



*Crossing Main in Lee by Marguerite Bride*

# Town of Lee Massachusetts

## Fiscal Year 2022 ANNUAL REPORT of the Town Offices

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*This report is respectfully submitted to the residents of the Town of Lee.*

# Dedication

*This report is dedicated to the following persons with gratitude for their many years of service to the Town of Lee.*

## *In Memoriam*



*Steven Brouker*



*Mary Devarenes*



*Richard Driscoll*



*Joseph Dupont*



*Tina Perrini*



*J. Peter Scalfaro*



## A THANK YOU TO THE LEE VOLUNTEERS

Getting back to normal, Lee needs volunteers more than ever.

While COVID persists, along with other infections, life in Lee is steadily returning to normal. Given what we've been through and all that didn't get done, volunteers will be essential to make up for lost time and get our town on an even stronger footing. We need to continue the selfless, community spirit that helped us meet recent challenges - neighbors helping neighbors, friends helping friends, people helping strangers, and "we" taking precedence over "me." And we must go beyond that: pitching in to serve others and our community where and when we can to help Lee address chronic needs and reach new heights.

Town operations are humming along, although several boards and commissions have vacancies, and other public, non-profit, and private bodies that serve the town could always use new members. The Town is undertaking several initiatives, we had Founders Weekend for the first time in three years, the UCC is again offering community dinners, and other activities have started up again. In the following pages, you'll see the names of fellow residents who gave their time and effort in widely ranging ways, contributions that were critical to keeping things going, and to making Lee a better place to live, play, work, and visit. They deserve our sincere thanks. You'll also notice the vacancies... perhaps you could fill one of them.

The needs for volunteers are varied and constant. Everyone has something of value to offer. Volunteering can be as simple as aiding a neighbor or even a stranger, helping with a special event, or just picking up litter near your home. It can also involve giving of your time on a regular basis to one of the many worthwhile causes in town. Every act makes a difference and shows you care. Multiple acts show the community cares. And whenever you volunteer, you always learn something... about yourself and others.

However you volunteer, you'll strengthen our community and get a sense of accomplishment. If you volunteer with others, you'll meet like-minded people. To learn about volunteer opportunities, contact our schools, churches, non-profits (such as the Lee Food Pantry and the Literacy Network), the Chamber, service organizations, or any of the entities whose write-ups appear in this report. You can also learn about openings on Town Boards and Committees, which are posted on the Town's website (although it's dated June 2022, it is kept current). Or just be aware of and help meet the needs other residents might have. Thank you in advance!

Scan the QR Code for an updated list of Board and Committee vacancies:



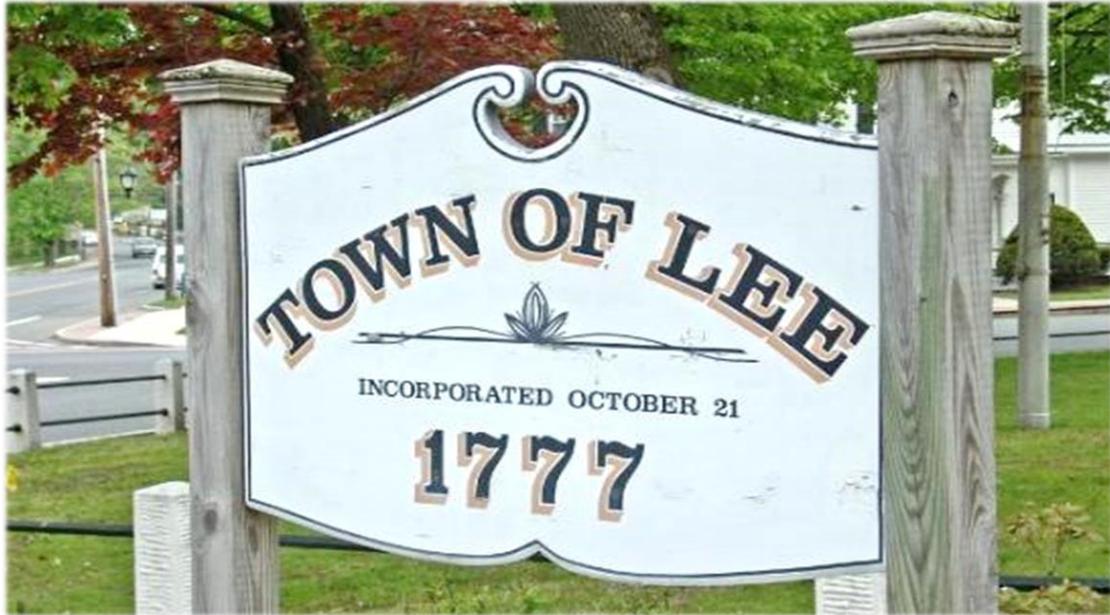
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## COMMUNITY PROFILE



### “THE GATEWAY TO THE BERKSHIRES”

LOCATION.....	Western Massachusetts, Berkshire County
FIRST SETTLEMENT.....	Dodgetown, 1760
INCORPORATED.....	October 21, 1777 Named after Major General Charles Lee
GOVERNMENT.....	<b>First Congregational District</b> Richard Neal <b>Fourth Berkshire District</b> State Senate:.....Adam Hinds State Representative:.....William “Smitty” Pignatelli <b>Representative Town Meeting</b> Six districts, 51 members
TOWN MEETING.....	Second Thursday in May
POPULATION.....	5,339
REGISTERED VOTERS.....	4,586
TAX RATE/PER THOUSAND.....	13.65

**AREA:**

Square Miles: 27  
 Land: 0.55% (98.8%)  
 Water: 0.60% (2.2%)  
 State Highways: 11.39 miles  
 Town Highways: 60.1 miles  
 Sidewalks: 14.7 miles

**SERVICES:**

Electric: Eversource  
 Gas: Berkshire Gas Company  
 Cable: Spectrum  
 Bus: Berkshire Regional Transit Authority  
 Fire Dept.: Lee Fire/EMS  
 Ambulance Dept.: Lee Fire/EMS

**GEOGRAPHICAL FEATURES:**

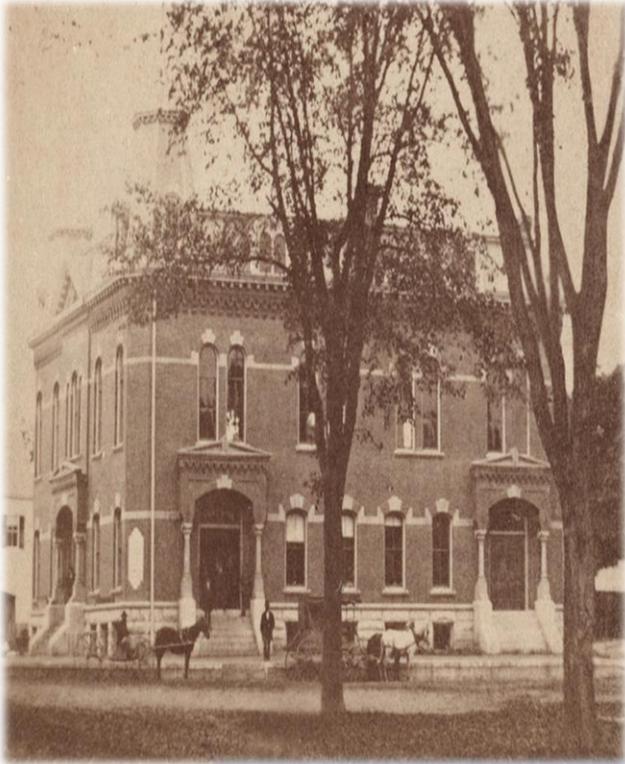
Highest Elevation: 2,050 (October Mountain)  
 Lowest Elevation: -888 (Steps of Memorial Hall)  
 Housatonic River, 4 Lakes, Ponds, 2 Mountains  
 (October Mountain State Forest, Beartown Mountain State Park), Lime Quarry, Marble Quarry

**DISTANCES:**

9 Miles to Pittsfield  
 122 Miles to Boston  
 138 Miles to New York City

# Memorial Hall

## OVER THE YEARS



## TOWN HALL CONTACT



<b>Town Office Business Hours</b>	
Monday & Wednesday	8:30am to 4:00pm
Tuesday & Thursday	8:30am to 5:30pm
Friday	8:30am to 12:30pm



AMBULANCE · FIRE · POLICE

EMERGENCY DIAL 911

24 HOUR NON-EMERGENCY OR AFTER OFFICE HOURS DIAL (413) 243-2100

<b><u>TELEPHONE DIRECTORY</u></b>	
AREA CODE (413)	
Accountant	243-5510
Administrator	409-5976
Human Resources	243-5501
Assessors	243-5512
Building Inspector	243-5518
Conservation Commission	243-5500
Council on Aging	243-5545
Department of Public Works	243-5520
Fire Department/EMS	243-5550
Health Department (Tri-Town)	243-5540
Library	243-0385
Planning Board	243-5517
Police Department	243-5530
Select Board	409-5975
Sewer Plant	243-5525
Tax Collector/Treasurer	243-5506
Treasurer/Assistant Clerk	243-5515
Town Clerk	243-5505
Veterans' Agent	243-5519
Youth Association	243-5535
Water Plant	243-5526
Zoning Board of Appeals	243-5517

# FUN FACTS ABOUT THE TOWN OF LEE



The Town of Lee is named after Revolutionary War General, Charles Lee



Papermaking was once the principal industry in the Town of Lee and at one time the town had 25 paper mills. The Columbia Mill was established in 1827, and eventually became the first to supply 100% groundwood newsprint to the New York Times. The Smith Paper Company discovered how to manufacture paper solely from wood pulp in 1867, and through the 1870s was the country's largest producer of paper. Today, there is only one single papermaking facility in Lee.

## Youths Ordered To Clean Up Rubbish Mess

LEE — Because they couldn't find a dump open in Great Barrington, two youths threw a load of refuse down a Stockbridge hillside on Thanksgiving Day.

Saturday, Richard J. Robbins, 19, of Poughkeepsie, N.Y., and Arlo Guthrie, 18, of Howard Beach, N.Y., each paid a fine of \$25 in Lee District Court after pleading guilty of illegally disposing of rubbish. Special Justice James E. Hannon ordered the youths to remove all the rubbish. They did so Saturday afternoon, following a heavy rain.

Berkshire Eagle 11/29/1965

Arlo Guthrie's court appearance before the blind judge and his seeing-eye dog for dumping garbage as described in the song "Alice's Restaurant" took place in the courtroom at the Lee Town Hall.



Buildings constructed from marble from the Town of Lee's marble quarry include a wing of the Capital in Washington, 250 adorning sculptures in the Philadelphia City Hall, the General Grant National Memorial and St. Patrick's Cathedral in New York City.



Scan to see the current month's schedule of meetings.

# TOWN BOARD MEETINGS\*

Agricultural Commission	2 <sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of each month, 6:00pm, Courtroom
Board of Assessors	As Needed
Board of Health	2 <sup>nd</sup> Monday of each month, 7:30pm, Airol di Building
Board of Public Works	2 <sup>nd</sup> & 4 <sup>th</sup> Tuesday of each month, 12:00pm, Courtroom
Conservation Commission	1 <sup>st</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of each month, 7:00pm, Courtroom
Council on Aging	2 <sup>nd</sup> Tuesday every other month, 7:30pm, Crossway Village
Historical Commission	2 <sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of Sept, Nov, Jan, March, May, 7:00pm, Courtroom
Housing Authority	3 <sup>rd</sup> Monday of each month, 4:30pm, Brown Memorial Court
Lee Land Trust	As needed, please check <a href="http://www.leelandtrust.org">www.leelandtrust.org</a>
Lee Youth Commission	3 <sup>rd</sup> Monday of each month, 7:00pm, Courtroom
Planning Board	2 <sup>nd</sup> & 4 <sup>th</sup> Monday of each month, 6:30pm, Courtroom
School Committee	2 <sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of each month, 7:00pm, Courtroom
Select Board	1 <sup>st</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of each month, 7:00pm, Courtroom
Veterans' Agent	Mondays 10:00am-1:00pm or by appt., Airol di Building
Greener Gateway Committee	2 <sup>nd</sup> Monday of each month, 4:00pm, Tri-Town Health Dept.

\*Meeting times subject to change – Please check the Town of Lee website for updates [www.lee.ma.us](http://www.lee.ma.us)



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# TOWN OF LEE

## TOWN REPRESENTATIVES

### July 1, 2022

[FY 22 – July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022]

### DISTRICT 1

NAME	ADDRESS	CONTACT	TERM
Tyer, Matthew	310 Bradley St	(413) 429-1198	2022
Donovan, John "Buck"	140 Lander Rd	(413) 717-2059	2022
Forrest, David	660 Greylock St	(413) 441-3856	2022
<u>Castegnaro, James</u>	111 Woodland Ave	(413) 717-0144	2023
Hansen, Marilyn	86 Mill St	(413) 243-2572	2023
Larson, Francine	806 East St	(413) 243-1080	2023
Carrington, David	190 East St	(413) 243-0202	2024
Cohen, Josh	560 Greylock St	(413) 243-6637	2024
<u>Kosiorek, Matthew</u>	183 Washington Mt Rd	(413) 348-5748	2024

### DISTRICT 2

NAME	ADDRESS	CONTACT	TERM
Bluhm, Valerie	75 Orchard St	(413) 394-4309	2022
<u>Devareennes, Kathleen</u>	460 Greylock St	(413) 854-1561	2022
Kennedy, Thomas	30 Hartwood Rd	(413) 243-1698	2022
Clarke, Neil	85 Orchard St	(413) 243-3649	2023
Daley, Sr., Nelson	135 Maple St	(413) 243-1065	2023
<u>Wespiser, Diane</u>	70 Orchard St	(413) 243-2322	2023
Harding, Susan	130 Orchard St	(413) 347-0299	2024
<u>Langlais, Anne</u>	Union St	(413) 243-2506	2024
Sloane, Lisa B	160 Orchard St	(413) 243-1982	2024

**TOWN OF LEE**  
**TOWN REPRESENTATIVES**  
*CONTINUED*  
**July 1, 2022**

[FY 21 – July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022]

**DISTRICT 3**

NAME	ADDRESS	CONTACT	TERM
Bort, Kathleen CH.	45 Forest St #3	(413) 243-2697	2022
Heath, Cory	70 <u>Tyringham Rd</u>	(413) 281-0518	2022
Mead, Adam	31 Lynn Ann Dr	(413) 329-5426	2022
Coty, Jr., John	50 First St	(413) 243-2813	2023
<u>Fillio</u> , Matthew	370 Chapel St	(413) 822-3759	2023
Wadsworth, Andrea	625 Marble St	(413) 243-4828	2023
<u>Heddinger</u> , Alexandra	90 Silver St	(413) 243-2897	2024
Young, Caroline	755 Maple St	(413) 243-4848	2024
VACANCY			

**DISTRICT 4**

NAME	ADDRESS	CONTACT	TERM
Bailey, Gordon	734 Pleasant St	(413) 243-3110	2022
<u>Brunell</u> , William	605 Fairview St	(413) 243-1415	2022
<u>Kalischer</u> , Cornelia	Box 105, So Lee 01260	(413) 931-5302	2022
Brittain, Richard	15 Davis St	(413) 243-2023	2023
Mack, Arthur CH.	130 <u>Highfield Dr</u>	(413) 243-2156	2023
Warner, Janet	270 Church St	(413) 446-9967	2023
Collins, Alice	Box 103, So Lee 01260	(413) 243-4206	2024
<u>Daoust</u> , Kathleen	165 <u>Highfield Dr</u>	(413) 717-1584	2024
Roche, William	840 Fairview St	(413) 243-1580	2024

**TOWN OF LEE**  
**TOWN REPRESENTATIVES**  
*CONTINUED*  
**July 1, 2022**

[FY 21 – July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022]

