technology training, Responsive Classroom, and subject area trainings. At LMHS work continued to center around our NEASC accreditation, and doing the work of the self-study. All of these initiatives are aimed at improving our level of quality in the work we do and the programs we offer to the students of Lee Public Schools.

The school year 2004-2005 proved once again to be a financially difficult year for Lee Public Schools where some very difficult choices had to be made. We appreciate the dedication of the Town of Lee to its schools in despite of very difficult economic times. We have worked hard to do more with less, to be wise stewards of financial resources, and to work in ways that promote transparency, trust, and cooperative relationships among the schools, the town, and the town's various departments.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jason P. McCandless



LEE HIGH SCHOOL - 2005 GRADUATES

Roxana Yamileth Aguilar Francis Thomas Arment Chyrel Lynn Babcock Alicia Ann Bourdon-Wadsworth Kristv Lvnn Breznick-Palmer Kathryn Patricia Brooks Amanda Rose Brown James Oscar Brown Joshua Michael Brubaker Amanda Pearl Buffoni Timothy Christopher Cannon Luis Eduardo Canseco Joshua Robert Carty Nicholas Michael Chaffee Malcolm Russell Chisholm Meghan Christine Clements Wesley Evan Collins Bryan Peter Comalli Chelsea Mead Coty Kyle Lee Curtiss **Emily Marie Daigneault** Kelly Marie Dedrick Brian Joseph Lee Delmolino Elyse Kenna Dostie Michael Robert Drain **Richard Frederick Duncanson** Danielle Renee Duprey Georgiana Sue Fillio Andrew Thomas Fresia Jenna Marie Gangell Juanita Alejandra Gonzalez-Zarate Christopher Paul Gore

Michael Patrick Gregory Brenda Gail Hogencamp Nicholas Scott Hover Joseph John Laflamme Elizabeth Grace Lahart Samantha Christine Langdon Evan Scott Laudon Maggie Christine Macintosh Sarah Marie McLeod Kelly Anne McManmon Melissa Katherine Moretz Joseph John New Jr. Jennifer Lynne Passetto Sergio Marin Perez Michael Peter Pleu Wendy Carisma Ramos Daron Lee Reynolds Jonathan Francis Rice Betty Barbara Scapin Jeremy Robin Silkey Ellen Grace Slater Suzanne Kristina Smith William John Stanton Patrick William Terry Kayla Lynn Toorney **Ryan Douglas Trombly** Katelyn Mary Walker Lauren Rose Walker Andrew Alden Wellington Adam Robert Wespiser Heather Jean Wilbur Heather Lynn Wilcox April Lynne Willey



LEE HIGH SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIPS - 2005

Catherine A. Memorial Scholarship		300
Jeremy Silkey - BCC		
Alpine Ski Scholarship in Memory of Coach Michael Passetto Jennifer Passetto - University of Maine Orono Adam Wespiser - University of Vermont	250 250	500
Joseph C. Savery Scholarship Fund Nicholas Hover - Westfield State College		1,000
Angelo P. DiGrigoli Scholarship Lauren Walker - Providence College Michael Pleu - Kenewaw St. College	500 500	1,000
Kiwanis Club of Lee, Inc. Scholarships \$1,200 for 4 years - Ryan Trombly - Bentley College \$800 for 2 years - Samantha Langdon - BCC \$1,000 Technical Award - Kathryn Brooks - DiGrigoli School H \$250 Music Award - Nicholas Hover	air Des.	7,650
Presidential Freedon Scholarship in Partnership Kayla Toomey - DE Valley College of PA		1,000
Academic Competition Scholarships given by Mr. & Mrs. William R. Hall, Sr.		2,575
Bryan Comalli - in memory of Marie Thomson - BCC	225	
Elyse Dostie - in memory of Carol Morin - Umass Amherst	300	
Timothy Cannon - in memory of Joan Whitaker - Bentley Colleg		
Kayla Toomey - in memory of Sissy Curtin	300	
Russell Chisholm - in memory of Angelo P. DiGrigoli - Umass	350	
Adam Wespiser - in memory of Cathy Stauffer	500	
Brian Delmolino - in memory of Angelo P. DiGrigoli - Williams Col		
James A Maroni Memorial Scholarship (Given to honor his love & devotion to his family & to recognize years of dedication to the students, teachers & staff of Lee High Alicia Bourdon-Wadsworth - BCC		500
Minnie L. Baird Scholarship in Memory of Lena Beal		2,000
Brian Delmolino	1,000	2,000
Russell Chisholm	1,000	
	1,000	

Austen Riggs Erikson Institute Scholarship Elizabeth Lahart - Clark University		2,000
Mike Salinetti Memorial Scholarship		1,000
Michael Pleu	500	1,000
Ryan Trombly	500	
Lee High School Band Parents Scholarship		1,490
Joseph LaFlamme - MD Bible Col. & Seminary	270	-
Nicholas Hover	270	
Kayla Toomey	270	
Jennifer Passetto	270	
Adam Wespiser	230	
Bryan Comalli	180	
Massachusetts Grand Lodge Sons of Italy Scholarship Lauren Walker		1,000
Lee High School Student Council Scholarships		900
Timothy Cannon	350	
Lauren Walker	350	
Kelly McManmon - Indiana University	300	
Maggie Macintosh	300	
Chelsea Coty - Fitchburg State College	300	
Andrew Fresia - American Int. College	150	
Francis Arment - Elms College	150	
G. Marconi Lodge #1620 Sons of Italy Scholarship		
in memory of Joseph Valenti		1,50
Lauren Walker	750	
Ryan Trombly	750	
Scholarship in Memory of Ralph and Marjorie Maish and Elizabeth Daley		2,00
Lauren Walker	1,000	
Jenna Gangell - Springfield College	1,000	
Scholarship in Memory of Regina Brazee given by her family Amanda Brown	y	25
Scholarship in Memory of Maurice J. Boulanger Francis Arment		10
Lee Chamber of Commerce Scholarship		1,00

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<i>Lee Volunteer Fire Co. Scholarship</i> Jenna Gangell Heather Wilcox - <b>BCC</b>	500 500	1,000
Five Mile Smile Scholarship in Memory of Regina Brazee and Carl Langenback Chelsea Coty	500 500	1,000
Ryan Trombly Lee High School Chapter of Students Against Dangerous Decisions Scholarship Kathryn Brooks Ellen Slater - Umass Amherst	500 500	1,300
Alicia Bourdon-Wadsworth <i>Lee Lodging Association Scholarship</i> Danielle Duprey - Johnson & Wales Univ.	300	200
Lee Education Association Scholarship in Memory of Arthur W Jenna Gangell Maggie Macintosh Alicia Bourdon-Wadsworth	<i>Velcome</i> 400 400 200	1,000
Bruce and John Stevenson Memorial Scholarship Michael Pleu		1,000
<b>Robert Lucy Memorial Scholarship</b> Francis Arment Maggie Macintosh - Keene State College	500 500	1,000
Dorothy Wright Trufant - Class of 1937 Scholarship Elyse Dostie		700
Stedman Myers Memorial Fund Scholarship Ellen Slater		500
Tri Town Rotary/Meadwestvaco Scholarships - in memory of Maurice J. Boulanger Ellen Slate Kayla Toomey Elyse Dostie Danielle Duprey Samantha Langdon Maggie Macintosh Lauren Walker		7,500

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Presidential Freedom Scholarship Partnership with the Tri Town Rotary Lauren Walker		1,000
Ladies Auxiliary of the Tyringham Fire Co. Meghan Clements - Suffolk University Elizabeth Lahart	25 25	50
Scholarship in Memory of David Bailey James Brown - Rob Roy School of Barb. Chelsea Coty	250 250	500
Pittsfield Cooperative Bank Scholarship Michael Drain - Westfield State College		500
Comalli Electric Scholarship in Memory of James Mougin and George Comalli Bryan Comalli		500
Andrew J. Bartini Memorial Scholarship James Brown Amanda Brown - BCC Jonathan Rice - Syracuse Univ. Michael Pleu Jenna Gangell	500 500 500 500 500	2,500
Drs. Charles & James Stratton Memorial Scholarship Samantha Langdon		300
Gt. Barrington Fish and Game Club Scholarship Joshua Carty - BCC		750
Barry Griffin Memorial Athletic Scholarship Lauren Walker		500
Class of 1989 Scholarship in Memory of Michael Coty Patrick Terry - BCC		50
Scholarship in Memory of Joseph T. Loring, Jr. Heather Wilbur - DiGrigoli School Hair Des.		250
Scholarship in Memory of James Shaw Timothy Cannon		400
Joe Maley Memorial Scholarship Heather Wilcox		300