**DISTRICT 5**

NAME	ADDRESS	CONTACT	TERM
Lucy, Christine	41 Prospect St	(413) 243-6404	2022
Sorrentino, Peter	Box 905, Lee 01238	(413) 243-2561	2022
VACANCY			2022
Biron, Margaret	42 Park St	(413) 243-0489	2023
O'Neil, Keith	96 Railroad St	(413) 717-1945	2023
VACANCY			2023
Consolati, Deidre CH	57 Main St, Apt 8	(413) 243-2318	2024
Kelley, Susan	290 Mandalay Rd	(413) 243-1142	2024
Snow, Danna	185 Summer St	(413) 243-1834	2024

**DISTRICT 6**

NAME	ADDRESS	CONTACT	TERM
<u>Hofman, Peter</u>	483 Devon Rd	(603) 767-4250	2022
Tierney, William	30 Pease Ter	(413) 441-9407	2022
<u>Van Wagendonk, Reinout</u>	335 Devon Ave	(413) 243-1722	2022
Davis, Emmy	65 Golden Hill	(413) 394-5046	2023
Miller, Andrew	35 Debra Ave	(413) 243-1230	2023
St. Pierre, Brenda <u>Kipp</u>	430 Devon Rd	(413) 446-6117	2023
Hines, Kevin	575 West Rd	(413) 531-5386	2024
Rogers, Donald	587 West Rd	(781) 275-0212	2024
Ryan, Monica	165 Laurel St	(413) 822-5830	2024

**TOWN OF LEE**  
**TOWN REPRESENTATIVES**  
*CONTINUED*  
**July 1, 2022**

[FY 21 – July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022]

**SELECT BOARD**

NAME	ADDRESS	CONTACT	TERM
Carlino, Patricia (Chair)	810 Fairview St	(413) 243-6992	2022
Regnier, Sean	59 Park St	(413) 717-0331	2023
Jones, Bob	150 Greylock St	(413) 281-8362	2024

**MODERATOR**

NAME	ADDRESS	CONTACT	TERM
Wright, Sarah	30 Fox Run	(891) 454-6708	2022

**TOWN CLERK**

NAME	ADDRESS	CONTACT
Armstrong, Rachael	32 Main St	(413) 243-5505

**FINANCE COMMITTEE**

NAME	TERM
<u>Arienti</u> , Nicholas Chair	2022
<u>Dignard</u> , Sandra	2022
McGuire, Dylan	2022
<u>Plankey</u> , Donna	2022
Wyatt, Marilyn	2022
<u>Antoniazzi</u> , Marylou	2023
Cohen, Robert	2023
Fergus, Dylan	2023
Kelley, Susan	2023

# ELECTED TOWN OFFICIALS

**Moderator  
(One Year Term)**

Sarah Wright 2022

**Select Board  
(Three Year Term)**

Patricia Carlino, **Chair** 2022  
Sean Regnier 2023  
Bob Jones 2024

**Constables  
(Three Year Term)**

Richard Brittain 2024  
Sandra Cozzaglio 2024  
Dennis Forshee 2024  
Peter Waryoski 2024

**Housing Authority  
(Five Year Term)**

Sandra Cozzaglio, **Chair** 2023  
Jennifer Heath 2023  
Tom Logsdon 2024  
Marjorie Donovan 2024  
Tom Unsworth 2026

**Planning Board  
(Five Year Term)**

Matthew Carlino 2022  
John (Buck) Donovan, **Chair** 2023  
Peter Bluhm 2024  
Margaret Biron 2026  
David Forrest 2026  
Gordon Bailey (Alternate)

**School Committee  
(Three Year Term)**

Andrea Larmon, **Chair** 2022  
Nicole Kosiorek 2022  
Aaron Aubin 2023  
Andrea Wadsworth 2023  
Randy Kinnas 2024  
Kirk Nichols 2024  
Elizabeth Strickler 2025

## DEPARTMENT HEADS & TOWN OFFICIALS

*(Town Administrator Appointments)*

FY 22 July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022



Animal Control Officer.....	Jason Dragonetti
Building Commissioner.....	Matthew Kolmer
Council on Aging Director.....	Patricia DiGricoli
DPW Superintendent.....	Alan Zerbato
Emergency Management Director.....	Chief Ryan C. Brown
Fire Chief/EMS Director.....	Chief Ryan C. Brown
Assistant Fire Chief/Central Station.....	Glen Wilcox
Assistant Fire Chief/Station 2.....	Bill Brunell
Deputy Fire Chief.....	Ed North
Human Resources Director.....	Lyndsay Patenaude
Inspector, Gas.....	Jason Dixon
Inspector, Plumbing.....	Jason Dixon
Inspector, Wiring.....	Michael Burton
Library Director (Acting).....	Jody Magner
Police Chief.....	Craig DeSantis
Sealer of Weights & Measures.....	Jesse Polo
Town Accountant.....	Lynne Brown
Town Administrator.....	R. Christopher Brittain
Town Clerk.....	Rachael Armstrong
Treasurer/Collector.....	Donna Toomey
Veterans' Agent.....	Doug Mann

## TOWN COUNSEL & MULTI-MEMBER BOARDS

*(Select Board Appointments)*

FY 22 July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022

### **ONE YEAR TERM APPOINTMENTS**

#### **Town Counsel**

MGL Ch 40 § 5-15

Attorney Jeremia Pollard

#### **Jacob's Ladder Trail Scene By-Way Commission**

Linda Cysz

Dee Dee Fraser

#### **Cable Television Commission**

2 Members

Barbara (Bobbi) Paley

David Parker

#### **Personnel Board**

Town By-Law, MGL Ch 40 & 41

Neil Clark, **Chair**

Danielle Boule

Rebecca Riordan

#### **Capital Outlay Committee**

Town By-Law 2.3

Deidre Consolati

Nelson Daley, Sr.

Buck Donovan

Matthew Fillio

Peter Hofman

Arthur Mack

#### **School Building Commission**

Town By-Law 2 · 163-166

Minimum 5, Maximum 9 Members

Margaret Biron

Thomas Consolati

Donna Toomey

Gary Wellington

#### **Cemetery Committee**

Shanon Albee

Christine Arment Lucy

#### **Agricultural Commission**

Mary Brittain

David Carrington

Caroline Young

#### **Lee Greener Gateway Committee**

Peter Hofman, **Chair**

Valerie Bluhm, **Vice-Chair**

Joan Angelo

Phyllis Hofman

Patricia Johnson

Uli Nagel

Monica Ryan

Ann Sterlin

## TOWN COUNSEL & MULTI-MEMBER BOARDS

(Select Board Appointments)

FY 22 July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022

### THREE YEAR TERM APPOINTMENTS

#### Board of Assessors

MGL 41-24 - Three Members

Karen Avalle  
Tony Caropreso  
Sarah Navin

#### Board of Health

MGL 41-1, 21 - Three Members

James Wilusz - Health Agent  
JoAnn Sullivan  
Carisa Vincent  
Robert Wespiser

#### Board of Public Works

MGL 40-69D, Enabling Act, Ch 438 - Seven Members

Robert Bartini, **Chair**  
David Forrest, **Clerk**  
Gary O'Brien  
Roger Scheurer  
Peter Scolforo  
Donald Zukowski

#### Board of Registrars

Rachael Armstrong, **Town Clerk**  
Jen Carlino  
Mary Tyer Kelly  
Rita Perry

#### Zoning Board of Appeals

Francine Larson, **Chair**  
Gordon Bailey  
Richard Brittain  
Keith Heeren  
Kirsten O'Brien  
Thomas Swift

#### Council on Aging

Patricia DiGricoli  
Beverly Allen  
Marcia Briggs  
Sandra Hayes  
Patricia Jongkind

#### Conservation Commission

MGL 40-8C - Minimum 5, Maximum 7 Members

Kathleen Arment, **Chair**  
Stu Dalheim, **Vice-Chair**  
John Coty, Jr.  
Marilyn Hansen  
Mark Navin  
John Philpott  
Toni Thomas  
Kathy Vetyeka, *Administrator*  
Clair Lahey, *Alternate*

#### Historical Commission

MGL 40-8D, Minimum 3, Maximum 7 Members

Sandra Cozzaglio  
William Matthews  
Brian Noel  
David Stone  
Susan Stone

#### Sandy Beach Committee

Kelly Abdalla  
Mary Lou Antoniazzi  
David Buttery  
Gail Ceresia  
Deidre Consolati  
Monica Ryan

## TOWN COUNSEL & MULTI-MEMBER BOARDS

*(Select Board Appointments)*

FY 22 July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022

### **AD-HOC COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS**

#### **Bikeway Committee**

Sal Angelo  
Peter Bluhm  
Henry Hagenah

Dennis Regan  
Bruce Singer  
John Toole

Rich Vinette  
James Wickham

#### **Cultural Council**

Iris Bass  
Wren Bernstein  
Valerie Bluhm  
Brandon Boule

Kathleen Crowe  
Patricia Johnston  
Alison Lotto  
Sonja Mason

William Matthews  
Harriet Miller  
Robin O'Herin  
Marilyn Wyatt

#### **Energy Efficiency Advisory Committee**

Gerald LePrevost  
Gary Wellington, Advisor

Roger Scheurer

Robert Turtz

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

Frank Consolati  
Clare Lahey  
Linda Morin

Dennis Mountain  
Bruce Packard

Richard Salinetti  
Christopher Shields

#### **Insurance Advisory Committee**

Ginger Armstrong  
Jane Belanger  
Neil Clarke

Nancy Cummings  
Shamus Daley  
Patti Mottarella

Joe Sniezek  
Matt Tyer  
Tom Unsworth

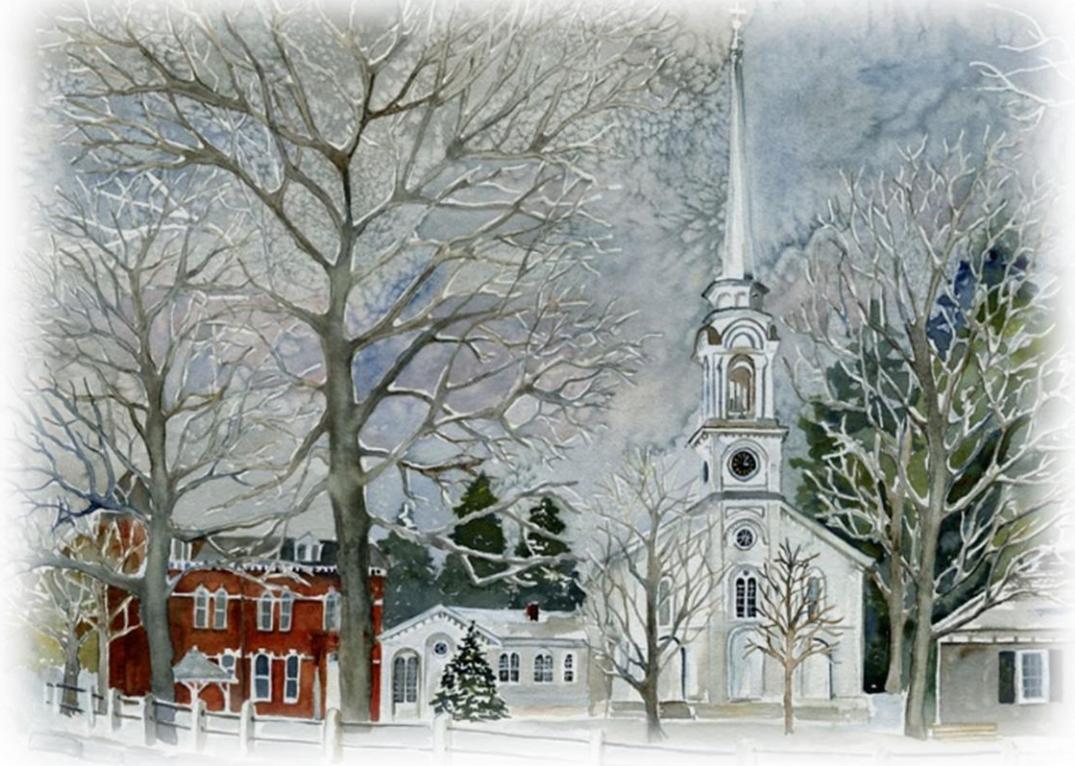
#### **Lee Youth Commission**

Kathy Hall, **Chair**  
Aaron Aubin

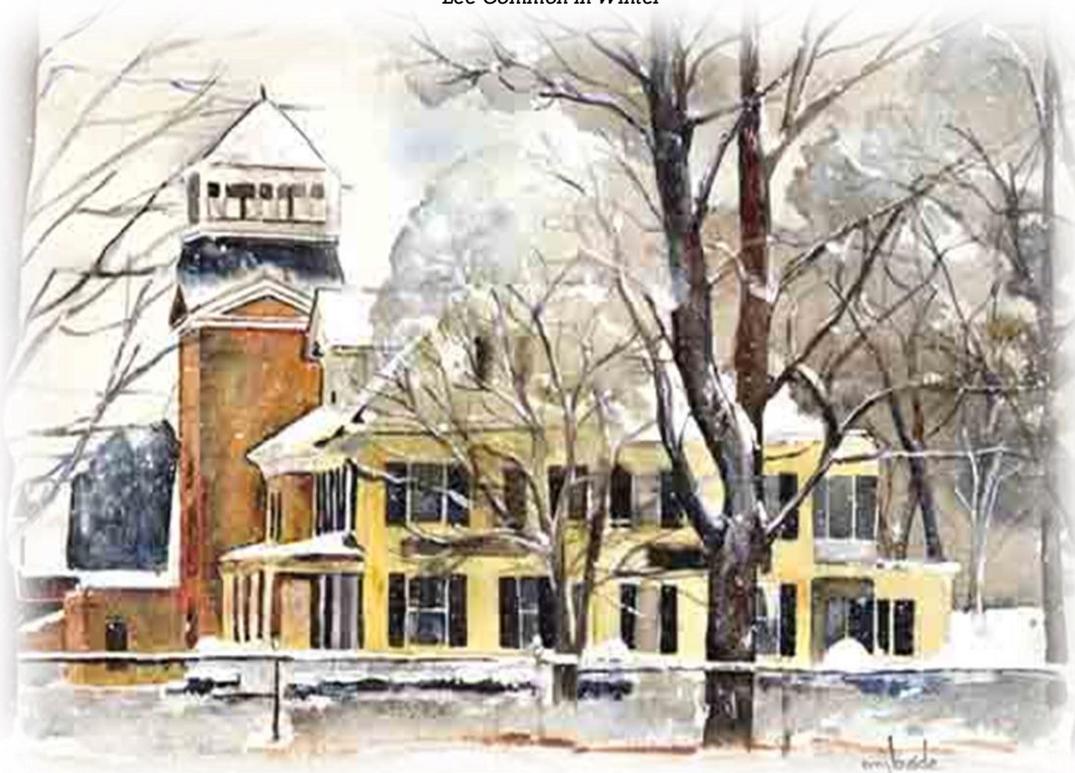
Mike Kline  
Pam Morehouse

Maguire Roosa  
Janet Warner

Berkshire County, MA Artist Spotlight  
**Marguerite Bride**



*Lee Common in Winter*



*Winter In Lee*

# AGRICULTURAL COMMISSION

## THE AGRICULTURAL COMMISSION IN FY22:

The commission has reformed. Our objective is that the Commission strongly support local agriculture because of the global weather changes that makes agriculture in other national locations less viable, making local agriculture more viable.

The Commission saw that the "Right to Farm" notification is visible in Town Hall so that prospective property owners are aware of it.

The Commission is in contact with the Farm Bureau.

The Commission has been added to the Town of Lee web site.

The Commission is concerned with solar panels being installed on farm land, rendering that land not farmable. The Commission feels farmland should be reserved for farming.

The Planning Board considered the Commission's input into the new by-law that considered farm animals in residential areas. The Commission has been assigned the site plan review for these situations to be sure they are safe and healthy for the population and the animals.