Scholarship in Memory of Richard Morin Michael Gregory - Westfield State College	50	0
Scholarship in Memory of Mark Drury given by the Applewynd Acres Tournament Teams Patrick Terry	30	0
Scholarship in Memory of Heather Helen Hawley Chyrel Babcock - BCC	25	0
<i>Lee Lions Club Scholarship</i> Sarah McLeod - Fitchburg State College	50	0
<i>Michael R. Coty Memorial Scholarship</i> Emily Daignault - BCC Andrew Fresia	<b>30</b> 150 150	0
<b>Richard C. Brunell Memorial Scholarship</b> Andrew Fresia	75	0
Scholarship in memory of classmates Michael Baluk, Mark Bean Fred LaGrant, Dennis Pacquin, Dawn Cornock Ashley Chaffee and Cathy Tucker Stauffer from the class of 1972 Jonathan Rice		0
Kelly Coty Memorial Scholarship Kristy Breznick Palmer - BCC	25	0
Scholarship in memory of Michael A. Curley given by his parents, Mary and Francis Curley Lauren Walker	50	0
Legacy Banks Scholarship Adam Wespiser	25	0
<i>Lee Land Trust Scholarship</i> Chelsea Coty	30	0
Berkshire Taconic Foundation - Judge James Dohoney Scholars Danielle Duprey	hip 100	0
Penny & Thelma Lohbauer Nursing Scholarship Samantha Langdon - BCC	25	0
Theodore A. & David J. Zatorski Scholarship Fund Brenda Hogencamp - BCC Bryan Comalli - BCC	20 100 100	0

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Tyringham Volunteer Fire Co. Scholarship		600
Ellen Slater	200	÷
Meghan Clements	200	
Elizabeth Lahart	200	
Morning Star Chapter #217 Order of Eastern Star Scholan Alicia Bourdon-Wadsworth	rship	200
<i>Eugenio Bonafin Memorial Scholarship, Class of 1936</i> Ryan Trombly		150
Dorothy Finnegan Award given to graduating seniors entering the teaching profession		1,100
Alicia Bourdon-Wadsworth	200	
Maggie Macintosh	200	
Jenna Gangell	200	
Amanda Brown	500	
Hampden County Deputy Sheriffs Association Scholarship in Memory of Michael J. Ashe, Jr.	)	
Adam Wespiser		
Class of 1975 in memory of classmates Dan Montini and J	Ieff Cuene	300
Lauren Walker	100	
Chelsea Coty	100	
Ryan Trombly	100	· · ·
<i>Lee Youth Football Scholarship</i> Andrew Fresia	, · · · ·	500
Ardella Donnell Memorial Award, Class of 1933 (US Bond Kelly Mcmanmon	d)	100
Scholarship in Memory of Harry Wheeler Heather Wilbur		100
The Forfa Family Scholarship given to a graduate who has participated in varsity basketball Andrew Fresia		100
Lee High School Scholarship in memory of Mary and Alb Jonathan Rice	ert Vinatier	100
Class of 1977 Scholarship in memory of classmates Kate John Killackey, Bernice Hood Perry & Robert Heath	Baldisseroto,	200
Sarah McLeod	100 <sup>-</sup>	
Kayla Toomey	100	

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<i>Lee Police Association Scholarship</i> Meghan Clements		1,000
Greylock Federal Credit Union Scholarship Timothy Cannon		200
Scholarship in Memory of Florence Abderhalden Burtt Joshua Brubaker		50
Class of 1978 Scholarship in memory of deceased class memb Heather Wilcox Katelyn Walker - BCC Andrew Fresia	ers 150 150 150	450
Robert C. Byrd Honors Scholarship Program Jenna Gangell		1,000
Scholarship in Memory of John J. Nagle Suzanne Smith - BCC		100
Friday Night Golf League Scholarship in memory of George Keenan and Joe Bartini Ryan Trombly		1,000
MeadWestvaco Scholarship in conjuction with the Tri Town R Lauren Walker	otary	1,000
Mystic Lodge of Masons Scholarship Sarah McLeod		300
Lee Town Players Scholarship in memory of Cora Carrington Timothy Cannon		50
Pease Memorial Scholarship Samantha Langdon		1,000
Hank Greiner Memorial Scholarship Ryan Trombly		200
Hop Brook Community Club of Tyringham Scholarship Ellen Slater Meghan Clements Elizabeth Lahart	1,000 1,000 1,000	3,000
Mitchell Family Scholarship Maggie Macintosh Meghan Clements	200 200	400

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Lee Community Tennis Association Scholarship in memory of Joseph Lostrangio Luis Canseco - BCC		200
Lady Wildcat Basketball Scholarship Chelsea Coty Jenna Gangell Kelly McManmon Lauren Walker	500 500 500 500	2,000
<i>Lee Retired Teachers Scholarship</i> Maggie Macintosh Alicia Bourdon-Wadsworth	100 100	200
CTSB Community Television Scholarship Patrick Terry		250
Class of 1968 Scholarship Georgiana Fillio - BCC		100
Berkshire Section, IEEE Scholarship Ellen Slater		500
AIba A. Pasco Memorial Scholarship Wendy Ramos - BCC Betty Scapin - BCC	150 150	300
Scholarship in Memory of Gene Trombly, long time industrial arts teacher at Lee - donated by Diane Ferrero Ryan Trombly		350
BCC - Edwin and Lola Jaffee Scholarship Juanita Gonzales Zarate - BCC		250
Meg Cade Memorial Award Emily Daigneault		500
Scholarship to a Promising Art Student (including 1st year of Jeremy Silkey	f art supplies	;) 500
MA Elks Scholarship Brian Delmolino Lauren Walker	500 500	1,000
South Lee Fire Co. Scholarship Andrew Wellington		1,500
Bobby Digan Memorial Scholarship Jeremy Silkey		50

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Scholarship in M Adam Wespiser	lemory of William Winn		500
Otis Town Schola	urship		500
Danielle Duprey			
Drama Club Sch Timothy Cannon Kayla Toomey	olarships (for 3 or more yrs. Participation)		500
Mary Voght Mem	oorial Scholarships (top 10 students/college)		8,000
Lauren Walker	tor at Denoministips (top 10 stratemisteringe)	800	.,
Brian Delmolino		800	
Kayla Toomey		800	
Elizabeth Lahart		800	
Jenna Gangell		800	
Russell Chisholm		800	
Adam Wespiser		800	
Timothy Cannon		800	
Meghan Clement	S	800	
Joseph LaFlamm		800	
LHS Girls Socce	r Booster Club		800
Chelsea Coty		200	
Jenna Gangell		200	
Lauren Walker		200	
Maggie Macintos	h	200	
Otis Library and Danielle Duprey	Museum Scholarship		500
Academic Statue	ttes:		
Lauren Walker	Brian Delmolilno		
Kayla Toomey	Elizabeth Lahart		
Jenna Gangell	Malcolm Chisholm		
Adam Wespier			
Class of 1999 (	Cory Vincent Memorial Scholarship		100
-	Mindle Scholarship		200
Evening Star M	lasonic Temple Scholarship		200
-	oston College Scholarship		1,500
	lub Scholarship		400
	omebuilders Association Scholarship		500
Western MA H	omebuilders Tool Acquisition Award	•	500
	nes Scholarship		400



# LEE SCHOOL DEPARTMENT Wages Paid in Calendar Year 2005 \*

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#### SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE

Seppala, Mary T.	62,790.03
Holmes, Deborah L.	46,267.50
McCandless, Jason	44,159.96
Ragusa-Hallock, Kathie	13,208.33
Tanguay, Susan	30,733.55

#### DIRECTOR OF

OCCUPATIONAL EDUCATION Gralla, James E. 86,437.49

#### HIGH SCHOOL PRINCIPAL

McCandless, Jason, P.	74,502.00
Burke, Kerry A.	84,001.78

#### HIGH SCHOOL ASST. PRINCIPAL Bort, Kathleen 87,944.52

#### HIGH SCHOOL PRINCIPAL'S OFFICE

Baker, Susan W.	31,104.47
Williams, Karen M.	19,261.88

#### **BOYS' TENNIS COACH**

Perry, John T. 2,0
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#### **BOY'S BASKETBALL COACHES**

Daley, Robert J.	3,328.00
Leonard, Reginald C.	1,040.00
Morrison, William J.	1,570.00

#### **BASEBALL COACHES**

Cumming, Charles C.	2,080.00
Shepardson, Timothy	3,328.00

#### FOOTBALL COACHES

Brogna, Henry M.	2,122.00
DiGrigoli, Peter J.	1,061.00
Lucy, Ryan S.	1,061.00
Thomson, Keith M.	3,395.00

#### **VOLLEYBALL COACH**

Warner, John T.