The Commission did not support the proposed Community Center on farmland at Town Meeting.

*Respectfully submitted,*

Mary Brittain, **Chair**  
David Carrington, **Member**  
Gail Ceresia, **Member**  
Peter Naventi, **Member**  
Caroline Young, **Secretary**



# BOARD OF ASSESSORS

<b>Total Appropriations</b>	<b>\$ 24,943,167.00</b>
Other Charges	979,037.00
State and County Charges	698,790.00
Allowances for Abatements and Exemptions	452,658.25
CPA other unappropriated/unreserved	100,000.00
<b>Total Amount to be Raised:</b>	<b>\$ 27,173,652.25</b>
Estimated Receipts – STATE	4,451,835.00
Estimated Receipts – LOCAL	6,868,510.52
Free Cash – Applied	1,239,049.00
Available Funds – Applied	0.00
<b>Total Estimated Receipts:</b>	<b>\$ 12,559,394.52</b>
Raised From Real Estate Tax	\$ 13,239,096.81
Raised From Personal Property Tax	1,375,160.92
<b>Total Raised From Taxes:</b>	<b>\$ 14,614,257.73</b>
<b>Total Raised:</b>	<b>\$ 24,943,167.00</b>
<b>Total Assessed Valuation:</b>	<b>\$969,897,202.00</b>
<b>Tax Rate:</b>	<b>\$ 13.65</b>

The Board of Assessors processed:

Elderly Exemptions and Veterans Exemptions	80
Personal Property and Real Estate Abatements	23
Motor Vehicle Abatements	267
Senior Work-Off Program	4

*Respectfully submitted,*

Anthony Caropreso, **Chairman**  
 Karen Avalle, **Appointed Assessor**  
 Sarah T. Navin, **Appointed Assessor**

# BRIEN CENTER



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FUND PARTNER OF NORTHERN BERKSHIRE UNITED WAY AND WILLIAMSTOWN COMMUNITY CHEST

Our mission is to provide high quality, comprehensive behavioral health services to Berkshire residents through community-based services that promote the highest possible degree of recovery, independence and quality of life of those served. We will provide access and supports to meet the behavioral health needs of individuals of all ages, race, cultures, and culturally competent care to promote recovery. We will accomplish this by working in partnership with state agencies, individuals, families and other providers.

**During FY22, The Brien Center provided services to 219 Lee residents.**

Respectfully Submitted,

M. Christine Macbeth, ACSW, LICSW  
President and Chief Executive Officer

- Chair:** Linda Febles
- Vice Chair:** Marybeth Mitts
- Treasurer:** Richard Lombardi
- Clerk:** Christopher Hennessey
- Director:** Tim Burke
- Director:** Deborah Foss
- Director:** Lori Gazzillo
- Director:** Adam Klepetar
- Director:** Richard Lombardi
- Director:** Michael Fazio
- Director:** Warren Dews

# BUILDING INSPECTOR



To the Honorable Select Board:

I hereby submit my report for the Fiscal Year 2022, the following being the listing of permits by category, the number of permits issued by category and the resultant permit fees collected by this Dept:

<b><u>CATEGORY</u></b>	<b><u>ISSUED</u></b>	<b><u>PERMIT FEES</u></b>
Residential	256	\$70,693
Commercial	76	\$35,392
Sheet Metal	6	\$416
Sign	22	\$1,890
Tent	5	\$255
Trench	34	\$1,700
Solid Fuel	7	\$470
COI (Cofl)	91	\$11,750
Certificate of Occupancy (Residential/Commercial)	1	\$80
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>497</b>	<b>\$122,566</b>

Building and Safety is committed to assist the public in the permitting process. Please refer to our department as a resource for any building or zoning inquires.

*Respectfully submitted,*

Matt Kollmer  
**Building Commissioner**

# CONSERVATION COMMISSION

The Lee Conservation Commission managed the Town conservation issues during FY 2022. The Commission’s responsibility involves the administration of the WPA (Wetland Protection Act) MGL 131 and the Scenic Mountain Act of 2008 for the Town of Lee. In this role, the Commission provides guidance to homeowners as well as businesses owners.

The Commission meets on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesdays of every month. During the onset of Covid 19, the Commission held meetings on the Zoom platform until June 2021. In June, the Commission returned to in house meetings. The Zoom platform is available upon request.

The Commission’s activities included numerous requests for determining the Commission jurisdiction. This is necessary to help Town owners get the proper Town permits needed to comply with the Wetland Protection Act. The Commission works closely with the Town Building Inspectors and the Town DPW.

In 2008 the Town of Lee passed a Scenic Mountain Act. There are three Scenic Mountain Zones in Lee.

Zone	Elevation (feet)	Location
A	984	Southwest corner of Lee encompassing Beartown Mountain Area
B	1181	Southeast corner of Lee encompassing Goose Pond Area
C	1280	Northeast corner of Lee encompassing October Mountain Area

The Commission email address is [concom@town.lee.ma.us](mailto:concom@town.lee.ma.us) and is the fastest way to communicate with the Commission. Our telephone number is (413) 243-5500.

The Lee Conservation Commission yearly summary of activity as compared to the past year is as follows:

Notice of Intent NOI	Request for Determination RDA/ANRAD	Certificate of Compliance COC	Building Signoffs	Enforcement Order	Scenic Mountain RDA
2021/2022	2021/2022	2021/2022	2021/2022	2021/2022	2021/2022
7 vs. 4	9 vs. 16	6 vs. 5	21 vs. 15	1 vs. 1	1 vs. 1

In addition to the statistics, the following Commission business was conducted during the past year. Emergency Orders (4) Amended Orders, Extensions (1), and ANRAD procedures. Commissioners conducted thirty-seven site inspections. In addition to the actual permitting process there were twenty-two extended conservations with the public on various issues and concerns. Commission time was also spent on answering questions raised by landowners who needing some understanding on the wet land laws.

*Respectfully submitted,*

Kathy Arment, **Chair**

Stu Dalheim, **Vice Chair**

Marilyn Hansen

John Coty, Jr.

John Philpott

Mark Navin

Toni Thomas

Clair Lahey, **Alternate**

Kathy Vetyeka, **Administrator**

# COUNCIL ON AGING & SENIOR CENTER

The Lee Council on Aging and Senior Center is located at 21 Crossway Street. The Council on Aging and Senior Center has a strong commitment to actively advocate for the rights and interest of our community and surrounding seniors sixty years of age and older. Our Senior Center is open to ALL seniors in our Lee Community. The Council on Aging offers a variety of social, health, educational, recreational, advocacy, and support programs designed to help our senior population.

Hours are Monday through Thursday 8 A.M. to 4 P.M. Closed Holidays.

### Programs and Services Include:

- \*AARP Tax preparation
- \*Information and referrals
- \*Medicare Health insurance Counseling (SHINE)
- \*Meals on Wheels and Brown Bag Program
- \*Property Tax Write Off Program
- \*Weekly exercise programs
- \*Matter of Balance classes

Additional Activities may vary from month to month and may be viewed on The Town of Lee website and our monthly newsletter distributed to the Town Hall, local Post Office, Library, Lee Bank, as well as other Lee locations.

Our highlight of the year has been a BRTA van, via a grant, which is accessible for individuals to get to/from their home to local Lee establishments with the idea of branching further with availability of drivers.

*Respectfully submitted,*

Patricia DiGrigoli  
**Lee Council on Aging and Senior Center Director**

Council Members:  
Sandra Hayes, **Chair**  
Mary Puleri  
Patricia Jongkind  
Barbara Scolforo  
Brigitte White  
Rosemary Wirtes



# CULTURAL COUNCIL

The Lee Local Cultural Council disperses grant money given by the state, as well as a matching grant from the Town of Lee, to enhance and enrich the lives of the residents of Lee. Grants we support offer musical, theatrical, physical fitness and educational programs, as well as programs for the very young and seniors. We also try to help promote these events and this year we polled people weekly at our second Sundays in the Park Concert Series to see what interests them.

The Sundays in the Park, music series, was supported by The Town of Lee, The Congregational Church, and The Lee Chamber of Commerce. We hope to continue this series for many years!

In addition, the council supported the Earth Day event that coincided with Founders Weekend. Our council is now thriving with 9 members. Many hands lighten the work!

*Respectfully submitted,*

- Robin O’Herin, **Chair**
- Valerie Bluhm, **Treasurer**
- Sonja Mason, **Recording Secretary**
- Brandon Boule, **Member**
- Allison Lotto, **Member**
- Harriet Miller, **Member**
- Kathy Crowe, **Member**
- Patricia Johnston, **Member**
- William Mathews, **Member**

*The Local Lee Cultural Council and The Starving Artist Cafe Present:*

**Sundays in the Park**

**Free Live Music!**

*Take Out Brunch from Local Restaurants With 10% Off Coupons!*

*Every Sunday July 3-August 7 12:30-2:30 Sprinkle or Shine.*

Stop in the park to get 10% OFF discount coupons from participating restaurants for Sundays in the Park. Or bring your own picnic lunch. Social distancing and masks are encouraged.

Sponsors include: The Town of Lee, The First Congregational Church of Lee, The Lee Chamber of Commerce, The Starving Artist Cafe, The Lee Farmers Market, 51 Park St., The Locker Room and the Local Lee Cultural Council.



# DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

## **To the Honorable Select Board:**

All departments of the Public Works had a busy and productive year. The weather had big impacts on the Highway Department with heavy and frequent rain storms causing flooding and road damage. The rain storms caused trees to come down and close roads. The precipitation continued during the winter months with snow and icy conditions. This precipitation in the form of rain surged flows at the Wastewater Treatment Plant causing the SBR process to go into storm mode while still providing acceptable treatment.

### **The following Capital Projects that were completed are:**

- Mass Works Waterline Phase #1 (Infrastructure Program) Waterline from Reservoir Road to Canal Street. This project was funded by a 4.9-million-dollar Grant.
- Columbia Street had (1,400') of new 8" water line installed. This area had poor water pressure, which has since been improved.

### **Paving was completed on the following streets:**

- Columbia Street (4,300') with (1,400') of new sidewalk installed
- Old Columbia Street (750')
- West Center Street Main Street (624')
- Center Street (1,830')
- East Center Street to Greylock Street ( 1,544' ) along with the adjacent sidewalk being resurfaced ( 1,544' )
- Greylock Street to East Center Street (4,352')
- Bradley Street (2,030')
- Golden Hill Road (5,160')
- Sunshine Ave (550')
- Circular Ave (2,112')
- Navin Ave (878')
- Navin Heights (978')
- Peace Terrace (1,442')
- Mandalay Road (3,260') with (2,400') of new sidewalk

### **The following paving contracts have been awarded and will be done in FY 2023:**

- Section of Summer Street past High Lawn Farm to Rte 7 (4,145')
- Section of East Street from East and East Center intersection to Maple Street (4,300')
- Section of West Road from Devon Road and West Road intersection to Rte 7 (4,224')
- Spring Street (5,143')
- The Town was notified that Next Generation Bridge Program Funds from the State will be used for bridge replacement on Mill Street over Washington Mountain Brook and Meadow Street over Powder Mill Brook.
- The former Bull's Eye Pub had all asbestos and the demolition contract has been awarded. Demolition will be done in FY 2023.

# DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

## **Highway Department:**

The Highway Department consists of a Highway Supervisor and seven staff members.

The Highway Department had a busy year performing a variety of duties including patching of potholes, blacktopping, roadside brush cutting, catch basin repairs, drainage work, road sweeping, signage replacement, line painting, mowing of the Town's parks and installing playground equipment as needed, tree removal and responding to day-to-day calls as they arise.

The Highway Department also responds to water, sewer breaks and works with the Water Department doing repairs. The department also works with the Water Department for flushing of the distribution lines as needed.

During the winter months, the department does the required plowing and salting of the Town's roads and sidewalks ensuring public safety. Preventative maintenance was also completed as needed throughout the year.

## **Projects:**

- Through ARPA funding the installation of solar pedestrian crosswalk signs on Main Street was completed.
- Installation of a truck wash bay in the DPW garage was completed.
- Crack sealing was done on various streets throughout Town.
- Street line painting throughout Town was done.
- Yearly catch basin cleanings were also completed.

## **Equipment Purchased:**

Angle Broom purchased for the sidewalk machine

2022 Ford - 250 4x4 Supercab pickup

2021 Ford - 550 4x4 diesel truck

Wacker one ton vibrating roller

Hyundai R55W-9A Excavator

Picnic benches were purchased for Town parks through ARPA funding

## **Cemetery:**

The Fairmount Cemetery is maintained by two highway staff members from April 15<sup>th</sup> – November 15<sup>th</sup>. Duties include cutting of the grass and trimming of the bushes. They also provide information regarding burials and complete necessary work as needed. Mowing of the parks is done by cemetery personnel.

## **Forestry:**

The Town continues to do the required trimming and cutting of dead or diseased trees which has been increasing yearly. The Town also responds to residents that have questions or concerns about a Town owned tree.

# DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

## **Water Department:**

The Water Department is staffed with two certified treatment operators who operate the Water Treatment Plant 24/7. The personnel responded to all alarms as needed. The personnel strive to produce and distribute high quality water daily. Last year 225 million gallons of finished water with a daily average of 616 thousand gallons was distributed to its customers.

Other tasks the staff performs are record keeping, completing required MASS DEP sampling and testing, maintaining the equipment at the Water Treatment Plant and overseeing the Town's reservoirs. The department is responsible for testing of backflow devices throughout the Town.

The Water Distribution Department consists of two operators. Duties include ensuring that the distribution system is maintained to ensure proper operation and quality water is delivered to its customers. Other duties include water flushing, maintenance of fire hydrants, water lines marked out, water sampling, repairing water breaks as needed and other day to day activities as required.

There were 7 new water connections to the Town's water system.

The water system provides water to 1,852 residential accounts and 148 commercial accounts.

## **Projects:**

- Water Department treatment personnel have been busy with the replacement of faulty radio transponders. The Town has a total of 2,000 transponders which were installed in 2006 / 2007 Last year the Town replaced 200 faulty radio transponders, which brings the total radio transponders replaced to 1,700 of the 2,000 radio transponders. These have been changed out due to poor battery signals that send quarterly water usage data that is used for quarterly billing.
- The Water Treatment Plant replaced all chemical feed pumps.
- Columbia Street had 1,400' of a new 8" water line installed.
- Tighe & Bond has been hired to engineer a new waterline (1,900') starting at Elm Street down Railroad Street to Consolati Way that will enhance fire protection and flows to this area and beyond.
- Storz fire hose adapters were installed on fire hydrants on Main Street, High Street and Housatonic Street.

*Mike Towler, Water Department Supervisor, retired after 21 years of service. Thank you for your service!*

## **Wastewater Treatment Plant:**

The Wastewater Treatment Plant which is staffed 24/7 has three certified operators and one laborer who all strive to produce a high-quality treated effluent.

The Wastewater Treatment Plant treated 249 million gallons of wastewater last year, with an average of 683 thousand gallons treated per day.

Staff duties include daily operation of the Wastewater Treatment Plant, completing the required testing, record keeping, reporting, maintenance of equipment and ensuring that all discharged effluent is within its NPDES permit limits.

Treatment personnel also maintain five pump stations. Preventative flushing of the collection system is done to avoid possible backups. The staff respond 24/7 to any alarms or blockages which require attention. They also mark out wastewater lines as needed.

Septage gallons received was 1,149,853 which generated \$155,230 of revenue last year. There were 10 new sewer connections. The Wastewater Department has 1,762 residential and 136 commercial accounts.

# DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

**Projects:**

- Ongoing work by DPC Engineering which is focusing on inflow and infiltration studies.
- Upgraded 4 of the 5-pump station level control systems to radar controllers which replaced the original float level controllers.
- A mandated wastewater alert section has been added to the Town's website. This was a DEP requirement for all municipalities.
- The Town signed a two-year agreement with Wastewater Services to haul sludge when needed at the Wastewater Treatment Plant.