#### GIRLS SOCCER MANAGER

McDonald, Vincent A.	2,122.00
Skowron, Philip	600.00

# GIRLS' TENNIS COACH

Lahey, Clair 2,080.00

#### SOFTBALL COACH

Wellington, Christina M. 1,664.00

# HIGH SCHOOL LIBRARY

TARALIOFESSIONAL	
Collins, Denise L.	6,896.48

#### **MIDDLE/HIGH SCHOOL**

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#### SPED DIRECTORS

Detres-Hickey, Marian D.	24,087.00
Taverna, Alice E.	27,445.70

#### SPED CLERK

Sagendorph, Dianne	23,288.04
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#### **HIGH SCHOOL SPED TEACHERS**

Daniels, Dawn, M.	42,529.16
Jefferys, Joanna M.	61,736.64
Puleri, Michele A.	52,947.68
Tart, Stacy L.	24,189.20

#### **HIGH SCHOOL TEACHERS**

Armstrong, Virginia C.	44,912.00
Briggs, Pamela A.	45,716.15
Caimano, Nicholas F.	63,195.22
Charow, Jonathan P.	35,691.56
Curry, Robin I.	55,587.32
Dickson, Charles R., Jr.	64,920.96
Ferrero, Diane M.	48,810.96
Fillio, Matthew C.	39,806.34
Hall, Kathleen P.	70,713.36

3.395.00

Hickey, Timothy F.	70,157.08
Hungate, Robert M.	68,367.33
Maroney, Deborah J.	63,770.22
McCormack, Thomas K.	38,544.52
Nelsen, Cheryl D.	64,075.36
Pelkey, Patricia A.	3,086.95
Randorf, Jeanne L.	62,730.40
Swindlehurst, William S.	52,259.32
Trabka, Thomas J.	57,284.80
Van Sickle, Susan L.	63,770.23
Verdi, Mary E.	50,377.88
Wescott, Anna M.	64,306.14

#### HIGH SCHOOL SUBSTITUTES

Bort, Joanna	65.00
Bourdon, William L.	562.50
Brunette, Tom	280.00
Cinella, Thomas F.	3,468.00
Clark, Brittany M.	55.00
Gillis, Sandra J.	70.00
Gralla, Spenser C.	55.00
Hall, Joshua D.	6,375.60
Harrington, Mary M.	4,380.80
Louison, Rebecca N.	110.00
Mack, Arthur A.	2,858.72
Naventi, Matthew P.	9,095.46
Pinkston, Anne M.	3,500.00
Voner, Jeffrey J.	70.00
Warywoski, Christine M.	10,064.18
Warywoski, Peter S.	9,679.76
Wespiser, Bruan	165.00
Wilcox, Jessica M.	3,315.00

#### **OCCUPATIONAL EDUCATION** TEACHER

Reilley, John L.	64,596.88
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#### HIGH SCHOOL MUSIC TEACHER

Nelson, Joanne M. 4	1,151.72
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# HIGH SCHOOL ART TEACHERS

Celli DeMovellan, Monica	J. 20,221.20
Kulas, Elizabeth A.	9,054.48
Mack, Sarah A.	18,603.98
Papaga, Rose	10,244.00

### SPEECH TEACHERS

Anacki, Heather S.	26,489.98
Floyd, Susan M.	61,761.20

#### HIGH SCHOOL PHYSICAL **EDUCATION**

DOCUMICIA	
Brouker, Cynthia Ellen	49,409.51
Maish, Sally L.	73,783.64
Reilly, Arthur	59,283.48

#### HIGH SCHOOL LIBRARIANS

Consolati, Amy S.	31,246.00
Fromm, Maryjane H.	10,443.05

#### HIGH SCHOOL GUIDANCE

Chisholm, William P., Jr.	49,859.26
Delgado, Rebecca	14,650.80
Duquette, David A.	64,057.22

# HIGH SCHOOL GUIDANCE

SECRETARY Gray,

, Patricia A.	29,414.29

#### HIGH SCHOOL NURSE

Cinella, Mary D.	9,090.97
Carroll, Diane L.	43,459.46

#### SCHOOL PSYCHOLOGISTS

Callahan, Theresa C.	23,120.00
Methe, Scott A.	35,177.40

#### HIGH SCHOOL ENGLISH AS SECOND LANGUAGE

Haven, Cynthia S.	40,784.36
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ADULT EVENING Wadsworth, Andrea N. 540.00

#### HOUSEBUILDING PARAPROFESSIONAL Senter, Charles M.

16,606.09

# **BAND TRAVEL**

Curtin, Deanna 150.00

#### **CAFETERIA DIRECTOR** Haughey, John P. 29,640.06

#### **CAFETERIA STAFF**

Adams, Maryangela	8,697.83
Baczek, Glenda L.	14,559.63

Belanger, Jane E.	2,399.06
Bercury, Donna L.	8,770.03
Broderick, Pamela J.	13,722.56
Curtin, Janice I.	1,183.93
Forrest, Mary Anne	13,789.44
Porrini, Tina E.	10,914.34

#### **CUSTODIAL OVERTIME**

Giarolo, Anthnoy O.	2,270.00
Holmes, Richard C.	1,222.50

#### **ELEMENTARY CUSTODIANS**

Gelpi, Donald J.	36,654.64
Jones, John P.	39,190.92
Stewart, Deborah L.	34,433.11
Walker, James A.	37,508.92

#### DISTRICT MAINTENANCE

Wellington, Gary S.	58,066.63
Crandall, Raymond C.	27.00

#### HIGH SCHOOL CUSTODIANS

Anderson, Peter D.	29,259.76
Boyne, William T.	32,659.82
Coons, Jeffrey	48,356.85
Souza, Richard M.	36,762.91
Withers, Glenn F.	37,442.92

#### MIDDLE SCHOOL TEACHERS

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Chapman, Mindy M.	26,668.36
Clarke, Neil F.	65,564.16
DeVarennes, Kelly S.	38,022.72
Hall, Ella	23,376.72
Kelsey, Arlene M.	36,327.66
Killion, Candice M.	31,318.76
Lagerwall, Kimberly J.	12,218.40
Mertinooke-Jongkind, Timothy	39,573.52
Northrup, Benjamin	12,858.16
Stauffer, Richard B., Jr.	56,627.24
Tempone, Frank	43,911.57

#### MIDDLE SCHOOL PARAPROFESSIONALS

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Babcock, Nora J.	20,107.91
Biasin-Burton, Cynthia	15,775.87
Bissell, Beverly L.	20,959.23
Consolati, Sandra R.	16,604.20
Daley, Letisha A.	15,190.96
McKieman, Nola M.	11,310.86
Shook, Kim Fromma	17,812.08
Strezynski, Melissa M.	15,190.96
Wilcox, Linda L.	15,190.96

#### **ELEMENTARY SPED TEACHERS**

Fitzhugh, Maryann C.	62,876.48
Fera, Kim M.	13,708.09
Horsford, Susan J.	40,542.80
Noonan Forget, Nancy L.	62,381.52
Walker, Christine K.	52,268.12

#### ELEMENTARY SPED

PARAPROFESSIONALS	5
Belliveau, Dianne C.	101.09
Brown, Mary Beth	17,279.44
Brown, Sarah E.	56.03
Buratto, Karen L.	17,820.65
Cardillo, Paula	2,101.00
Consolati, Jenna L.	209.04
Cummings, Nancy C.	20,763.97
DiGrigoli, Patricia A.	14,663.22
Doucette, Andrew J.	244.74
Drain, Keri A.	2,308.44
Fitzgerald, Rebecca J.	20,064.55
Forzano, Anita L.	3,304.37
Gormalley, Bridget M.	357.32
Heath, Ruth A.	4,885.22
Holmes, Mary Beth	4,678.72
Kresiak, Donna M.	19,453.23
Mosca, Jeanne M.	87.90
Newton, Allison B.	16,984.98
Parent, Tammy L.	1,300.93
Portieri, Sheila K.	16,722.74
Romeo, Kay B.	18,960.37
Seward, Mary E.	17,967.03
Shook, Lindsay M.	981.28
Tietgens, Jeanette M.	9,080.26

#### **ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**

PRINCIPAL

Retchless, John 5,913.70

#### ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

PRINCIPAL'S OFFICE	
McCollum, Rosalie, T.	34,039.74
Cardillo, Eileen A.	25,777.82

#### **ELEMENTARY SCHOOL TECH**

Flynn, Charles B. 72,657.32

#### **TECHNICAL SUPPORT**

Turner, Jeremy M. 34,976.00

#### ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

#### TEACHERS

Belknap, Paul H.	62,121.28
Bernasconi, Jane D.	62,945.68

Cohen, Rosalyn S. Davis, Christine B. DeVarennes, Kathleen H. Doherty, Mary A. Duhon, Paula Finnegan, Lauren B. Goetz, Elizabeth A. Gormalley, Marie T. Hawley, Adele R. Hickey, Leslie M. Hotchkiss, Claire L. Hotchkiss, Robert H. Lagarce Mariorie L	61,930.48 49,332.48 56,219.36 65,814.76 60,996.96 40,801.80 37,766.00 52,667.72 51,806.84 35,690.52 50,963.20 51,485.96 53 186 64
Lagarce, Marjorie J.	53,186.64 33,101.28
Lecompte, Ruth D. Macintosh, Elizabeth A.	49,399.84
Smith, Cynthia G. Sparks, Courtney E. St.Peter, Aniela M. Stone, Erik L. Walsh, Aurelia T. Walsh, Carol A.	90,248.07 37,230.84 62,750.64 38,244.28 64,018.80 49,740.32
maion, Salor 21.	12,740.52

#### ELEMENTARY ART TEACHERS

Harding, Alice C.	35,230.16
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#### **ELEMENTARY MUSIC**

TEACHERS	
Feldman, Patricia C.	40,559.96
Mongeau, Jill M.	60,088.58

#### **ELEMENTARY PHYSICAL**

EDUCA	TION	
Carlino,	Jennifer M.	28,62

Carlino, Jennifer M.	28,629.16
Warner, Janet E.	65,032.60

#### **ELEMENTARY SUBSTITUTE TEACHERS**

Barnes, Shawn A.	490.00
Bullock, Sara E.	302.50
Daley, Margaret M.	1,365.00
Davis, Stephanie M.	65.00
Dilego-Heath, Nancianne	2,090.00
Fennelly, Marcy L.	1,010.00
Flint, Alice M.	55.00
French, Dorothy	3,675.00
Gangell, Carrie A.	2,872.06
Gangloff, Carolyn E.	560.00
Hitchcock, Kaye R.	140.00
Ketchum, Lucille N.	1,540.00
McDonald, Tracey A.	140.00
Michel, Susanne M.	70.00
Puleri, Lisa	210.00
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Sgroi, Ryan A.	1,816.08
Topham, Jill A.	1,050.00
Towle, Flora M.	3,080.00
Walker, Stephanie M.	168.09
Wheeler-Roosa, Tan S.	210.00

#### **ELEMENTARY TUTORS**

Hall Joshua D.	6,375.60
Nadorff, Lynne	5,657.50

#### **ELEMENTARY NURSE**

Navanti, Diane R. 44,826.20

#### **ELEMENTARY** CAFFETERIA/PLAYGROUND

Coons, Kathleen A.	734.86
Cummings, Alan M.	47.41
Demos, Heather	2,194.07
Devos, Mildren	4,051.23
Griffin, Kathleen B.	72.52
Morawiec, Kathleen M.	21.98
Provost, Wendy L.	538.52
Tietgens, Jeannette M.	5,560.18

#### **ELEMENTARY CAFETERIA**

Broderick, Pamela J.	12,972.56
Buker, Judith A.	14,618.29
Crawford, Carol A.	890.89
Curtin, Janice I.	1,183.93
Hassan, Grace E.	193.81
Herrick, Sally J.	6,639.80
Hughes, Francis X.	11,739.90
Petersoli, Renette	7,428.09
Romeo, Alice A.	3,789.44
Santolin, Deborah L.	14,119.73

#### **ELEMENTARY LIBRARIAN** Baynes, Erin E.

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#### ELEMENTARY LIBRARIAN DA DA DDOFESSI

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Heath, Jennifer M.	4,764.89
Witruk, Donna B.	1,107.67

# **ELEMENTARY GUIDANCE**

O'Brien, Erin M. 62,781.44

#### **ELEMENTARY ENGLISH AS** SECOND LANGUAGE TEACHER Coughlin, Marisa 31,588.86

#### **KINDERGARTEN TEACHERS**

Gagnon, Jessica M.	41,394.52
Hartman, Theresa M.	37,880.68
Polidoro, Rosemary A.	66,525.84

#### **KINDERGARTEN GRANT**

Bienvenue, Mary C.	21,213.60
Coulter, Lisa A.	13,499.62
Sedelow, Elizabeth M.	16,612.06

EARLY CHILDHOOD GRANT Deming, Evelyn B. 10,831.21

COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP FOR CHILDREN ADMINISTRATOR Doucette, Susetta M. 17.188.50

Swindlehurst, Deirdre	940.00
Wright, Colleen A.	4,290.00
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<b>READING TEACHER</b>	
Schlaefer, Amy	40,664.22

#### PRESCHOOL TEACHER Patton, Charlene M. 58,572.50

#### PRESCHOOL PARAPROFESSIONAL

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Scarpa,	Diane K.	12,196.34

#### TITLE I

Farley Turner,	Sue	42,181.64

# COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP FOR CHILDREN GRANT

775.00

\* These salaries reflect monies earned fom all sources: Salary, extracurricular activities, overtime, grant writing and grant stipends.





# ANNUAL TOWN MEETING WARRANT MAY 12, 2005

# COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS BERKSHIRE, S.S.

To any of the Constables of the Town of Lee, Greetings:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby directed to notify all of the inhabitants of the Town of Lee, qualified to vote in Town Affairs, to meet at the Lee Middle/High School Auditorium on Thursday, May 12, 2005 at the hour of 7:30 p.m. in the evening, for the purposes then and there, to take action upon the following Articles, namely:

#### ANNUAL TOWN MEETING WARRANT ARTICLES

**ARTICLE 1** - Town Reports. To receive the reports of the Selectmen, Town Accountant and the other officers, boards, commissions and committees of the Town.

**ARTICLE 2 -** FY06 Operating Budgets. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds any sum or sums of money for the maintenance of the several departments of the Town and for any other necessary changes, or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

Code Number	Expended FY 2004	Budget FY 2005	Requested FY 2006	Fin. Comm Recomm. FY 2006
114 Moderator				
Personnel	150.00	150.00	150.00	150.00
Expenses	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total 114	150.00	150.00	150.00	150.00
122 Selectmen				
Personnel	32,593,94	33,010.00	37,443.00	36,693.00
Expenses	3,153.80	3,620.00	3,620.00	3,620.00
Total 122	35,747.74	36,630.00	41,063.00	40,313.00
123 Town Administrator	r			
Personnel	61,992.00	63,231.00	64,812.00	64,812.00
Expenses	1,717.52	3,370.00	3,370.00	3,370.00
Total 123	63,709.52	66,601.00	68,182.00	68,182.00
131 Finance Committee	,			
Personnel	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Expenses	150.00	350.00	350.00	350.00
Total 131	150.00	350.00	350.00	350.00
135 Town Accountant				
Personnel	37,372.00	38,111.00	43,598.00	42,569.00
Expenses	32,593.44	24,700.00	26,220.00	26,220.00
Total 135	69,965.44	62,811.00	69,818.00	68,789.00

#### **GENERAL GOVERNMENT**

# **General Government (Continued)**

Code Number	Expended FY 2004	Budget FY 2005	Requested FY 2006	Fin. Comm Recomm. FY 2006
141 Assessors				
Personnel	66,725.91	69,544.00	75,193.00	74,164.00
Expenses	13,784.43	14,767.00	14,692.00	14,692.00
Total 141	80,510.34	84,311.00	89,885.00	88,856.00
145 Treasurer				
Personnel	34,956.32	35,731.00	40,464.00	39,520.00
Expenses	9,009.08	6,197.00	6,931.00	6,931.00
Total 145	43,965.40	41,928.00	47,395.00	46,451.00
146 Collector				
Personnel	53,006.75	54,421.00	60,484.00	59,060.00
Expenses	11,301.97	12,925.00	12,605.00	12,605.00
Total 146	64,308.72	67,346.00	73,089.00	71,665.00
151 Town Counsel				
Personnel	22,602.96	23,041.00	23,700.00	23,700.00
Expenses	2,077.15	4,000.00	4,000.00	4,000.00
Total 151	24,680.11	27,041.00	27,700.00	27,700.00
155 Information Techno	0			
Personnel	0.00	10,440.00	10,440.00	10,440.00
Expenses	8,655.28	6,447.00	7,138.00	7,138.00
Total 155	8,655.28	17,887.00	17,578.00	17,578.00
156 Land Use Assistant				
Personnel	16,251.40	16,706.00	19,453.00	18,990.00
Expenses	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total 156	16,251.40	16,706.00	19,453.00	18,990.00
161 Town Clerk				
Personnel	35,575.46	36,689.00	38,304.00	37,638.00
Expenses	1,495.58	1,682.00	1,497.00	1,497.00
Total 161	37,071.04	38,371.00	39,801.00	39,135.00
163 Licensing/Registrat	tion			
Personnel	3,446.00	3,907.00	2,700.00	2,700.00
Expenses	3,423.45	2,550.00	3,490.00	3,490.00
Total 163	6,869.45	6,457.00	6,190.00	6,190.00
171 Conservation Comm	nission			
Personnel	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Expenses	998.78	700.00	700.00	700.00
Total 171	998.78	700.00	700.00	700.00
175 Planning Board				
Personnel	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Expenses	2,874.61	2,875.00	2,875.00	2,875.00
Total 175	2,874.61	2,875.00	2,875.00	2,875.00
176 Zoning Board			-	-
Personnel	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Expenses	991.95	1.460.00	1,585.00	1,585.00
Total 176	991.95	1,460.00	1,585.00	1,585.00
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Code Number	Expended FY 2004	Budget FY 2005	Requested FY 2006	Fin. Comm Recomm. FY 2006
188 Lee C.D.C.				
Personnel	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Expenses	500.00	500.00	500.00	500.00
Total 188	500.00	500.00	500.00	500.00
195 Town Reports				
Personnel	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Expenses	3,380.00	4,000.00	4,000.00	4,000.00
Total 195	3,380.00	4,000.00	4,000.00	4,000.00
196 Office Equipment	Maintenance			
Personnel	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Expenses	9,588,70	10,400.00	11,000.00	11.000.00
Total 196	9,588.70	10,400.00	11,000.00	11,000.00
197 Staff Development				
Personnel	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Expenses	780.73	1,500.00	1,500.00	1,500.00
Total 197	780.73	1,500.00	1,500.00	1,500.00
Total General Gov't	471,149.21	488,024.00	522,814.00	516,509.00