**In Closing,**

I have had the opportunity to work with so many dedicated people and have been involved with several projects such as the construction of the current Wastewater Treatment Plant, The Mass Works Grant Waterline Project and numerous paving projects throughout the Town. I would like to thank the Select Boards, Administrators, Town Officials, employees of all departments and various boards, the Wastewater Oversight Committee, the Chamber of Commerce, Lee Youth Commission and volunteers. Thank you to the employees and staff that I have had the opportunity to work with. Much appreciation to the local businesses and contractors that have always been there when needed. To the Town's residents, thank you for the support, it has been a privilege and honor to be able to serve the community for 36 plus years.

**Board of Public Works FY22 Members**

Robert Bartini, <b>Chair</b>	Donald Zukowski, <b>Member</b>
David Forrest, <b>Clerk</b>	Gary O'Brien, <b>Member</b>
Roger Scheurer, <b>Member</b>	
Pete Scolforo, <b>Member</b> *Mr. Scolforo passed away April 30, 2022. He was the DPW Superintendent for 27 years. His dedication will be missed by the Town.	

*Respectfully submitted,*

Alan Zerbato,  
**DPW Superintendent**

# ELECTRICAL INSPECTOR

To the Honorable Select Board:

I hereby submit my report for the Fiscal Year 2022:

<b>TOTAL ELECTRICAL PERMITS ISSUED:</b>	<b>162</b>
<b>TOTAL FEES COLLECTED FOR ELECTRICAL PERMITS:</b>	<b>\$14,670</b>

*Respectfully submitted,*

Michael Burton,  
**Wiring Inspector**

# EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY

To the Honorable Select Board:

In the past year, Emergency Management's role in the Town has primarily been planning. Throughout the year time has been spent developing and fine tuning our Town's Emergency Preparedness Plans as well as downloading them to the MEMA database. The Town's EMP is a live document and needs to be continually updated as our community evolves with the times. A huge help with this are bimonthly meetings with our local MEMA point of contact.

This year Emergency Management was able to secure grant funding to purchase 3 portable lighting units and one portable generator for the Fire Department. This was done with the MEMA Emergency Preparedness Grant.

We were able, with the assistance of MEMA, to increase our abilities to communicate state wide by gaining radio equipment to access the Western Massachusetts Law Enforcement Council (WMLEC) radio network. This creates access to a redundant interoperable radio system that is used throughout western Mass.

In October the Lee Emergency Management Team, assisted by Town Administrator R. Christopher Brittain, participated in a regional disaster workshop sponsored by MEMA, including the Towns of Stockbridge and Great Barrington. This exercise was designed to test our planning and readiness capabilities as well as our ability to function on a regional level. The event went very well and has set in motion additional planning to close gaps in our current EMP.

The current staffing of the Lee Emergency Management Agency is listed as follows:

Emergency Management Director/Fire Chief Ryan Brown  
Deputy Emergency Management Director/Police Chief Craig DeSantis  
Assistant Captain Matthew Tyer  
Assistant Firefighter Mason Mihlek

*Respectfully submitted,*



Chief Ryan C. Brown  
***Emergency Management Director***

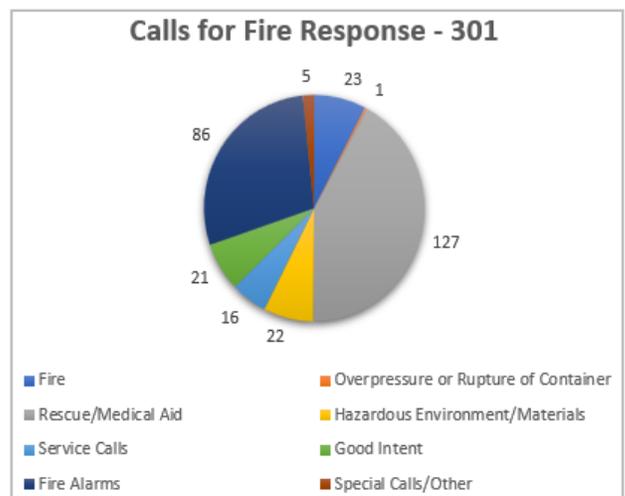
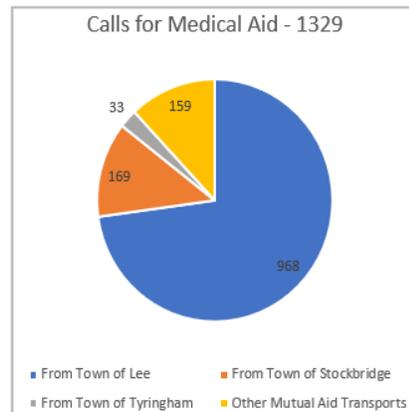
# FIRE & EMS



Fiscal Year 2022 proved to be another busy year for our department.

The combined department answered 1630 calls for emergency service in FY 2022 broken down as follows:

- Calls for medical aid – 1329
  - From Town of Lee – 968
  - From Town of Stockbridge – 169
  - From Town of Tyringham – 33
  - Other Mutual Aid transports – 159
  
- Calls for fire response – 301
  - Fire – 23
    - Structure Fires – 12
    - Vehicle Fires – 7
    - Outside Fires – 5
    - Fire requiring Mutual Aid – 1
    - Mutual Aid Given - 6
  - Overpressure or Rupture of Container - 1
  - Rescue/Medical Aid – 127
    - Motor Vehicle Accidents - 47
  - Hazardous Environment/Materials – 22
  - Service Calls – 16
  - Good Intent – 21
  - Fire Alarms – 86
  - Special Calls/Other – 5



The Department also conducted 310 fire prevention and safety inspections.

# FIRE & EMS

In the past, the Town voted to appropriate funding for the purchase of a new engine and new ambulance. Due to COVID related delays we are hoping to receive these in the coming year. This has not affected the departments' ability to respond to emergencies in any manner. The development and construction of both vehicles may be delayed but are scheduled for delivery in the late fall or early winter of 2023.

With a grant supported by the Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency the department was able to purchase 3 portable lighting units and one portable generator. Additionally with a grant through the Massachusetts Department of Fire Services the Town was able to replace fifty percent of our aging handlines. Both of these grants were received at no cost to the towns people. An additional grant was received to procure wildland firefighting equipment for the department. This was a matching grant with the State paying half and the community picking up the other half. The addition of this gear will help keep our crews safe in outside fire applications.

This year the department lost retired Firefighter Thomas "T-Bone" Boyne and retired Assistant Chief Richard "Crank" Driscoll. Between the two of them they had over 50 years of service dedicated to the town as volunteer firefighters. Their presence will be missed at all fire company functions.

In the past year, Firefighter/EMT Zachary Reynolds enrolled in and completed the Massachusetts Firefighting Academy's Call/Volunteer Recruit Training Program. This is a five-month program running on nights and weekends designed to educate firefighters to qualify to be National Professional Board Certified. Zach is one of only 6 firefighters in our community to obtain this level of certification.

The current leadership of the department is listed below:

Ryan Brown, Chief of Department  
 Ed North, Deputy Chief of Department  
 Glenn Wilcox, Assistant Chief, Central Station  
 William Brunell, Assistant Chief, Station 2  
 Adam Mead, Captain of Training, Station 2  
 Matt Tyer, Captain/EMS Coord, Central Station  
 Bryan Brown, Lieutenant, Central Station  
 Zachary Sorrentino, Lieutenant, Central Station  
 James Wood, Lieutenant, Central Station  
 Brian Schultz, Lieutenant, EMS Training

The Department currently sits with a roster of 10 full time, 4 part time, 1 volunteer and 38 on-call men and women proudly protecting your community twenty-four hours a day, 365 days a year.

*Respectfully submitted,*



Ryan C. Brown  
**Fire Chief**

# FINANCE COMMITTEE



Finance Committee from July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022:

Nicholas Arienti, Chairman

Marylou Antoniazzi

Susan E. Kelly

Robert Cohen

Sandra Dignard

Donna Plankey

Christopher McGuire

Marilyn Wyatt

Dylan Fergus

*Respectfully submitted,*

Nicholas Arienti, **Chair**

# **GAS & PLUMBING INSPECTOR**



To the Honorable Select Board:

I hereby submit my report for the Fiscal Year 2022

**PLUMBING PERMITS: 68**  
**GAS PERMITS: 76**

**Total Permits: 144**

**Fees collected for: Plumbing and Gas Permits Total: \$7,610**  
**July 1, 2021-June 30, 2022**

*Respectfully submitted,*

Jason Dion  
**Plumbing and Gas Inspector**

# GREENER GATEWAY COMMITTEE



\*Photo courtesy of Peter Hofman

This photograph shows *some* of the nip bottles that the Greener Gateway Committee collected during their annual roadside cleanup in April '22. In that one day, 60 volunteers collected about 1000 nip bottles and nearly 1500 nip bottles were collected by the end of June '22. The annual cleanup also netted 69 large bags of trash and 49 large bags of recyclables. In total for FY 22, the Greener Gateway Committee picked up 267 large bags of trash and recyclables from our roadsides.

The Greener Gateway Committee could always use the help of more volunteers who would like to work to help clean up the Town of Lee. Monthly cleanups are scheduled on the last Saturday of each month from 11am to 1pm and volunteers meet at the Quonset Hut on Railroad Street.

# GREENER GATEWAY COMMITTEE

We thank Town officials and staff, volunteers, school staffs, local businesses and service organizations, the Chamber of Commerce, and local media for supporting our efforts this year to make Lee a greener gateway to the Berkshires. As concerns about COVID receded, we undertook more activities, but were not yet back to normal in our efforts to reduce waste, keep Lee clean, and help it be more sustainable.

## Reducing litter along our roads

Litter can harm wildlife (and pets) and damage the soil. It detracts from our beautiful town, spoils the experience of being outside, and gives the impression that residents don't care. It is a persistent and frustrating town-wide problem needing constant attention. We're grateful to everyone who volunteered for our cleanups and to Town Webmaster David Parker and Colleen Henry from the Chamber of Commerce for helping to publicize them. Weather and road conditions enabled us to hold monthly cleanups each month July-October, December, March, May, and June, and our annual cleanup in April. Overall, we removed 249 large bags of trash and recyclables plus myriad odds and ends from our roadsides. We shudder at the thought of what they would look like without our cleanups. We never can cover all the roads that need it, so we always need more help.

Given the abundance of nip bottles, we started separating them and researching what other communities are doing about them. We also monitored the cigarette butt collectors downtown, and encouraged people to use them.

## Working to reduce waste

Massachusetts can't handle all the waste it generates, sending some to other states to handle. This situation isn't sustainable. We engaged in the following activities to reduce waste:

- We promoted "green holidays" through flyers and posters, web content, a letter to the editor, and displays at the Post Office and Lee Public Library. We again collaborated with the Lee Lion's club, which picked up holiday greens and dropped them off for the goats at the Monte Vista Farm in Lee and donated the proceeds to Lee Boy Scout Troop #3.
- We set up and staffed a zero-waste station at the post Memorial Day parade bar-be-cue at the Toole Insurance Agency.
- We provided Lee schools with hard copy and electronic recycling guides in multiple languages to help students and parents recycle properly.
- We promoted compost bins and pails, which the Town sells at a discount, and directly sold the pails (the DPW sells the bins).
- We purchased the third water bottle filling station, which will be installed near the corner of Main Street and Frank Consolati Way. We hope the three stations will reduce the use of single-use plastic water bottles (which will also save people money).
- One of our members participated in a "repair café" in Sheffield, the goal being to fix a wide range of items rather than having them thrown out and needing to purchase a replacement.

**Collaborating for environmental benefits:** We continued to collaborate on numerous activities with others, including entities outside of Lee. The challenges many volunteer organizations face in recruiting members and the importance of reaching out to a wide audience to accomplish major initiatives make collaboration essential to success.

# GREENER GATEWAY COMMITTEE

- We continued to collaborate with the Berkshire Environmental Action Team (BEAT) and Community Action Works to close the peak power plants in Lee and Pittsfield or to have them convert to battery storage, and to reduce peak power demand. The plant in Lee, on Woodland Road, burns kerosene to generate power, emitting pollutants whenever it operates.
- We shared a booth with the Lee Land Trust at the Farmers Market in mid-June.
- We continued to support the Downtown Community Garden adjacent to St. Mary's Church, under the outstanding leadership of Katherine Miller.
- We continued to participate in the Cooler Communities Program (funded by the Harold Grinspoon Foundation and led by Lee resident Uli Nagel). The program connects classroom learning to climate solutions across Massachusetts. We carried out initial planning and facilitated outreach to Lee Public Schools.
- We continued to meet regularly with representatives of similar committees in Sheffield and Egremont to share activities, strategies, and lessons learned.
- Members met with the head of Berkshire Amistad, which brings to Honduras various used items, including medical-related, and collected and donated used medicine bottles.

## **Raising awareness, reaching out to the community, and sharing our experience**

Through our activities, community outreach, displays, letters to the editor, calendar postings, news articles, regularly updated content on the Town's website, and frequent announcements posted by the Lee Chamber of Commerce, we continued to increase awareness of key environmental issues, including efforts to keep Lee clean.

Throughout the year we shared myriad tips and resources to reduce waste and otherwise help the planet. As part of this effort, we continued to distribute magnets and bookmarks with the nine R's: Rethink-your choices, Refuse-single use, Reduce-consumption, Reuse-everything, Refurbish-old stuff, Repair-before replacing, Repurpose-be creative, Recycle-last option, and Repeat. We also shared our knowledge, experience, and materials with interested residents of other communities.

We said good-bye to Linda and Ron Giancola, two, invaluable, long-term members, who moved to New York at the end of 2021. They contributed so much to the committee's achievements over the years. We miss them.

As previously noted, we are grateful to so many people for their support this year as we strove to help Lee become an even greener gateway to the Berkshires.

*Respectfully submitted,*

Peter Hofman, **Chair**  
 Valerie Bluhm, **Vice-Chair**  
 Patricia Johnston  
 Monica Ryan, **Member Emeritus**

Joan Angelo  
 Ron Giancola  
 Katherine Miller

Linda Giancola  
 Phyllis Hofman  
 Ann Sterlin

# HISTORICAL COMMISSION

The primary work of the LHC for FY22 has been to obtain a matching grant from the Massachusetts Historical Commission for the updating of our inventory of historical places. Upon acceptance of our letter of intent to the MHC we then submitted a full application which was accepted in March 2021. Since then, we have been working to form a list of properties to be inventoried. The project of total revision and completion of our inventory will have to be done in phases and this is just phase one. This phase will include about 115 properties: there are more than 200 more to be inventoried.

We followed the progress of the Community Preservation Act, trying to facilitate the passage of the bylaw necessary to enact the formation of the CPA Committee.

We have continued to support the Eagle Mill project submitting letters quarterly.

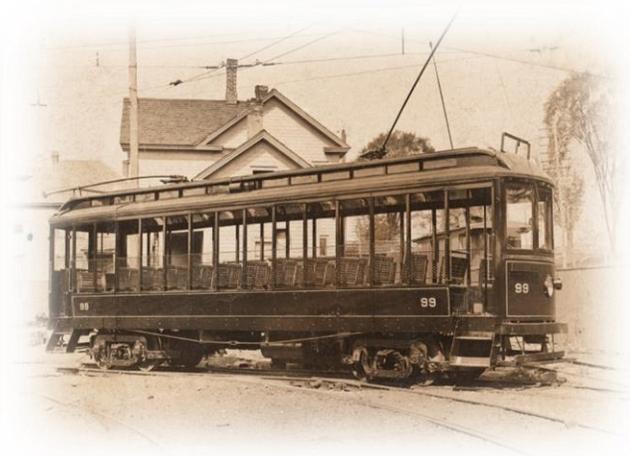
We have received and responded to requests for information regarding changes to historical properties.