# General Government (Continued)

# PUBLIC SAFETY

Code Number	Expended FY 2004	Budget FY 2005	Requested FY 2006	Fin. Comm Recomm. FY 2006
210 Police				
Personnel	703,022.60	716,601.00	735,193.00	733,548.00
Expenses	51,752.82	58,956.00	51,100.00	51,100.00
Total 210	754,775.42	775,557.00	786,293.00	784,648.00
221 Fire Department				
Personnel	13,916.84	15,842.00	16,238.00	16,238.00
Total Expenses	54,231.76	52,322.00	52,429.00	52,429.00
Total 221	68,148.60	68,164.00	68,667.00	68,667.00
241 Building Inspector	,			
Personnel	53,867.03	56,910.00	60,143.00	59.796.00
Total Expenses	3,684.12	3,580.00	4,145.00	4,145.00
Total 241	57,551.15	60,490.00	64,288.00	63,941.00
242 Gas Inspector				
Personnel	4,117.92	4,221.00	4,221.00	4,221.00
Total Expenses	470.69	660.00	660.00	660.00
Total 242	4,147.05	4,881.00	4,881.00	4,881.00
244 Sealer/Weights Me	as.			
Personnel	4,653.00	4,770.00	4,770.00	4,770.00
Expenses	82.86	700.00	700.00	700.00
Total 244	4,735.86	5,470.00	5,470.00	5,470.00

# Public Safety (Continued)

Code Number	Expended FY 2004	Budget FY 2005	Requested FY 2006	Fin. Comm Recomm. FY 2006
245 Wiring Inspector				
Personnel	5,412.00	5,548.00	5,548.00	5,548.00
Expenses	1,041.33	700.00	700.00	700.00
Total 245	6,453.33	6,248.00	6,248.00	6,248.00
246 Plumbing Inspect	or			
Personnel	5,294.00	5,426.00	5,426.00	5,426.00
Expenses	585.40	935.00	935.00	935.00
Total 246	5,879. <b>4</b> 0	6,361.00	6,361.00	6,361.00
291 Civil Defense				
Personnel	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Expenses	624.50	550.00	0.00	0.00
Total 291	624.50	550.00	0.00	0.00
299 Communications				
Personnel	138,698.91	143,317.00	144,778.00	144,778.00
Expenses	13,480.73	16,325.00	17,200.00	17,200.00
Total 299	152,179.64	159,642.00	161,978.00	161,978.00
Total Public Safety	1,054,936.51	1,087,363.00	1,104,186.00	1,102,194.00

# **EDUCATION**

Expended Code Number	Expended FY 2004	Budget FY 2005	Requested FY 2006	Fin. Comm Recomm. FY 2006
300 Education				
School Committee	6,545.00	6,500.00	6,500.00	6,500.00
Superintendent's Office	214,609.00	211,218.00	233,441.00	233,441.00
Transportation	161,550.00	170,100.00	178,650.00	178,650.00
Fixed Charges	20,853.00	13,500.00	13,500.00	13,500.00
Vocational Ed	187,159.01	206,214.00	161,316.00	161,316.00
Adult Services - Salary	8,233.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Principal Technology	102,550.00	127,617.00	149,282.00	149,282.00
Principal's Office	362,867.09	381,087.00	392,895.00	392,895.00
Instruction	3,736,683.81	3,819,421.00	3,908,839.00	3,908,839.00
Maintenance Operations	702,999.99	730,774.00	778,835.00	778,835.00
Special Education	1,146,844.21	1,229,975.00	1,244,866.00	1,244,866.00
Health	91,562.19	93,437.00	116,012.00	116,012.00
Athletics	77,083.00	102,218.00	107,088.00	107,088.00
Other Student Activities	26,446.70	26,551.00	35,607.00	35,607.00
Less School Choice	-515,956.00	-650,000.00	-699,206.00	-699,206.00
Total Education	6,330,030.00	6,468,612.00	6,627,625.00	6,627,625.00

#### **PUBLIC WORKS**

Code Number	Expended FY 2004	Budget FY 2005	Requested FY 2006	Fin. Comm Recomm. FY 2006
421 B.P.W. Administra				
Personnel	23,430.86	29,169.00	31,145.00	30,895.00
Expenses	2,725.62	2,600.00	3,200.00	3,200.00
Total 421	26,156.48	<i>31,769.00</i>	<i>34,345.00</i>	34,095.00
422 Highway Const. &	Maint.			
Personnel	118,219.77	124,234.00	122,513.00	122,427.00
Expenses	98,731.94	98,950.00	105,940.00	105,940.00
Total 422	216,951.71	223,184.00	228,453.00	228,367.00
423 Snow and Ice				
Personnel	148,460.52	153,046.00	160,625.00	160,625.00
Expenses	105,734.18	81,680.00	82,970.00	82,970.00
Total 423	254,194.70	234,726.00	243,595.00	243,595.00
424 Street Lighting				
Personnel	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Expenses	48,375.01	56,450.00	56,450.00	56,450.00
Total 424	48,375.01	56,450.00	56,450.00	56,450.00
425 Forestry				
Personnel	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Expenses	3,168.75	14,965.00	14,850.00	14,850.00
Total 425	3,168.75	14,965.00	14,850.00	14,850.00
433 Sanitary Landfill				~
Personnel	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Expenses	5,871.41	11,000.00	11,100.00	1 1,100.00
Total 433	5,871.41	11,000.00	11,100.00	11,100.00
654 Parks & Playgrour	nds			
Personnel	2,467.53	3,040.00	3,155.00	3,155.00
Expenses	13,930.19	16,129.00	16,249.00	16,249.00
Total 654	16,397.72	19,169.00	19,404.00	19,404.00
192 Public Buildings -	Airoldi Building			
Personnel	14,121.66	16,235.00	17,201.00	16,777.00
Expenses	18,504.28	20,600.00	19,750.00	19,750.00
Total 192/193	32,625.94	36,835.00	36,951.00	36,527.00
193 Public Buildings -				
Personnel	11,785.77	12,303.00	13,345.00	13,267.00
Expenses	26,923.89	26,900.00	29,500.00	29,500.00
Total 192/193	38,709.66	39,203.00	42,845.00	42,767.00
Total Public Works	603,741.72	628,098.00	687,993.00	687,155.00

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# HUMAN SERVICES

Code Number	Expended FY 2004	Budget FY 2005	Requested FY 2006	Fin. Comm Recomm. FY 2006
511 Board of Health				
Personnel	0.00	510.00	510.00	510.00
Expenses	0.00	255.00	255.00	255.00
Total 511	0.00	765.00	765.00	765.00
522 Lee Regional VNA				
Personnel	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Expenses	20,810.00	20,810.00	20,810.00	20,810.00
Total 522	20,810.00	20,810.00	20,810.00	20,810.00
523 Berkshire Mental H	Iealth			
Personnel	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Expenses	4,240.00	2,120.00	2,184.00	2,184.00
Total 523	4,240.00	2,120.00	2,184.00	2,184.00
540 Cable Advisory Con	nm			
Personnel	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Expenses	80.00	150.00	150.00	150.00
Total 540	80.00	150.00	150.00	150.00
541 Council on Aging				
Personnel	25,033.00	35,962.00	40,166.00	39,565.00
Expenses	12,744.38	12,952.00	12,952.00	12,952.00
Total 541	37,777.38	48,914.00	53,118.00	52,517.00
542 Lee Youth Commiss	sion			
Personnel				
Expenses				
Total 542	44,537.00	47,537.00	47,537.00	47,537.00
543 Veterans' Services				
Personnel	4,112.00	4,194.00	4,299.00	4,299.00
Expenses	23,333.21	26,437.00	26,437.00	26,437.00
Total 543	27,445.21	30,631.00	30,736.00	30,736.00
Total Human Services	134,809.59	150,777.00	155,300.00	154,699.00