We continue to study the impact of demolition delay bylaw and establishing our historical districts as state protected districts, but the latter does require the completion of our inventory which we expect by the end of June 2023.

*Respectfully submitted,*

Susan Stone, **Chair**  
William Mathews  
Sandra Cozaglio  
Brian Noel  
David Stone

\*Photographs courtesy of the Lee Library Historical Collection



Lee Trolley (ca. 1900-1910)



DPW with snow removal equipment (ca. 1950-1959)



Senator John F. Kennedy in the Lee Courtroom, May 1956



Central Fire Station, 1912



Main Street, 1890



Main Street Labor Day Celebration, 1945

# HOUSING AUTHORITY



This year the Lee Housing Authority was able to complete several projects. After several months of delays, 667 program Brown Memorial Court received a full roof replacement including the community room building as well as a new kitchen and bathroom ventilation system. This project was funded with a DHCD sustainability grant. Brown Memorial Court unit modernization work was performed in three units including flooring and appliances. The four elderly handicapped units were upgraded with new accessible showers.

Family Housing Chapter 705 Program: family units in Clarke Court, modernization work was performed in four units including new flooring and appliances, with two additional units slated for next year.

With the assistance of Katherine Miller, Lee Community Gardens, Brown Memorial Court was part of a new garden project. The construction of four raised bed garden boxes as well as two arbors were installed, and several tenants volunteered to maintain the gardens. This was a successful venture and is planned to be a permanent addition to the complex.

Chapter 358 of the Acts of 2020 § 70-72 and 88-91 made changes regarding Tenant Board Members in Towns, by providing one member appointed by the Governor, three members elected by the Town and one “tenant board member” to be appointed by the Town. This change will now make the Board of Directors a five-member board. The LHA sent written notices to each public housing tenant and posted notices informing residents of the seat and their eligibility to serve on the board. In October, the tenant board member seat was filled by Marjorie Donovan, tenant at Brown Memorial Court, for a term to expire on October 21, 2026.

A special thank you to the maintenance staff at Lee Housing Authority for continuing to keep our residents safe and healthy during the COVID-19 pandemic. It has been a difficult time to say the least, but with the cooperation of all tenants and staff, we continue to provide a safe environment for all.

*Respectfully submitted,*

Sandra Cozzaglio, **Chair**  
 Thomas Unsworth  
 Thomas Logsdon  
 Jennifer Heath  
 Marjorie Donovan

# HUMAN RESOURCES



Under the previous title of the shared ACAO (Assistant Chief Administrative Officer) with the Town of Lenox beginning in 2017, the shared Town’s Human Resources Department now operates under a new title, Director of Human Resources for the Towns of Lee & Lenox. The Town’s Human Resources department supports, attracts, and retains high-performing employees who fit our positive, can-do culture and who are committed to serving the community, and uphold our Town’s mission and values. We do this by providing competitive, equitable benefits; resources for personal and professional development; and expectations for high ethical conduct so that employees can be successful in their work – and enjoy doing it.

Functional areas of the Human Resources department are staffing and workforce planning, compensation, benefit administration, labor relations, policy development, training and development, safety/risk management and personnel management.

The workforce throughout the Town includes both represented and non-represented employees in full-time and part-time capacities. In addition, we have temporary and seasonal employees as well as paid-on call volunteers. In total, between active employees and retirees we have 348 people enrolled in benefits.

The Town continues to work with MIIA. The Massachusetts Municipal Association (MMA) established the MIIA Health Benefits Trust in 1992. This Trust was established pursuant to MGL Ch 32B § 12 and is now one of the largest municipal purchasing collaboratives in the nation.

MIIA is a partner with Blue Cross Blue Shield of Massachusetts, a national health insurance leader and innovator. This partnership provides our employees and retirees access to an extensive network of quality hospitals, physicians and essential health care providers. It also provides the Town access to a wide selection of flexible health plan options. As experts in the nuances of municipal health insurance and reform, we work closely with MIIA daily to develop a multi-year strategic approach to manage costs without compromising quality.



*Respectfully submitted,*

Lyndsay Patenaude,  
**Director of Human Resources**

**Goals**

- Continue to offer and make available all training, conferences, workshops to all employees.
- Continually explore and expand upon options in areas of recruitments and how to reach target audiences. For example, participating in local job fairs, this enhances the opportunity to meet with community members and local youth and communicate information pertaining to Town employment.
- Continue to work closely with the Town Administrator on the Performance Evaluation processes. This will aid in facilitating communication with employees, set expectations and goals, and enhance professional development.

# LAND TRUST

Lee Land Trust



## Preserving Nature for Future Generations

To the members of the Lee Select Board and Residents of Lee...

We THANK all our supporters in 2022, our 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary! We value our members & those who donate to us which helps 'pay the bills' and further our cause of preservation, responsible development and future sustainability for the Town of Lee.

Special recognition to our local businesses who have donated items to our Founder's Day Raffle: Ben's Store, Clark's Nursery, Karen Keenan Gifts, Meow & Growl, Morgan House, Starving Artist Café, Tony Caropreso and Janet McKinstry.

We believe in local-the businesses & the residents-to help keep Lee the Green Gateway to the Berkshires. Natural beauty surrounds us and we are glad that folks have been enjoying the trails in and around Lee. Golden Hill Town Forest had necessary trail work completed this summer. Neighbors & friends worked on removing some invasive plants. Join in the fun of maintenance-never know what you'll see!

March is the time for our membership drive and we were able to use the large glass display case in the post office to show some of our 30 year history. The display continued to June changing with the seasons. Topics ranged from winter trees, spring wildflowers, green cleaning, recognizing invasive plants, birds, bees and more. We are always trying to educate folks to what we have & value in Lee. Jodi at the Lee Library had made a special display for us too. Thanks Jodi!

Brianna Kelly was our scholarship winner. Congratulations to her as she continues her studies at the University of New Hampshire in wildlife biology.

We were able to set up space 3 times at the Farmer's Market to display our work & offer items for sale. Corey Heath, teacher from Lee HS was able to have some birdhouses made for us which we offered. We also participated in the Earth Day Celebration with other Lee groups on the Saturday afternoon.

BNRC & LLT oversee the CR property at Oak 'n Spruce. All seems to be unchanged. \*New project is removing the temporary 1 lane bridge & bring back a new design for the 2 lane bridge at the brook.

Our property on Church St, which we are calling "Williams Way", 30 acres of conservation land, will have a sign posted soon noting the area. Heather Pixley who designed the Longcope Park sign, will use that model for our "Williams Way" Conservation Area.

# LAND TRUST

We had a Spring Wildflower Walk in Golden Hill Town Forest (GHTF). We hope to continue some guided walks to encourage folks to enjoy their outings & maybe learn something about our local flora & fauna. GHTF will be having a new trail map & sign soon. Dave Buttery & Linda Cysz have been working on this project. We THANK Ann LaBier & staff at Your Color Connection for working on the design and Chris Brittain, our Town Administrator, for making sure funds are available to support the care & maintenance of our Town Trails.

Our LLT website is up & running! We finally have a place to show our history, goals, photos, news and more thanks to Jerry Smith. He tackled this project & explained the process to us. He is a top-notch volunteer to do this and we truly appreciate all his work. We are trying to add some interesting news about the woods on the site as well as any upcoming walks/events. So please, check us out: [leelandtrust.org](http://leelandtrust.org). We are happy that our website is a link on the Town of Lee website under 'community'. Thank you again Chris.

We are sad to report that our beloved, longtime supporter of LLT, Mellie Johansen passed away in July 2022 at the age of 98. She was always involved, volunteering, spreading her enthusiasm and keeping us in focus. Our sympathy went out to her family; Mellie will be missed.

Lots of changes are taking place in Lee and the Berkshires. We hope everyone will be aware of the health, beauty & safety of our special Town of Lee. We wish all who wander our trails, fields and woods to remember to Tread Lightly. We are coexisting with all our flora & fauna neighbors and the future is in our hands. So enjoy, volunteer for RIP (remove invasive plants), consider the changes in the forests & wildlife and share your experiences to spread the enthusiasm. We'd love to hear from you. And we always need new ideas & members.

*Respectfully submitted,*

Linda J. Cysz, **President**

**Board Members:**

Joan Angelo  
Sue Antil  
Linda Buttery  
Gail Ceresia  
Jan O' Brien  
Jerry Smith



# LEE YOUTH ASSOCIATION

WHERE ALL CHILDREN ARE VALUED FOR THEIR INDIVIDUALITY

The Lee Youth Association continues with its' mission which is "to value all children, young adults and their families for their individuality while enriching their lives through social, healthy, educational and recreational programming based on the ever-changing needs of our community." Along with our mission we design our programming to help working families and their children by opening early and closing late.

To that end we continue all of our sports programming which consists of an outstanding basketball program – house league and travel league. The house league has 24 teams and 216 players enrolled. The travel league has 5 teams and 56 players enrolled. In the spring we run softball, t-ball and rookies league programs. The softball program has 21 girls enrolled and we play other teams across Berkshire County. The T-ball program has 17 players enrolled and the Rookie league has 15 players enrolled. These two leagues play locally through to the end of the school year.

In the summer we run a very exciting fun-filled day camp at Lee Elementary and St. Mary's Schools which consists of dozens of diverse activities – both indoor and out. We have sports, crafts, games, hikes, contests, art classes, karaoke, fitness classes, African drumming, clowns, scavenger hunts, balloon making, STEM classes and more. We have 143 campers enrolled and employ many counselors from Lee – all LMHS graduates. The camp has a Counselor in Training (CIT) program. Youth entering 8<sup>th</sup> grade and above are eligible to participate in this program which trains them to become camp counselors in the future. Our camp is licensed by the Tri-Town Health Department.

Our After School program at the Lee Elementary School has 56 students enrolled in 2 programs – grades k-2 and grades 3-6. The programs begin immediately after school and run until 5:30. Activities consist of outdoor games and sports and indoor games, arts and crafts and gym time. We also provide academic assistance. This program is run by extremely qualified staff from the Lee Public School system. This program is licensed by the Massachusetts Department of Early Education and Care.

We also hold vacation programming – December, February and April - which consists of many of the same activities as our After School programming and is run by the same highly qualified staff.

Our Busy Bee Learning Center seems to continually grow as the needs constantly increase for childcare. We now have 6 classrooms – 1 Infant, 3 Toddler rooms, a preschool and pre-k with a total enrollment of 68 children. We have also added a behavioral specialist and a transition room to allow children who need quiet time to have one-on-one attention and play in a calmer environment than a full classroom – especially as they transition from their parent's care to our care in the morning and need to do so a little more slowly. The room is big and open and airy while also remaining homelike. We even have our own therapy hamster named "moo". Our Busy Bee Center is also licensed by the Massachusetts Department of Early Education and Care.

The LYA and LMHS put on a career fair every spring at LMHS for students in grades 7-12. We host 40 vendors including businesses, organizations, colleges and all branches of the military. Our goal is to expose students to as many career opportunities as we can.

We would like to again take this opportunity to thank the Town of Lee and all of its community members for their support. We look forward to continuing to serve you and provide our youth with many more amazing opportunities and programs!

**Respectfully submitted:**

Sharon Terry, **Executive Director**



Ali Zabian, **Board President**

Heidi Cooper, **Board Secretary**

Sam Sorrentino, **Board Treasurer**

Kery Burke, **Board Member**

Daniel Kinney, **Board Member**

Tobey Simone, **Board Member**

Maura Stanton, **Board Member**

Pam Naventi, **Board Member**

Sandy Dignard, **Board Member**

# LEE YOUTH COMMISSION

The mission statement of the Lee Youth Commission (LYC) is to advocate for groups which provide recreational programming designed or established for the youth of Lee. In addition, the LYC may identify other needs and make appropriate recommendations for future activities and programs.

The focus of the Lee Youth Commission this year has been the notion of a community center. Specs from Kerry Bartini, Berkshire Design; Matt Puntin, SK Design; and Brian Hallett, Pike Company brought things forward so that the Commission could pursue the funding for a feasibility study and a marketing analysis. Quotes from three firms for this aspect of research were presented to the finance committee. After discussion, the committee recommended \$20,000 be placed on the warrant for a feasibility and a marketing analysis. At the annual town meeting, the Commission was awarded the \$20,000.00. With that Barry Dunn was hired. On July 26, 2021, a contract was signed between Lee and Berry Dunn McNeil & Parker LLC dba BERRYDUNN for consultant services for a marketing analysis and a feasibility study. By Tuesday Aug. 24, 2021, at 2:30 Barbara Heller from Berry Dunn began the kickoff meeting for the feasibility study.

In the meantime, the Lee Youth Commission met with representatives of the Lee Youth Association to discuss the possibility of the two organizations to work together in this endeavor, but, unfortunately, this was not a partnership that could be accomplished at this time. A second story and an estimate of an additional \$3,650,000 for a second floor put the project above the already high-cost estimates. Basically, the Lee Youth Association was looking for 10,000 square feet for its day care and preschool programs. Nonetheless, a letter was sent to Ali Zabian about LYA participation. The response was to respectfully decline to participate at this time because they did not have the resources to contribute to the cost of the added facility.

As Barry Dunn started their research, Kerry Bartini and Matt Puntin continued to support the LYC, and Brian Hallett continued to put together the advantages and disadvantages of going forward with a full project or breaking it into two phases. Now Barry Dunn was ready to hold a community meeting on November 3<sup>rd</sup>. The information analyzed from questions and answers was put forward as part of Barry Dunn's research, which was presented to the town before the town meeting. Because of the annual supplemental cost in tax dollars, the town representatives voted against a community center 44 to 2. Despite that huge margin in the vote, people contacted the LYC to encourage them to continue the pursuit of a community center. The commission agreed to put the notion of a community center on hold until the select board could help with means of financing this endeavor without a huge impact on the taxpayers.

In the interval, the LYC would work with available funds to build hiking trails, a dog park, or something else that begins to use the Stockbridge Road property. Other areas of focus for the LYC included changes in meeting day, bylaws, playgrounds, and programs. Instead of the second Monday night meeting, the meetings changed to the second Wednesday of the month. Bylaws for the commission were written and presented to the Lee Select Board and approved. Playground equipment was ordered including soccer nets, pickleball set, and a Power Tower. Alan Zerbato, Superintendent of the DPW, ordered benches and picnic tables from COVID money. The new shed, assembled by the carpentry students at Lee Middle and High School, was placed in the corner of the tennis court at the Lee Athletic Field. In addition, free WI-FI was put at the pavilion, and the camera lenses have been cleaned on a regular basis by Mike Kline.

As in the past four years, an ice-skating rink at the Lee Athletic Field was built. Thanks go out to the many who volunteered to help build the frame, place the liner, and/or filled the area with water : Bill Hall Sr., Joe Terzigni, Nick Arienti, Ron Lovato, Jimmy and Jack Purcell, Chris McGuire, Mike Kelly, Aaron Aubin, Maguire Roosa, Mason Mihek, Caroline & Cooper Maloney, Ariana Hall, Brianna Kelly, Carina Brown, Emma Puleri, Todd Palmer, Matt Fenton, Corey Gaherty, Chief Ryan Brown, Peter Brown, Mike Kline, Rob Maloney, Glenn Wilcox, Kathy Hall and Janet Warner. Thanks also go to the DPW for measuring the area and Steve Garrity for rolling out the area.