#### **RECREATION & CULTURE**

Code Number	Expended FY 2004	Budget FY 2005	Requested FY 2006	Fin. Comm Recomm. FY 2006
610 Lee Library				
Personnel	121,691.00	125,516.00	129,078.00	129,078.00
Expenses	61,517.00	65,906.00	67,940.00	67,940.00
LIG/MEG GRANT	-5,694.00	-5,654.00	-6,760.00	-6,760.00
Total 610	177,514.00	185,768.00	190,258.00	190,258.00
620 Sandy Beach				
Personnel	17,858.77	19,837.00	20,217.00	20,217.00
Expenses	7,257.13	6,305.00	6,526.00	6,526.00
Total 620	25,115.90	26,142.00	26,743.00	26,743.00

Code Number	Expended FY 2004	Budget FY 2005	Requested FY 2006	Fin. Comm Recomm. FY 2006
691 Historical Commiss	ion			
Communications	2.22	200.00	200.00	200.00
Expenses	35.00	285.00	285.00	285.00
Total 691	37.22	485.00	485.00	485.00
693 War Memorials				
Personnel	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Expenses	2,288.46	2,600.00	2,600.00	2,600.00
Total 693	2,288.46	2,600.00	2,600.00	2,600.00
Total Rec. & Culture	204,955.58	214,995.00	220,086.00	220,086.00

# **Recreation & Culture (Continued)**

#### **DEBT SERVICE**

Code Number	Expended FY 2004	Budget FY 2005	Requested FY 2006	Fin. Comm Recomm. FY 2006
700 Debt Service				
Retirement of Debt	390,000.00	540,000.00	700,000.00	700,000.00
Long Term Interest	639,949.09	504,548.00	628,061.26	628,061.26
Short Term Interest	405,650.34	677,750.00	2,500.00	2,500.00
Total 700	1,435,599.43	1,722,298.00	1,330,561.26	1,330,561.26

#### INTERGOVERNMENTAL

Code Number	Expended FY 2004	Budget FY 2005	Requested FY 2006	Fin. Comm Recomm. FY 2006
830 Intergovernmental Berkshire Regional Planning Commission	3,363.58	3,448.00	3,534.00	3,534.00
Total 830	3,363.58	3,448.00	3,534.00	3,534.00

# **MISCELLANEOUS - (Fixed Costs)**

Code Number	Expended FY 2004	Budget FY 2005	Requested FY 2006	Fin. Comm Recomm. FY 2006
910 Employee Benefits				
911 Medicare (5173)	70,815.91	86,000.00	82,000.00	82,000.00
911 Berk County				
Retirement (5177)	384,248.17	444,744.00	472,341.00	470,512.00
912 Health Ins. (5171)	1,202,092.31	1,366,750.00	1,761,830.00	1,761,830.00
912 Life Ins. (5175)	13,694.92	16,143.00	15,160.00	15,160.00

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912 Worker's Comp (517 912 Police Medical (517	•	42,000.00 1000.00	44,100.00 1,000.00	44,100.00 1,000.00
Total 910	1,710,502.77	1,956,637.00	2,376,431.00	2,374,602.00
MISCELLANEOUS	- (Fixed Costs)	)		
Code Number	Expended FY 2004	Budget FY 2005	Requested FY 2006	Fin. Comm Recomm. FY 2006
945 Liability Insurance				
Gen/Pro/Vehicle				
Liability (5742)	70,255.00	89,741.00	94,228.00	94,228.00
Total 945	70,255.00	89,741.00	94,228.00	94,228.00
946 Other Insurances	·			<i>,</i>
Police Accident (5745	5) 25,000.00	25,000.00	27,825.00	27,825.00
Total 946	25,000.00	25,000.00	27,825.00	27,825.00
Total Miscellaneous	1,805,757.77	2,071,378.00	2,498,484.00	2,496,655.00

**ARTICLE 3** - Town Administrator Compensation for Additional Hours Worked. To see if the Town will vote to amend Article 2 with respect to raising and appropriating or transferring from available funds the sum of \$9,259, or any other amount, for the purpose of increasing the Town Administrator's salary (Account 123) to compensate for a regular work week increase from thirty-five hours to forty hours, or to take any other action relative thereto. Finance Committee recommends approval.

**ARTICLE 4 -** Reserve Fund. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$50,000, or any other amount, to the Reserve Fund (Account 132) for unanticipated expenses in fiscal year 2006, and to meet said appropriation, raise \$20,000, or any other amount, and to transfer from available funds \$30,000, or any other amount, or to take any other action relative thereto.

132 Reserve Fund	Expended	Budget	Budget
	FT 2004	FT 2005	FT 2006
Total	22,925.65	40,000.00	50,000.00

#### Finance Committee recommends approval.

**ARTICLE 5** - Ambulance Service Budget. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate \$190,014, or any other amount, for the maintenance of the Ambulance Department (Account 231) in fiscal year 2006 and to meet that appropriation transfer from available funds \$80,000, or any other amount, and transfer from the ambulance receipts reserved for appropriation the amount of \$110,014, or any other amount, or to take any other action relative thereto.

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231 Ambulance	Expended FY 2004	Budget FY 2005	Budget FY 2006
Personnel	62,840.86	64,955.00	72,002.00
Expenses	38,753.22	39,879.00	117,978.00
Total	101,594.08	104,834.00	188,970.00

#### Finance Committee recommends approval.

**ARTICLE 6** - Animal Control. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$14,425, or any other amount, for the maintenance of Animal Control (Account 292) in fiscal year 2006 and to meet that appropriation raise \$14,425, or any other amount, such amount to be offset by receipts of \$7,212, or any other amount, from the Town of Lenox, or take any other action relative thereto.

292 Animal Control Officer	Expended FY 2004	Budget FY 2005	Budget FY 2006
Personnel Expenses	9,108.92 3,544.40	9,903.00 4,275.00	10,150.00 4,275.00
Sub Total	12,653.32	14,178.00	14,425.00
Less Other Town	6,326.66	-7,089.00	-7,212.00
Total	6,326.66	7,089.00	7,213.00

#### Finance Committee recommends approval.

**ARTICLE 7** - Sewer Department Budgets. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$535,209 or any other amount, for the maintenance of the Sewer Department (Accounts 440, 442 & 443) in fiscal year 2006 and to meet that appropriation raise \$535,209 or any other amount, such amount to be offset by the receipts of the Sewer Department, or to take any other action relative thereto.

440, 442, 443 Sewer Department	Expended FY 2004	Budget FY 2005	Budget FY 2006	Fin. Comm Recomm. FY 2006
Personnel	169,497.64	203,110.00	222,860.00	220,243.00
Expenses	262,639.34	294,642.00	312,349.00	312,349.00
Total	432,136.98	497,752.00	535,209.00	532,592.00

#### Finance Committee recommends approval.

**ARTICLE 8 -** Water Department Budget. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$846,558, or any other amount, for the maintenance of the Water Department (Account 452) in fiscal year 2006, and to meet that appropriation raise \$846,558, or any other amount, such amount to be offset by the receipts of the Water Department, or to take any other action relative thereto.

452 Water Dist.	Expended FY 2004	Budget FY 2005	Budget FY 2006	Recomm. FY 2006
Personnel	303,998.81	331,580.00	321,126.00	320,444.00
Expenses	478,194.25	504,138.00	525,432.00	525,432.00
Total	782,193.06	835,718.00	846,558.00	845,876.00

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#### Finance Committee recommends approval.

**ARTICLE 9 -** Cemetery Budget. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$68,427, or any other amount, for the maintenance of the Cemetery Department (Account 491) in fiscal year 2006, and to meet said appropriation raise \$61,927 or any other amount, and transfer from the Perpetual Care Interest Account \$6,500, or any other amount, or to take any other action relative thereto.

491 Cemetery	Expended FY 2004	Budget FY 2005	Budget FY 2006
Personnel Expenses	47,410.00 19,940.73	49,315.00 15,360.00	49,567.00 18,860.00
Subtotal	67,350.73	64,675.00	68,427.00
Perpetual Care Interest	-8,000.00	-3,000.00	-6,500.00
Total	59,350.73	61,675.00	61,927.00

#### Finance Committee recommends approval.

**ARTICLE 10** - Health Department Budget. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$185,152, or any other amount, for the maintenance of the Health Department (Account 519) in fiscal year 2006, and to meet that appropriation raise \$181,135, or any other amount, such amount to be offset by receipts totaling \$107,388, or any other amount, from the Towns of Lenox and Stockbridge, or to take any other action relative thereto.

519 Tri-Town Health Dept.	Expended FY 2004	Budget FY 2005	Budget FY 2006
Personnel Expenses	151,192.24 32,311.65	167,817.00 27,237.00	157,915.00 27,237.00
Subtotal	183,503.89	195,054.00	185,152.00
Less In-kind	-3,217.00	-3,217.00	-3,217.00
Subtotal	180,286.89	191,837.00	181,135.00
Less Other Towns	-106,624.94	-119,287.00	-107,388.00
Total	73,661.95	72,150.00	74,547.00

#### Finance Committee recommends approval.

**ARTICLE 11** - Salaries of Elected Officials. To see if the Town will vote to fix the salaries of all elected officials as required by law for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2005 or to take any other action thereto.

**ARTICLE 12** - Composition of the Board of Selectmen. To see if the Town will give the Selectmen a non-binding consensus as to the desirability of increasing the composition of the Board of Selectmen from three to five members, or to take any other action relative thereto.

**ARTICLE 13 -** Home Composting Bins Revolving Account. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Department of Public Works to establish a revolving fund for Home Composting Bins under the provisions of Chapter 44, Section 53E1/2, as amended by Sections 72 and 73 of the Acts of 1994, in the amount of \$3,800, or any other amount, and that the receipts of said Home Composting Bins be designated to this account, or to pass any vote or votes relative thereto. Finance Committee recommends approval.

**ARTICLE 14 -** Trolley Revolving Account. To see if the Town will vote to establish a revolving fund under the provisions of Chapter 44, Section 53E1/2, as amended by Section 72 and 73 of the Acts of 1994, for the Lee Trolley fiscal year 2006 operating budget, in the amount of \$ 10,000, or any other amount, and that the receipts of the Trolley be designated to this account, or to take any other action relative thereto. **Finance Committee recommends approval.** 

**ARTICLE 15 -** Fire Prevention Inspection Revolving Account. To see if the Town will vote to establish a revolving fund under the provisions of Chapter 44, Section 53E1/2, as amended by Section 72 and 73 of the Acts of 1994, for Fire Prevention Inspection fiscal year 2006 operating budget, in the amount of \$10,000, or any other amount, and that the receipts of the fire prevention inspection fees be designated to this account, or to take any other action relative thereto. Finance **Committee recommends approval.** 

**ARTICLE 16** - Blanket Federal Grant Application Authorization. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen, or other Town Departments with the knowledge of the Board of Selectmen, to apply for and accept grants from the Federal Government, Commonwealth of Massachusetts or any other source, and to expend the same for purposes received without further appropriation, or to take any other action relative thereto.

**ARTICLE 17 -** Ambulance Building Principal & Interest Payment. To see if the Town will vote to transfer from the ambulance receipts reserved for appropriation the sum of \$51,025, or any other amount, for the ninth of fifteen payments due on the ambulance building, or to take any other action relative thereto. **Finance Committee recommends approval.** 

**ARTICLE 18** - Ambulance Installment Payment. To see if the Town will vote to transfer from the ambulance receipts reserved for appropriation the sum of \$25,000,

or any other amount, for the fourth and final payment due on the 2000 ambulance, or to take any other action relative thereto. Finance Committee recommends approval.

**ARTICLE 19** - Automatic External Defibrillator Replacements. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or to transfer from available funds the sum of \$8,000, or any other amount, for the purpose of replacing four defibrillator's for which we can not obtain parts or service, or to take any other action relative thereto. **Finance Committee recommendation pending.** 

**ARTICLE 20 -** Chamber of Commerce Advertising and Marketing Campaign. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or to transfer from available funds the sum of \$17,000, or any other amount, to the Lee Chamber of Commerce, for the purpose of advertising and marketing the Town of Lee, or to take any other action relative thereto. **The Finance Committees recommend approval.** 

**ARTICLE 21** - Fire Department Water Tank Truck Upgrade. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or to transfer from available funds the sum of \$10,000, or any other amount, for the purpose of repairing and retrofitting a surplus 1980 Department of Public Works truck with a 1,500 gallon water tank from a 1963 chassis, or to take any other action relative thereto. Capital Outlay and Finance Committees recommend approval.

**ARTICLE 22** - Police Cruiser Replacement. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds the sum of \$26,670, or any other amount, for the purpose of purchasing a police cruiser, or to take any other action relative thereto. **Capital Outlay and Finance Committees recommend approval.** 

**ARTICLE 23.** Police Cruiser Mobile Data Terminals. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or to transfer from available funds the sum of \$20,200, or any other amount, for the purchase of mobile data computer terminals for two police cruisers, or to take an other action relative thereto. Capital Outlay and Finance Committees recommend approval.

**ARTICLE 24** - Dispatch Center Console Replacement. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or to transfer from available funds the sum of \$10,700, or any other amount, for the purchase and installation of a new dispatch workstation in the Communications Center, or to take any other action relative thereto. Capital Outlay and Finance Committees recommend approval.

**ARTICLE 25 -** Chapter 90 Authorization. To see if the Town will vote to expend the sum of \$182,066, or any other amount, from fiscal year 2006 "Chapter 90" funds as provided by the Commonwealth for the purpose of repairing the Town's bridges, or to take any other action relative thereto. **Capital Outlay and Finance Committees recommend approval.** 

ARTICLE 26 - Road Repair and Paving. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds the sum of \$200,000, or any other

amount, for the purpose of repairing and paving the Town's roads, or to take any other action relative thereto. Capital Outlay and Finance Committees recommend approval.

**ARTICLE 27** - Public Works Vehicles and Equipment. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds the sum of \$146,500, or any other amount, for the purpose of purchasing a roadside tractor mower, a medium size dump truck with a sander and plow, a replacement plow for a large truck and a power washer, or to take any other action relative thereto. Capital Outlay and Finance Committees recommend approval.

**ARTICLE 28** - Utility Trailer for Waterline Breaks. To see if the Town will vote to transfer from the Water Available Surplus Account the sum of \$10,000, or any other amount, for the purpose of purchasing and stocking a trailer with materials and equipment needed to repair water main breaks, or to take any other action relative thereto. Capital Outlay and Finance Committees recommend approval.

**ARTICLE 29** - Water Meter Installation Debt Service. To see if the Town will vote to transfer from the Water Available Surplus Account the sum of \$114,375, or any other amount, for the second of five payments due on the water meter installation borrowing, or to take any other action relative thereto. Finance Committees recommend approval.

**ARTICLE 30** - Wastewater System Extraordinary Repairs. To see if the Town will vote to transfer from the Sewer Available Surplus Account the sum of \$10,000, or any other amount, for the purpose of effecting repairs and improvements to the Wastewater Treatment Plant and the Sewer Collection System, or to take any other action relative thereto. Capital Outlay and Finance Committees recommend approval.

**ARTICLE 31** - Wastewater Treatment Plant Roof Repair. To see if the Town will vote to transfer from the Sewer Available Surplus Account the sum of \$4,000, or any other amount, for the purpose of making temporary repairs to the roof of the Wastewater Treatment Plant, or to take any other action relative thereto. Finance Committee recommends approval.

**ARTICLE 32 -** Information Technology Upgrade. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or to transfer from available funds the sum of \$210,000, or any other amount, for the purchase and installation of a new integrated municipal software system and the required hardware, or to take any other action relative thereto. Capital Outlay and Finance Committees recommend approval.

**ARTICLE 33 -** Sandy Beach Reserve Account. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, or to transfer from available funds the sum of \$2,900, or any other amount, for the purpose of repairing any extraordinary damage cause by storms or vandalism, or to take any other action relative thereto. **Finance Committee does not recommend approval.** 

**ARTICLE 34 -** Zoning Board of Appeals Library and Training Materials. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate or to transfer from available funds the sum of \$1,000, or any other amount, for the purpose of purchasing reference and training materials for the Zoning Board of Appeals, or to take any other action relative thereto. **Finance Committee recommends approval.** 

**ARTICLE 35** - Memorial Hall Repairs. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or to transfer from available cash the sum of \$9,000, or any other amount, for the purpose of repairing the exterior masonry wall, replacing the basement floor tile, repairing the courtroom exterior doors, and replacing the first floor water cooler at Memorial Hall, or to take any other action relative thereto. Finance Committee recommends approval.