*Respectfully submitted:*

Kathy Hall, **Chairwoman**  
Janet Warner, **Vice-Chairwoman**  
Mike Kline, **Secretary**  
Maguire Roosa

Aaron Aubin  
Clare "Bunnie" Lahey  
Jen Carlino  
Colleen Korte

# LIBRARY ASSOCIATION



"Lee Library" by Marguerite Bride

To the Honorable Select Board,

I hereby submit the annual report for the fiscal year July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022:

Total Circulation.....	36,282
Circulation of Print Materials.....	25,956
Circulation of Non-Print Materials.....	10,326
<i>(DVD's E-books, Music, Museum Passes)</i>	
Materials Received from Other Libraries.....	7,287
Materials Provided to Other Libraries.....	4,882

Of the total circulation, 27,214 items were adult materials, 784 items were young adult materials and 8,272 were children's materials. A total of 6900 were by non-residents. Of that, 6,579 were Massachusetts residents from certified towns. An additional 67 were to Massachusetts residents from non-certified towns, and 254 were to out-of-state patrons.

Number of Volumes Owned.....	47,015
Print Periodicals, Newspapers & Subscriptions.....	2,240
Audio (CD, Cassette, etc.).....	312
Video (DVD, VHS, etc.).....	3,288
E-books.....	121,003
Downloadable Audio.....	53,146
Downloadable Video.....	1,856
Microfilm.....	238
Museum Passes.....	14
Miscellaneous.....	45
Number of Registered Borrowers.....	4,273

# LIBRARY ASSOCIATION

It was with great sadness that we noted the passing of our friend and former Board President J. Peter Scolforo in April 2022. In the late 1970's, Peter was instrumental in preparing the grant for the building of the Lee Library addition. He was responsible for this project from start to finish and when he retired from the Library Board, the Board honored Peter by naming the gallery after him.

The improved change in the pandemic situation made it possible to reestablish in-person services to the community. For the major part of the year, our gallery exhibits and programs were in person. It was wonderful to see patrons enjoy the Quilt Show, our 21<sup>st</sup> CreativeLEE art exhibit, author/artist workshops, weekly knitting sessions and more.

We are very grateful to Jess Maloney and Michelle Hayden from South Berkshire Kids, a program for early education and care. They were able to resume their in-person programs Babies and Books and Brain Builders at the library.

The Lee Library's Summer Reading Program was Oceans of Possibilities. Sixty-four people enrolled and weekly prizes were awarded and a raffle was held at the end of the summer.

Our summer program started with an enthusiastic audience filling the gallery for Henry the Juggler. Weekly stories and crafts were offered throughout the summer. The program ended with a performance of Something's Fishy from Mary Jo Maichak.

Memorial donations were received this year in memory of J. Peter Scolforo, Edward Rizzadini and Gertrude and Charles Fresia. A sincere thank you to the many people who made monetary gifts to the library; we are very grateful for your support. We are equally grateful for the donations of photos and objects that were contributed to our Lee Library Historical Collection. Our goal has been to as much of the Historical Collection as we are able. We continue to exhibit items and digitize additional items for access by the community. Links to the collection may be viewed on our library's web page.

I want to thank our staff for all they do for our patrons and the community, Jen Heath, Megan Magner, Mary Rossi, Ann Millett, Angelina Artioli, Luann Auger, Liana Hall, Hadley DeVarness and Alan Zerbato. I would like to thank our volunteers for the help they provide in the library; Myron Hood, Julia Insinger, and Susan Sparks.

The Board of Directors of the Lee Library Association are:

Mary Philpott, **President**  
 Thomas Unsworth, **Treasurer**  
 Zoe Dalheim  
 Susan Horsford

Judy Narcacci, **Vice-president**  
 Sheila Viale, **Clerk**  
 Sharon DeLorme  
 D. Lynn Shaw

Barbara Allen  
 Tom Consolati  
 Sandra Hayes  
 Donna Toomey

Thank you to the Board and Corporators who work tirelessly for the library.

*Respectfully submitted,*

Jodi Magner, **Interim Library Director**

# POLICE DEPARTMENT



To the Honorable Lee Select Board:

*\*Photos courtesy of Lee Police Department Facebook Page*

It is an honor and privilege to continue serving our citizens and community as Chief of Police. I am proud of the Lee Police Department and see through their dedicated service that staff cares deeply for the community they serve. We collectively want to assure our board and community that we remain committed to delivering a superior public safety service while maintaining a strong focus on small-town community engagement.

This past year, we continued to meet challenges related to the Covid pandemic. We maintained our partnership with various community and public safety organizations to meet or exceed public safety needs throughout the various stages of this pandemic.

This year, like many police agencies across the Commonwealth, we experienced staffing shortages. As a result, we engaged in new recruiting and hire efforts. We now look forward to newly acquired and fully trained Officers joining our ranks in coming fiscal year.

Officer Roosa continues in his role as our newest existing full time Officer and has done a fantastic job serving the community with distinction.

Staff members Stephanie Burdick and Richard Roy continue to excel in their supervisory roles as Lee Police Sergeants. Sergeant Burdick assists with administrative operations while she also does an excellent job overseeing and taking part in larger investigations. Sergeant Roy serves as our Patrol Sergeant assisting with overseeing day to day patrol operations. He also continues to serve as the Department's primary training coordinator. We are fortunate to have them both as they continue to do an excellent job, serving with dedication and commitment to our department and community.



# POLICE DEPARTMENT

Officer Hopkins continues as our School Resource Officer. Officer Hopkins also serves as the Departments designated Juvenile Resource Officer and social media coordinator. Officer Hopkins brings significant experience and value to the SRO program, partnering with our schools to stay engaged with our youth. We are very excited to announce in the coming fiscal year, we anticipate he will be transitioning to full time SRO. With this, Officer Hopkins will be able to expand on his dedicated service to our students at St. Mary's, the Elementary school as well as the Middle and High Schools. Through this expansion, Officer Hopkins will ensure we have safe school campuses while building on those important positive relationships with students and staff alike.

I would like to thank Officer Towne as he continues his important work as a firearm and taser instructor for the Lee Police Department. As a state certified instructor, he is capable of conducting all state required annual firearms and taser qualifications as well as related training.

During this year, Officer Pleu continued in his role as an investigator assigned to the Berkshire County violent crimes task force. He serves on this regional team that is made up of full time Officers from various Agencies from across Berkshire County. In doing so, he has gained valuable investigative experience and has built positive working relationships with Officers from all across our County. These relationships, skills, training and experience continue to be essential resource that benefits our department and community.

We would like to recognize Officer Wood for his work as the Department liaison for our community-based events. Officer Wood played an integral role in the planning to restart our annual sweater run event to support our Berkshire County Special Olympics athletes. We look forward to this and other upcoming community events thanks to Officer Woods in this role.

As a department, we continue to recognize the importance of maintaining safe roads and neighborhoods through traffic enforcement. We understand traffic safety patrols serve an important visible deterrent to speeding and infractions as well as serve to deter other crimes beyond just motor vehicle infractions. With the arrival of new Officers in the coming fiscal year, we anticipate and look forward to the ability to periodically assign patrol units specifically to traffic safety duties. We will also continue our deterrent efforts using supplemental tools, such as our traffic radar trailer to help enhance traffic safety.

We would like to give a special thanks to Tracy Dunn, our Administrative Assistant. Tracy has been with our department for many years and she continues to be a remarkable asset to our department and community. We sincerely appreciate all that she does.

This year, we welcomed our new Town Administrator Christopher Brittain. He has been a valued partner in achieving our public safety mission. We thank him for his ongoing commitment and support so that we can continue meeting the public safety needs in our community.

I would like to also thank the Board of Selectmen and the Town of Lee Representatives for all they do and their continued support. We truly appreciate their commitment to our department and community.

Most importantly, as a department, we would like to thank our amazing community for their continued support. With that support, we promise to continue our efforts and will do our part in keeping the Town of Lee a truly special and safe place.

# POLICE DEPARTMENT

Listed below is a summary of calls the Lee Police Department responded to in FY 2022:

Approximate total number of calls for service, 8542

Aggravated Assault: 7	Mental health crisis calls: 23
Simple Assault: 38	Restraining / Harassment Orders: 23
Burglary: 32	Drunkenness: 3
Shoplifting: 14	Liquor Law Violations: 2
Theft from Building: 5	Narcotic Violations: 7
Theft from Motor Vehicle: 43	Disorderly Conduct: 3
All Other Larceny: 34	Destruction/Vandalism: 33
Motor Vehicle Theft: 3	All Other Offenses: 43
Counterfeiting: 2	Town By-Law Offenses: 59
False Pretenses type larceny: 14	Alarms Answered: 140
Trespassing: 4	Motor Vehicle Accidents: 151
Motor Vehicle Citations: 127	Forcible Rape: 2
Driving Under the Influence: 9	Statutory Rape; 1
Intimidation: 15	Other Sexual Assault; 4

Approximate combined total arrests, criminal summons and protective custodies: 105

*Respectfully submitted,*

Craig Desantis  
**Chief of Police**

# SANDY BEACH COMMITTEE

To the Honorable Select Board,

This summer at Sandy Beach was a huge success. The beach opened on the last day of school. The beach committee, operation manager, police station, and the town representatives worked extremely hard to make sure that the beach was able to open on time. The beach was able to open to Lee Residents by use of gate monitors. The gate monitors this year were Zach Bianco, Aiden Hawley, and Dmitri Consolati.

The staff this year consisted of many highly qualified lifeguards to ensure safety for all guests. The staff was Norah Miller, Mathew Miller, Szofia Lewis, Lannah Hartley, and Michael Losardo. Maintenance for the beach was Dmitri Consolati. This year's beach season could not have been as successful as it was without the lifeguards, gate monitors, and maintenance.

This summer we were thankful to have the Lee DPW help get the beach up and running before patrons arrived. The Lee DPW were able to cut down some trees that were hanging in the road and fix the parking lot. We would like to thank the Lee DPW for their continued support.

The Beach Committee would like to thank the Lee families for their support, and the town representatives for their commitment. The Beach Committee would also like to thank the Lee Selectboard, Lee DPW and the Scheurer family for the use of their road. We offer the Wilde family of Highlawn Farm our gratitude for these many years of fun and pleasure at Lee Sandy Beach.

We are very eager for the opening of the beach this summer!

*Respectfully submitted,*

Samantha Sorrentino, **Operation Manager**

## **Beach Committee**

Deidre Consolati, **Chair**

Mary-Lou Antonazzi

Monica Ryan

Gail Ceresia

Kelly Abdalla



# SEALER OF WEIGHTS & MEASURES



To the Honorable Select Board:

I hereby submit my report for the fiscal year: 2022

**Total Tested:** \_\_\_\_\_ **45**

**Fees collected for: Weights and Measures** \_\_\_\_\_ **\$6852.50**

*Respectfully submitted,*

Jesse Polo,  
Sealer of Weights and Measures

## SELECT BOARD & TOWN ADMINISTRATOR

To the Citizens of Lee:

In February of 2022 Interim Town Administrator Christopher Brittain officially became the Town Administrator following the September 26, 2021 withdrawal of the intermunicipal agreement for a shared Town Administrator by the Town of Lenox. In addition to a new Town Administrator, Cindy Bigelow retired at the end of FY 22 and the Town welcomed a new assistant, Sabrina Touhey, to the administrative offices.

During FY 22, a number of other changes took place in town including a return to Open Town Meeting. This referendum vote ended the representative form of government that began in 1969. In addition, the town began an aggressive plan to update and add to its long-term planning initiatives. Lee sought several planning grants to update the Town's Comprehensive Master Plan and to create a Municipal Vulnerability Preparedness Plan, Hazard Mitigation Plan and a Capital Improvement Plan. The town passed bylaws for a new Community Preservation Committee and the Select Board appointed an Appalachian Trail Committee to pursue a trail community official designation. The town also began a feasibility study for the construction of a public safety facility that would house Police, Fire, Building and Health Departments.

The Board and Town Administrator are eager to see these projects and initiatives continue throughout FY 23 for final completion in FY 24. We hope for continued involvement and input from the residents of Lee.

*Respectfully submitted,*

Sean Regnier, ***Chair of Select Board***

Bob Jones, ***Select Board Member***

Gordon D. Bailey, ***Select Board Member***

R. Christopher Brittain, ***Town Administrator***

Sabrina Touhey, ***Administrative Assistant***

# TOWN ACCOUNTANT

## DEBT SCHEDULE

JUNE 30, 2022

**TOWN OF LEE  
DEBT SCHEDULE**

	Outstanding 7/1/2021	Issued This Year	Retired This Year	Outstanding 6/30/2022	Interest Paid
<b>LONG TERM DEBT</b>					
<b>Inside Debt Limit</b>					
Departmental Equipment (EMS Equip)	-	1,006,500		1,006,500	
Roads (2018 art#11)	-	22,000		22,000	
Roads (2019 art#11)	-	258,500		258,500	
Roads (FY22 Paving)	-	898,500	-	898,500	-
<b>Total Inside Debt Limit</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 2,185,500</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 2,185,500</b>	<b>\$ -</b>
<b>Outside Debt Limit</b>					
Elementary School	1,675,000		825,000	850,000	37,875
Sewer Plant #5-35	7,185,250		1,138,471	6,046,779	132,320
Water Filtration #1	933,905		933,905	-	28,789
Water Filtration #1 (Refinance)	-	799,500		799,500	
Water Plant #2	178,947		178,947	-	9,628
Water Plant #2 (Refinance)	-	159,000		159,000	
Water Plant #3	2,281,281		2,281,281	-	122,822
Water Plant #3 (Refinance)	-	2,041,000	-	2,041,000	-
<b>Total Outside Debt Limit</b>	<b>\$ 12,254,383</b>	<b>\$ 2,999,500</b>	<b>\$ 5,357,604</b>	<b>\$ 9,896,279</b>	<b>\$ 331,435</b>
<b>TOTAL LONG TERM DEBT</b>	<b>\$ 12,254,383</b>	<b>\$ 5,185,000</b>	<b>\$ 5,357,604</b>	<b>\$ 12,081,779</b>	<b>\$ 331,435</b>
<b>SHORT TERM DEBT</b>					
School Boiler	44,841		44,841	-	387
Dump Truck	64,257		64,257	-	528
Large Dump Truck	111,112		111,112	-	982
Design,Repair, Pave Town Roads	428,082	369,943	798,025	-	2,969
<b>TOTAL SHORT TERM DEBT</b>	<b>\$ 648,292</b>	<b>\$ 369,943</b>	<b>\$ 1,018,235</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 4,867</b>
<b>TOTAL DEBT</b>	<b>\$ 12,902,675</b>	<b>\$ 5,554,943</b>	<b>\$ 6,375,839</b>	<b>\$ 12,081,779</b>	<b>\$ 336,302</b>

# TOWN ACCOUNTANT

## CAPITAL PROJECT FUNDS JUNE 30, 2022

TOWN OF LEE CAPITAL PROJECT FUNDS	BALANCE 7/1/2021	PERM BOND REVENUE	TRANSFERS IN	EXPENSES	DEBT SERVICE	TRANSFERS OUT	BALANCE 6/30/2022
WATER FILTRATION PH#1	15,039						15,039
DUMP TRUCK FINANCING	112,174		64,582		(64,785)		111,971
SCHOOL BOILER FINANCING	44,841		62,020		(45,228)		61,633
LARGE DUMP TRUCK 1829	46,719		193,074		(112,094)		127,699
ROAD PAVING & EQUIP BORROWING	459,083	2,830,722	340,003	(845,853)	(800,994)	(375,366)	1,607,595
<b>TOTAL CAPITAL PROJECT FUNDS</b>	<b>\$ 677,856</b>	<b>\$ 2,830,722</b>	<b>\$ 659,679</b>	<b>\$ (845,853)</b>	<b>\$ (1,023,102)</b>	<b>\$ (375,366)</b>	<b>\$ 1,923,936</b>

# TOWN ACCOUNTANT

## TRUST AND AGENCY FUNDS · JUNE 30, 2022

### TOWN OF LEE TRUST FUNDS

	BALANCE 7/1/2021	RECEIPTS & CHANGE IN INVESTMENTS	TRANSFERS IN	EXPENSES	TRANSFERS OUT	BALANCE 44742
<b>RESTRICTED</b>						
FAIRMONT CEMET	187,250		1,200			188,450
M. JONES	4,700					4,700
AA JONES	<u>1,000</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,000</u>
<b>TOTAL RESTRICTED</b>	<b>\$ 192,950</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 1,200</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 194,150</b>
<b>UNRESTRICTED</b>						
Medicare Seniors OPEB	553,371	60,600				613,971
Stabilization	713,986	(13,128)				700,858
Special Ed Stab Fund	-	(2,135)	125,000			122,865
Fire Truck Stabilization	295,769	(4,761)				291,008
Fairmont Cemetery	29,192	(18,103)			(14,869)	(3,779)
Gravestone Repair	433	-			(433)	-
AA JONES	335	(101)				234
Morgan Jones	1,753	(490)				1,263
Law Enforcement	2,294	8				2,302
Historical	1,407	5				1,412
Scholarship Funds*	<u>151,868</u>	<u>29,891</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(32,526)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>149,234</u>
<b>TOTAL UNRESTRICTED:</b>	<b>\$ 1,750,408</b>	<b>\$ 51,786</b>	<b>\$ 125,000</b>	<b>\$ (32,526)</b>	<b>\$ (15,302)</b>	<b>\$ 1,879,367</b>
<b>TOTAL TRUST FUNDS</b>	<b>\$ 1,943,358</b>	<b>\$ 51,786</b>	<b>\$ 126,200</b>	<b>\$ (32,526)</b>	<b>\$ (15,302)</b>	<b>\$ 2,073,517</b>

### TOWN OF LEE AGENCY FUNDS

	BALANCE 7/1/2021	RECEIPTS	TRANSFERS IN	EXPENSES	TRANSFERS OUT	BALANCE 44742
Willow Hill Solar	30,350	287,891		(310,314)		7,926
Cyprus Hill Renewables	9,340	14				9,354
Tri-Town	4,599	28,177		(26,110)		6,667
Police Holdings Account	939	40				979
Deputy Fees	3,595	10,966		(9,901)		4,660
Firearms Lic	9,266	8,725		(10,775)		7,216
Berk Sterile Mfgt	690					690
Scully- Sewer Mitigation	82	102				184
Curb Cuts	8,041	5,010		(4,021)		9,029
O/S Consultant	66					66
Mill Reuse Pass Thru	2,400					2,400
Warner Cable Pass Thru	240					240
Redemption Pass Thru	<u>16</u>	<u>210</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(210)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>16</u>
<b>TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS</b>	<b>\$ 69,624</b>	<b>\$ 341,134</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ (361,331)</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 49,427</b>

# TOWN ACCOUNTANT

## TRUST AND AGENCY FUNDS

JUNE 30, 2022

**TOWN OF LEE**

**TRUST FUNDS \*Scholarship Funds**

	BALANCE 7/1/2021	RECEIPTS & CHANGE IN INVESTMENTS	TRANSFERS IN	EXPENSES	TRANSFERS OUT	BALANCE 44742
NAGLE SCHOLAR	102	(2)		-		101
JOHN J. BOYNE	5,014	(69)		(500)		4,445
LEE HIGH CLASS OF 1966	1,105	91		(500)		696
H.J. WHEELER	2,896	(43)		(100)		2,753
B & J STEVENSON	16,073	2,233		(1,500)		16,805
PEASE MEMORIAL	29,139	(436)		(1,000)		27,703
MICHAEL R. COTY	9,520	(142)		(200)		9,177
DAVID BAILEY	826	(8)		(250)		568
JOSEPH LORING	79					79
WURTZBACH	737	(7)		(200)		529
MARIO BONA MEMORIAL	507	(6)		(100)		401
VICTOR BLACHE MEMORIAL	47					47
HEATHER HELEN HAWLEY	1,994	(26)		(250)		1,718
ROBERT LUCY	11,277	2,764		(1,000)		13,041
CHARLES STRATTON	16,190	(255)				15,935
EUGENIO BONAFIN	262	(4)		(150)		108
ARDELLA DONNELL	1,895	(28)		(100)		1,768
AL&MARY VINATIER	7					7
CLASS 37 D. TRUFANT	17					17
HENRY G. GREINER	2,899	944		(300)		3,544
MEG CADE	1,413	(3)		(800)		611
MARK DRURY	81	(1)				80
RICHARD MORIN	642	0		(500)		142
ALBA PASCO	8,648	(137)		(100)		8,411
ELOISE MYERS	3					3
JOSEPH SAVERY	2,734	(43)				2,691
MAJORIE WICKHAM MEM	37,643	24,643		(24,576)		37,711
JOSEPH LOSTRANGIO	8					8
LEE RETIRED EDUCATORS'	110	424		(400)		134
LEE HS CLASS OF 1975	<u>1</u>				<u>-</u>	<u>1</u>
<b>TOTAL Scholarship Funds</b>	<b>\$ 151,868</b>	<b>\$ 29,891</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ (32,526)</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 149,234</b>

# TOWN ACCOUNTANT

## SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS

JUNE 30, 2022

### TOWN OF LEE

#### SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS

	BALANCE 7/1/2021	RECEIPTS	TRANSFERS IN	EXPENSES	TRANSFERS OUT	BALANCE 6/30/2022
TOBACCO GRANT	14,490	62,500		(77,221)		(231)
MASS IN MOTION	35,423	54,500		(68,288)		21,635
HYPERTENSION	13,852					13,852
PWTF GRANT	44,184			(13,504)		30,679
COVID 19 DPH	27,588			(6,638)		20,950
HIGHWAY:CHPT 90	-	30,952		(30,952)		-
PHESS GRANT	47,391	398,909		(316,911)		129,389
LAUREL LAKE DFG ZEBRA MUSS GRANT	20,000					20,000
LABOR ESCROW ACCT	16,653					16,653
REPAYMENT LOAN FUNDS	2,425					2,425
SOLARIZE MASS AED GRANT	-	2,500				2,500
EPA BROWNFIELDS COMMUNITYWIDE	-	42,887		(42,887)		-
STATE AID TO LIBRARIES	34,331	9,637				43,967
M Arts Cul Council Grant	4,827	5,628		(300)		10,155
C O A FORMULA & INCENTIVE	(204)	18,516		(18,079)		234
MA DEP RECYCLING GRANT	-	750		(750)		-
FEMA EMS GRANT 2020	371	7,248		(4,967)		2,652
COVID19-FEMA	(112,636)	87,133		(6,581)	25,503	(6,581)
COVID19-CARES ACT	258,103	(19,133)		(180,986)	(25,503)	32,481
CLFRF (ARPA) COVID	296,421	556,410		(178,980)		673,851
DRUG TASK FORCE	(1,309)	9,309		(10,102)		(2,101)
MASSWORKS GRANT	(326,166)	2,449,221		(2,123,054)		-
TOTAL SCHOOL GRANTS	64,887	912,461		(965,634)		11,715
CONSERVATION COMMISSION	17,515	2,500		(2,368)		17,647
AMBULANCE	200,177					200,177
INS CLAIM PROCEEDS	-					-
SALE OF CEMETARY LOTS	69,923	9,755			(1,200)	78,479
MUNICIPAL WATER INFRASTRUCTURE	498,882	4,010				502,891
MARIJUANA ESTAB HOST AGREE	489,023			(23,547)	(5,000)	460,476
SPECIAL EVENT COMPOST BINS	912	750				1,662
COMPOST BINS	498	140				638
MASS RIDESHARE REVOLVING	407	12				418
RETAIL TRAINING PROGRAM	12,116	3,837		(1,302)		14,651
POLICE O/S DETAIL	5,778	171,821		(135,862)		41,737
COMMUNITY PRESERVATION FUND	-	138,758				138,758
ELDERLY TAX ABATE PROGRAM	7,372	2,479		(250)		9,601
POLICE D.A.R.E. DONATION	1,262					1,262
DONATIONS JOAN WICKHAM FLOWERS	34,840	5,870		(8,960)		31,750
DONATIONS POLICE	50					50
FLAG DONATIONS	-	2,740				2,740
DONATIONS-COA	1,544	1,448		(204)		2,788
DONATIONS-AMBULANCE	6,246			(4,939)		1,307
SKATEBOARD PARK	110					110
DONATIONS COVID 19 COMM MEALS	-					-
DONATIONS/FNDR RECYCLING COMM	711	28				739
TRI TOWN HEALTH	7,412	290,110	139,497	(451,014)		(13,995)
ACO	-	10,842			(10,842)	-
SOUTHERN BERK HHW PROGRAM	7,002	53,472		(51,128)		9,347
SCHOOL SPECIAL ARTICLES	-		100,000	(97,701)		2,299
SCHOOL ATHLETIC REVOLVING	72,561	32,011		(13,212)		91,361
SCHOOL LUNCH PROGRAM	42,672	443,314		(307,815)		178,172
TOTAL REVOLVING SCHOOL FUND	<u>2,212,146</u>	<u>1,272,483</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(1,026,751)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,457,879</u>
<b>TOTAL SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>\$ 4,129,786</b>	<b>\$ 7,075,808</b>	<b>\$ 239,497</b>	<b>\$ (6,170,886)</b>	<b>\$ (17,042)</b>	<b>\$ 5,257,164</b>

# TOWN ACCOUNTANT

## Combined Balance Sheet - All Fund Types as of June 30, 2022 (Unaudited)

	General	Special Revenue	Capital Projects	Enterprise	Trust and Agency	Totals
<b>ASSETS</b>						
Cash and cash equivalents	5,961,715	5,379,001	1,923,936	3,963,102	2,122,945	19,350,698
Receivables:						
Personal property taxes	16,792					16,792
Real estate taxes	514,170					514,170
Allowance for abatements and exemptions	(693,451)					(693,451)
Tax liens	288,441					288,441
Motor vehicle excise	101,124					101,124
User fees				298,276		298,276
Utility liens added to taxes				12,791		12,791
Departmental	291,269	143,947				435,216
Other receivables	(50)			4,019		3,969
Foreclosures/Possessions	97,366					97,366
Total Assets	<u>6,577,376</u>	<u>5,522,947</u>	<u>1,923,936</u>	<u>4,278,189</u>	<u>2,122,945</u>	<u>20,425,392</u>
<b>LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY</b>						
Liabilities:						
Warrants payable	482,566	117,363		34,331	1,645	635,904
Accrued payroll	100,449	4,474		16,395		121,319
Withholdings	292,310					292,310
Other liabilities	10,975					10,975
Deferred revenue:						
Real and personal property taxes	(162,489)					(162,489)
Tax liens	288,441					288,441
Foreclosures/Possessions	97,367					97,367
Motor vehicle excise	101,124					101,124
User fees				298,276		298,276
Utility liens added to taxes				12,391		12,391
Departmental	291,269	143,947				435,216
Other receivables				4,019		4,019
Total Liabilities	<u>1,502,011</u>	<u>265,784</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>365,413</u>	<u>1,645</u>	<u>2,134,852</u>
Fund Equity:						
Reserved for encumbrances	1,383,261	5,735		628,897		2,017,894
Reserved for expenditures	1,189,049					1,189,049
Reserved for snow and ice deficit	(96,674)					(96,674)
Reserved for debt service	32,150					32,150
Undesignated fund balance	2,567,579	5,251,429	1,923,936	3,283,878	2,121,300	15,148,121
Total Fund Equity	<u>5,075,366</u>	<u>5,257,164</u>	<u>1,923,936</u>	<u>3,912,776</u>	<u>2,121,300</u>	<u>18,290,540</u>
Total Liabilities and Fund Equity	<u>6,577,376</u>	<u>5,522,947</u>	<u>1,923,936</u>	<u>4,278,189</u>	<u>2,122,945</u>	<u>20,425,392</u>

# TOWN ACCOUNTANT

## Combined Balance Sheet - All Fund Types and Debt as of June 30, 2022 (Unaudited)

	General	Special Revenue	Capital Projects	Enterprise	Trust and Agency	Long-term Debt	Totals
<b>ASSETS</b>							
Cash and cash equivalents	5,961,715	5,379,001	1,923,936	3,963,102	2,122,945		19,350,698
Receivables:							
Personal property taxes	16,792						16,792
Real estate taxes	514,170						514,170
Allowance for abatements and exemptions	(693,451)						(693,451)
Tax liens	288,441						288,441
Motor vehicle excise	101,124						101,124
User fees				298,276			298,276
Utility liens added to taxes				12,791			12,791
Departmental	291,269	143,947					435,216
Other receivables	(50)			4,019			3,969
Foreclosures/Possessions	97,366						97,366
Amounts to be provided - payment of bonds						12,081,779	12,081,779
Total Assets	<u>6,577,376</u>	<u>5,522,947</u>	<u>1,923,936</u>	<u>4,278,189</u>	<u>2,122,945</u>	<u>12,081,779</u>	<u>32,507,172</u>
<b>LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY</b>							
Liabilities:							
Warrants payable	482,566	117,363		34,331	1,645		635,904
Accrued payroll	100,449	4,474		16,395			121,319
Withholdings	292,310						292,310
Other liabilities	10,975						10,975
Deferred revenue:							
Real and personal property taxes	(162,489)						(162,489)
Tax liens	288,441						288,441
Foreclosures/Possessions	97,367						97,367
Motor vehicle excise	101,124						101,124
User fees				298,276			298,276
Utility liens added to taxes				12,391			12,391
Departmental	291,269	143,947					435,216
Other receivables				4,019			4,019
Bonds payable						12,081,779	12,081,779
Total Liabilities	<u>1,502,011</u>	<u>265,784</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>365,413</u>	<u>1,645</u>	<u>12,081,779</u>	<u>14,216,632</u>
Fund Equity:							
Reserved for encumbrances	1,383,261	5,735		628,897			2,017,894
Reserved for expenditures	1,189,049						1,189,049
Reserved for snow and ice deficit	(96,674)						(96,674)
Reserved for debt service	32,150						32,150
Undesignated fund balance	2,567,579	5,251,429	1,923,936	3,283,878	2,121,300		15,148,121
Total Fund Equity	<u>5,075,366</u>	<u>5,257,164</u>	<u>1,923,936</u>	<u>3,912,776</u>	<u>2,121,300</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>18,290,540</u>
Total Liabilities and Fund Equity	<u>6,577,376</u>	<u>5,522,947</u>	<u>1,923,936</u>	<u>4,278,189</u>	<u>2,122,945</u>	<u>12,081,779</u>	<u>32,507,172</u>

# TOWN ACCOUNTANT

## Combining Balance Sheet - Enterprise Funds as of June 30, 2022 (unaudited)

	WATER Enterprise Fund	SEWER Enterprise Fund	Totals
<b><u>ASSETS</u></b>			
Cash and cash equivalents	1,768,564.52	2,194,537.29	3,963,101.81
Receivables:			
User Fees	118,148.42	180,128.02	298,276.44
Utility liens added to taxes	6,396.06	6,394.93	12,790.99
Other receivables	1,511.71	2,507.67	4,019.38
Total Assets	<u>1,894,620.71</u>	<u>2,383,567.91</u>	<u>4,278,188.62</u>
<b><u>LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY</u></b>			
Liabilities:			
Accounts payable	5,210.76	29,120.16	34,330.92
Accrued payroll and withholdings	8,243.86	8,151.52	16,395.38
Deferred revenue:			
User Charges	118,148.42	180,128.02	298,276.44
Utility liens added to taxes	6,296.06	6,094.93	12,390.99
Other receivables	1,511.71	2,507.67	4,019.38
Total Liabilities	<u>139,410.81</u>	<u>226,002.30</u>	<u>365,413.11</u>
Fund Equity:			
Reserved for encumbrances	304,104.99	324,792.42	628,897.41
Unreserved retained earnings	1,451,104.91	1,832,773.19	3,283,878.10
Total Fund Equity	<u>1,755,209.90</u>	<u>2,157,565.61</u>	<u>3,912,775.51</u>
Total Liabilities and Fund Equity	<u>1,894,620.71</u>	<u>2,383,567.91</u>	<u>4,278,188.62</u>

*Respectfully submitted,*

Jennifer Catolane, **Town Accountant**

# TOWN CLERK



To the Honorable Select Board:

As Town Clerk, I served as the custodian of records for births, deaths, burials, marriages, business certificates, census records, voting records and town records. I also served as Election and Records Access Officer. I am also an Ordained Minister and continue to provide weddings in the courtroom at Town Hall. A special thank you to Mary Swift for her help as the Assistant Clerk and Allen Ni from Lee High School for his extended help with elections and office assistance. A heartfelt thank you to R. Christopher Brittain for mentoring me throughout this process, and encouraging me along the way. The clerk’s office continues to offer online orders of birth, death and marriage certificates as well as online dog licenses.