**ARTICLE 36 -** Highway Garage/Salt Shed/Cemetery Building Repairs. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or to transfer from available funds the sum of \$12,000, or any other amount, to replace two overhead doors and to install two passage doors at the highway garage; to replace the salt shed roof vent; and, to replace a passage door at the cemetery building, or to take any other action relative thereto. **Capital Outlay and Finance Committees recommend approval.** 

**ARTICLE 37** - Library Roof Repair. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate or to transfer from available funds the sum of \$4,000, or any other amount, to repair the library roof, or to take any other actions relative thereto. Finance Committee recommends approval.

**ARTICLE 38** - Senior Center Relocation and Set-up Expense. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate or to transfer from available funds the sum of \$850, or any other amount, for the purpose of relocating the Senior Center from the Airoldi Building to the former Central School Building, or to take any other action relative thereto. Finance Committee recommends approval.

**ARTICLE 39 -** Quarry Hill Business Park Tax Increment Financing Agreement. To see if the Town will vote to approve a Tax Increment Financing Agreement (TIF) in the Quarry Hill Business Park Economic Opportunity Area under the Massachusetts Economic Development Incentive Program M.G.L. Chapter 23A, Section 3E and M.G.L. Chapter 40, Section 59 and an agreement pursuant to this statute between the Town and Barrington Coffee Roasting Co., Inc., or its designee or to take any action relative thereto, or to pass vote or votes relative thereto. **Board of Assessors recommends approval.** 

**ARTICLE 40** - East Lee Economic Opportunity Area and Special Tax Assessment. To see if the Town will approve the establishment of an Economic Opportunity Area (EOA) in the area shown as Lot 40 of Assessor's Map 20 in East Lee and that the Town authorize the Board of Selectmen to approve the granting of a Special Tax Assessment (STA) for MT Realty Trust to be undertaken within the said Economic Opportunity Area, or to take any other action relative thereto. **Board of Assessors recommends approval.**  **ARTICLE 41** - Voting Area Name Change. To see if the Town will vote to petition the legislature to enact special legislation amending Chapter 665 of the Acts of 1968 by changing the word "precincts" to "districts" wherever the word "precincts" appears, or to take any other action relative thereto.

**ARTICLE 42** - Regional Board of Health Study. To see if the Town will vote to instruct the Board of Health to explore the possibility of establishing a regional Board of Health consisting of the Towns of Lee, Lenox and Stockbridge, under the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 111, Section 27B, or to take any other action relative thereto. Board of Health recommends approval.

**ARTICLE 43 -** Long-term Material Recycling Facility Contract. To see if the Town will approve a ten (10) year contract with Recycle America Alliance and the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection for the receipt and processing of the Town's Recyclable Materials at the Springfield Materials Recycling Facility, or to take any other action relative thereto. **Recycling Committee recommends approval.** 

**ARTICLE 44 -** Community Software Consortium Inter-municipal Agreement. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to enter into an intermunicipal agreement with other participating municipalities to help the participants improve their Computer Assisted Mass Appraisal (CAMA) and Tax Administration software, and to engage in joint purchasing of products and services related to such software, or to take any other action relative thereto. **Board of Assessors recommends approval.** 

**ARTICLE 45** - Regional Public Health Mutual Aid Agreement. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to enter into an inter-municipal Mutual Aid agreement with other Berkshire County towns for shared Board of Health Services, or to take any other actions relative thereto. **Board of Health recommends approval.** 

**ARTICLE 46 -** Two-thirds Town Meeting Voting Bylaw. To see if the Town will vote to adopt the following general bylaw or to take any other action relative thereto:

The Moderator may take votes requiring a two-thirds vote in the same manner in which he/she conducts the taking of a vote when a majority is required. If the moderator declares that there is a two-thirds majority, it shall be recorded as such, unless his or her decision is immediately questioned.

**ARTICLE 47 -** Publishing of the Annual Town Meeting on a Calendar Year Basis. To see if the Town will vote to publish the Annual Town Report on a calendar year rather than fiscal year basis, or to take any other action relative thereto.

**ARTICLE 48 -** Zoning District Change. To see if the Town will amend the zoning bylaws of the Town by deleting Section 199-6. Location of districts, and substituting the following:

199-6 - Location of districts; Zoning Map. The location and boundaries of these districts are hereby established as shown on a map entitled "Zoning Map of Lee,

Massachusetts" dated April 16, 1974, and revised February 28, 1984, and revised May 27, 1992, and revised July 14,1994, and revised February 9, 1995, and revised May 11, 1995, and revised November 22, 2004, bearing the signature of the members of the Planning Board and on file in the office of the Town Clerk, which map, with all explanatory matter thereon, is hereby made a part of this chapter.

- A. Where a street constitutes a zone boundary, the center line of that street is the boundary.
- B. The flood plain shall be considered as overlying other districts. See 199.25. and to amend Section 199.5. Types of districts. by deleting Paragraph K and Paragraph L. in their entirety, and by substituting the following:
- K. Commercial Business Corridor (CBC): comprising the CBC District.
- L. Downtown Commercial Business Corridor (DCBC): comprising of the DCBC District."

# or to take any other action related thereto. **Planning Board recommends approval.**

**ARTICLE 49 -** Zoning Table of Dimension Change. To see if the Town will add a new footnote #18 to the Table of Dimensional Requirements to the heading entitled Zoning District for the Commercial Business Corridor designation to read as follows or take any other action relative thereto:

*Footnote #18* - By Special Permit, the Special Permit Granting Authority may allow structures to be erected that are greater than 2 1/2 stories and up to 40 feet in height provided that the lot is a minimum of 1.75 acres. **Planning Board recommends approval.** 

**ARTICLE 50 -** Zoning Parking Change in the Office Park and Light Industrial District. To see of the Town will amend paragraph 199-60-D(1) of its Zoning Bylaw by adding the sentences printed below:

Parking may be allowed in the front of the building only if in the opinion of the Planning Board, as part of the site plan review, the topography of the lot limits the parking areas available on the side or the rear of the structure. In that case special emphasis will be placed on natural screening of those areas where parking is needed in the front of the building.

#### Planning Board recommends approval.

**ARTICLE 51-** Personal Property Tax Agreement for Gas Turbine Power Plant. To see if the Town will vote to approve the August 23, 2004 Tax Agreement between the Town, acting through its Board of Assessors, and Consolidated Edison Energy MA, Inc., a subsidiary of Consolidated Edison, for the term of three years covering fiscal years 2005, 2006 and 2007 beginning on July 1, 2004 and ending on June 30, 2007, which agreement establishes a \$700,000 Personal Property valuation for Consolidated's 20MW Jet Type Gas Turbine located on Woodland Road, or to take any other action relative thereto. **Board of Assessors recommends approval.**  **ARTICLE 52** - Surplus Land Disposition. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to sell to the highest bidder, provided that such bid is \$2,000 or more, a .50 acre parcel of surplus Town owned land accepted in lieu of taxes and located at 460 Leisure Lee Road, or to take any other action relative thereto.

You are hereby directed to notify and warn the Inhabitants of the Town of Lee qualified to vote in town affairs, to meet at the Airoldi Building on Railroad Street, in Lee, on Monday, May 16, 2005 at 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. to cast their votes for the following officers:

Moderator	One for the term of one year
Selectman	One for the term of three years
School Committee Members	Three for the term of three years
Planning Board Member	One for the term of five years
Housing Authority	One for the term of five years

#### To vote for Town Meeting Representatives as follows:

District I	Three for the term of three years
	One for a term of two years
District II	Three for the term of three years
	Two for a term of three years
District III	Three for the term of three years
District IV	Three for the term of three years
District V	Three for the term of three years
	Two for a term of three years
District VI	Three for the term of three years
	One for a term of one year

And to vote upon the following non binding referendum:

Are you in favor of changing the composition of the Board of Selectmen by increasing the number of Selectmen from three to five members?

Yes \_\_\_\_\_

No \_\_\_\_\_

Are you in favor of eliminating the restrictions on truck traffic on Stockbridge Road in order to obtain a grant to improve Stockbridge Road?

Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

And you are hereby directed to serve this Warrant by posting true and attested copies thereof, in three public places within the Town of Lee, seven (7) days at least, before the day and hour of holding said meeting.

Therefore, Fail Not and make due return of said Warrant with your doing thereon to the Town Clerk of the Town of Lee, at or before the day and hour of holding said meeting. Given under our hands at Lee, this \_\_\_\_\_ day of April, 2005.

Gordon D. Bailey, Chairman

Frank A. Consolati

Patricia D. Carlino

As per instruction in this Warrant, I have posted same, this \_\_\_\_\_ day of April 2005 in three public places.

Constable