The following elections took place in 2022:

Town Election – May 16, 2022

Primary Election-September 6, 2022

State Election-November 8, 2022

The following are the vital statistics for the calendar year 2022:

Population: 5339

Registered Active Voters: 4586

Births: 36-Certified Copies printed 293

Deaths: 92-Certified Copies printed 445

Marriage Intentions: 50

Weddings: 13 – Certified copies printed 202

Tag Salee Permits: 36

Raffles: 1

Business Certificates: 42

Combustible Storage Permits: 14

Dog Licenses: 335

Kennel Permits: 1

*Respectfully submitted,*

Rachael B. Armstrong  
**Town Clerk**

# TOWN CLERK



## TOWN OF LEE, MASSACHUSETTS

### Town Clerk Office

#### Proceedings of the Town Elections

May 16, 2022

Rachael B. Armstrong, Town Clerk, declared the polls open at 7:00 am. Zero report was printed from the Image Cast tabulator and posted at 6:29:44am.

Election workers on staff throughout the day were Lucy Boldyga, Estella Ortiz Bodnar, Ann O'Brien, Jim Eithier, Sarah Navin, Elizabeth Mead, Caroline Calkins, Ann Mack, Sheila Viale, Marcia Slaminsky, Mary Swift, Sandy Cozzaglio, Dennis Forshee, Peter Waryoski, Ed Glickman, Jane Burns, Laura Page, Jean Monachina, Teresa Navin.

Police Officer Towne was there for 7:00AM and stayed until 4:00PM. Officer Wood took over from there and stayed until 9:15PM.

Polls were declared closed at 8:00 pm. Results were printed from the Image Cast machine at 8:05:36pm. 1087 total ballots were cast on the image cast machine.

The following are the results of the election:

RACE	CANDIDATE	TOTAL
<b>SELECT</b>	BAILEY	576
	LANGLAIS	384
	R WRIGHT	128
	BLANK	4
<b>QUES 1</b>	YES	655
	NO	390
	BLANK	47
<b>QUES 2</b>	YES	633
	NO	418
	BLANK	41
<b>QUES 3</b>	YES	849
	NO	169
	BLANK	74
<b>MODER</b>	S WRIGHT	816
	BLANKS	269
	WRITE INS	7
<b>PLAN</b>	CARLINO	825
	BLANK	241
	WRITE INS	26

RACE	CANDIDATE	TOTAL
<b>SCH 3 YR</b>	LARMON	817
	BLANK	1340
	WRITE IN	26
	B STRICKLER	10
<b>SCH 2 YR</b>	NICHOLS	762
	BLANK	326
	WRITE IN	4
<b>SCH 1 YR</b>	KOSIOREK	763
	BLANK	325
	WRITE IN	4
<b>DIST 1</b>	DONOVAN	141
	FORREST	134
	TYER	143
	BLANK	228
	WRITE IN	2
<b>DIST 2 (3)</b>	BLUM	132
	DEVARENNES	168
	KENNEDY	136
	BLANK	171
	WRITE IN	4

# TOWN CLERK

RACE	CANDIDATE	TOTAL
<b><u>DIST 2 (2)</u></b>	LANGLAIS	133
	BLANK	65
	WRITE	7
<b><u>DIST 3 (3)</u></b>	BORT	75
	MEAD	76
	BLANK	179
	WRITE	7
<b><u>DIST 3 (2)</u></b>	BLANK	102
	WRITE IN	11
		0
<b><u>DIST 4</u></b>	BAILEY	206
	BRUNNELL	183
	KALISCHER	144
	BLANK	255
	WRITE IN	7
<b><u>DIST 5 (3)</u></b>	ARMENT	75
	SORRENTINO	86
	BLANK	144
	WRITE IN	6
<b><u>DIST 5 (1)</u></b>	BLANK	99
	WRITE	5
<b><u>DIST 6</u></b>	HOFMAN	115
	TIERNEY	148
	BLANK	289
	WRITE IN	15

Total number of ballots used was 1092. This included:

37	Absentee Ballots	3	Hand counted
1	Provisional CAST (3 NOT cast)	1	UOCAVA

Total ballots cast was 1092 out of 4477 registered voters (24.39% voter turnout). There were 15 spoiled ballots.

Hand counts and write ins were tallied at the polling location. The used and unused ballots were sealed in separate containers and used ballots returned to Town Hall at 9:30 pm. Results were posted on the town website and sent to media outlets at 10:30pm.

# TOWN COLLECTOR/TREASURER

To the Honorable Select Board:

I hereby submit my annual report for the Treasurer/Collector's Office:

The current total amount outstanding for permanent long-term debt is \$12,081,778.94. The total debt schedule effective 6/30/2022 is as follows:

Water Treatment Plant	\$	2,999,500.00
Elementary School		850,000.00
WWTP Expansion		6,046,778.94
Roads		1,179,000.00
Departmental Equipment		1,006,500.00

The short-term debt was paid off in FY22 and currently is at zero balance.

**Cash on hand June 30, 2021** **\$16,562,569.54**

Cash Receipts July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022 \$40,060,491.82

Cash Payments July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022 \$37,022,941.54

**Balance June 30, 2021** **\$19,600,119.82**

**Funds in Various Banks:**

Checking Accounts \$ 4,201,356.81

Liquid Investments \$ 13,191,174.49

Trust Funds \$ 2,207,588.52

All Cash Investments as of June 30, 2022 \$ 19,600,119.82

# TOWN COLLECTOR/TREASURER

<b>FY2022</b>		
<b>COLLECTOR'S REPORT</b>		
	<b><u>COLLECTED</u></b>	<b><u>BALANCE AS OF</u></b>
<b>Real Estate Tax</b>		<b><u>JUNE 30, 2020</u></b>
2020	51,437.00	35,643.00
2021	222,735.00	77,776.00
2022	12,840,354.00	400,750.00
<b>Personal Property</b>		
2016	.00	703.00
2017	.00	.00
2018	.00	244.00
2019	98.00	539.00
2020	357.00	1,756.00
2021	4,406.00	3,175.00
2022	1,326,144.00	10,368.00
<b>Motor Vehicle Excise Tax</b>		
Prior Years	1,731.00	19,730.00
2019	1,486.00	6,330.00
2020	5,748.00	7,751.00
2021	227,652.00	10,067.00
2022	811,191.00	58,732.00
2020 Water Lien Added to Tax	478.00	.00
2020 Sewer Lien Added to Tax	44.00	.00
2021 Water Lien Added to Tax	3,292.00	2,387.00
2021 Sewer Lien Added to Tax	4,658.00	2,621.00
2022 Water Lien Added to Tax	26,709.00	3,889.00
2022 Sewer Lien Added to Tax	42,814.00	3,774.00
2020 Municipal Water Infrastructure Charge	257.00	285.00
2021 Municipal Water Infrastructure Charge	1,732.00	795.00

# TOWN COLLECTOR/TREASURER

**FY2022**

**COLLECTOR'S REPORT CONTINUED**

**COLLECTED**

Trailer Park Fees		9,240.00
Elderly-Disabled Donation Fund		2,375.00
Deputy Fees		10,755.00
Municipal Lien Certificates		7,016.00
Interest Added to General Fund		52,404.00
Fees Added to General Fund		10,749.00
Registry of Motor Vehicles Clear		4,340.00
Water Receipts		1,166,514.00
Sewer Receipts		1,780,140.00
Total Receipts		\$18,617,456.00
Added to Tax Title in FY2022	\$	.00
Total Taxes Deferred and Due		.00
Taxes in Litigation		.00
Foreclosures		\$97,366.00

*Respectfully submitted,*

Donna M. Toomey,  
**Treasurer/Collector CMMT/CMMC**

# TOWN OF LEE

## WAGES PAID IN FY 22

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN**

Bigelow, Cindy	\$	54,028.20
Bailey, Gordon	\$	262.50
Carlino, Patricia	\$	1,837.50
Jones, Robert	\$	2,100.00
Regnier, Sean	\$	2,100.00

**TOWN ADMINISTRATOR**

Brittain, R. Christopher	\$	82,020.76
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**HUMAN RESOURCES**

Patenaude, Lyndsay	\$	80,213.16
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**TOWN ACCOUNTANT**

Browne, Lynn	\$	77,089.94
Catolane, Jennifer	\$	6,752.50

**BOARD OF ASSESSORS**

Navin, Sarah	\$	53,715.73
Avalle, Karen	\$	2,400.00
Caropreso, Anthony	\$	2,400.00

**TOWN TREASURER / COLLECTOR**

Toomey, Donna	\$	80,923.86
Ketchen, Heather	\$	52,103.27
Gagnon, Jennifer	\$	4,523.25

**TOWN COUNSEL**

Pollard, Jeremia	\$	33,756.68
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**IT TRAINER**

Parker, David	\$	289.19
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**LAND USE**

Mead, Elizabeth	\$	48,074.90
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**CONSERVATION COMMISSION**

Vsetecka, Kathleen	\$	6,921.32
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**COUNCIL ON AGING**

Digrigoli, Patricia	\$	45,426.60
Faber, Christine	\$	2,475.00
Maroney, Sr., Kevin	\$	476.00
Tyer, Jeanne	\$	4,235.97

**TOWN CLERK**

Armstrong, Rachael	\$	33,569.50
Cozzaglio, Sandra	\$	508.44
Swift, Mary	\$	972.19

**MODERATOR**

Wright, Sarah	\$	300.00
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**BOARD OF REGISTRARS / ELECTIONS**

Antoniazzi, Maryann	\$	44.00
Boldyga, Lucy	\$	68.75
Burns, Jane	\$	82.50
Calkins, Caroline	\$	79.75
Ethier, James	\$	82.50
Forshee, Dennis	\$	44.00
Glickman, Edward	\$	110.00
Mack, Anne	\$	46.75
Monachina, Jean	\$	57.75
Navin, Teresa	\$	66.00
O'Brien, Ann	\$	44.00
Ortiz-Bodnar, Estella	\$	68.75
Slaminsky, Marcia	\$	60.50
Sorrentino, Samuel	\$	4,075.00
Viale, Sheila	\$	49.50
Warywoski, Peter	\$	55.00

**VETERAN'S AGENT**

Mann, Lloyd	\$	7,497.96
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**BUILDING DEPARTMENT / INSPECTORS**

Burton, Michael	\$	6,927.12
Leining, Michael	\$	231.00
Dion, Jason	\$	12,444.72
Collinge, Brandon	\$	2,500.00

# TOWN OF LEE

## WAGES PAID IN FY 22

**POLICE DEPARTMENT**

Biasin, Justin	\$	157.92
Burdick, Stephanie**	\$	110,301.92
Cummings, Chad**	\$	72,101.49
Desantis, Craig	\$	98,937.76
Goodchild, Timothy	\$	49,113.37
Hernandez, Edwin**	\$	12,553.25
Hopkins, Jason**	\$	113,022.31
Kelly, Timothy	\$	76,076.64
Kohlenberger, Adrian**	\$	10,680.75
Leveque, Nicholas**	\$	67,725.14
Pleu, William**	\$	101,600.88
Roosa, Hunter**	\$	75,154.05
Roy, Richard**	\$	119,968.21
Shook, Kevin	\$	17,447.24
Snizek, Joseph**	\$	63,088.17
Towne, Benjamin**	\$	111,600.20
Wood, Robert**	\$	80,609.53
Finnegan, Thomas**	\$	10,850.73
Jezak, Michael**	\$	2,532.79
Martin, Dan**	\$	28,066.46
Dunn, Tracy	\$	48,815.80

\*\*INCLUDES OUTSIDE DETAIL PAY\*\*

**FIRE / RESCUE / EMS**

Brown, Ryan	\$	80,000.08
Fenton, Matthew	\$	50,791.74
Hartlage, Tiffany	\$	25,510.33
Hughes, Edward	\$	212.76
Jolin, Kevin	\$	58,522.83
Perilli, Christopher	\$	2,026.76
Pizzonia, Alexander	\$	38,776.99
Santos, Catelyn	\$	638.28
Sibley, Cameron	\$	2,760.42
White, Austin	\$	60,890.72
Boehm, Jonathan	\$	59,105.18
Keefner, Jaime	\$	66,117.20
Kimball, Justin	\$	8,793.52

Poirier, Michael	\$	79,823.58
Romeo, Joshua	\$	285.48
Schultz, Brian	\$	72,676.37
Tyer, Matthew	\$	91,070.96
Arment, Thomas	\$	3,835.79
Bailey, James	\$	4,035.00
Blache, Gerard	\$	2,228.08
Braim, Jeffrey	\$	219.82
Brown, Bryan	\$	5,049.96
Brown, Peter	\$	3,111.02
Brunell, Robert	\$	1,871.44
Brunell, William	\$	7,867.88
Cahalan, Jr., Gerald	\$	638.17
Collins, Tyler	\$	1,009.04
Dumont, Raymond	\$	131.49
Ford, Michael	\$	1,462.64
Gaherty, Corey	\$	459.43
Gangell, Keith	\$	1,355.76
Larson, Matthew	\$	1,384.93
Lis, Erin	\$	317.92
Mead, Adam	\$	6,652.96
Mechek, Dylan	\$	1,902.61
Mihlek, Mason	\$	2,459.61
Mosca, Austin	\$	1,703.39
North, Edward	\$	9,567.68
O'Brien, Timothy	\$	450.19
O'Neil, Devin	\$	57.16
O'Neil, Keith	\$	3,184.26
Palmer, Randall Todd	\$	2,241.47
Pettibone, Kyle	\$	2,515.01
Puleri, Louis	\$	2,758.77
Renner, David	\$	707.34
Reynolds, Zachary	\$	2,036.25
Ruef, Ryan	\$	802.16
Shields, Liam	\$	94.33
Somerville, Michael	\$	828.38
Stevens, Robert	\$	329.09
Wilcox, Glenn	\$	7,867.88
Wood, James	\$	5,041.92

# TOWN OF LEE

## WAGES PAID IN FY 22

**DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS**

Albee, Shanon	\$	34,633.46
Lovett, Samantha	\$	735.00
Sorrentino, Zachary	\$	80,003.53
Zerbato, Alan	\$	104,562.52
Carlotto, Joseph	\$	63,244.51
Daley, Shamus	\$	47,372.79
Finnegan, Patrick	\$	9,617.36
Giarolo, Anthony	\$	40,112.59
Hopkins, Daniel	\$	58,905.24
Humeston, Donald	\$	57,751.51
Morawiec, James	\$	71,132.83
Newton, Peter	\$	59,468.38
Stewart, Joshua	\$	10,853.25
Carlino, Bryan	\$	19,285.16
Hickson, Joshua	\$	41,477.33
Kearin, Alex	\$	53,097.69
Polo, Jesse	\$	2,550.91
Tyer, Todd	\$	69,786.28
Marks, Peter	\$	6,800.00
Towler, Michael	\$	73,739.30
Baker, Jeremy	\$	39,332.53
Drury, Matthew	\$	28,459.00
Herlihy, Joshua	\$	41,856.96
Lucy, Jonathan	\$	55,789.54

**LEE SANDY BEACH**

Sorrentino, Samantha	\$	5,300.00
Consolati, Dmitri	\$	8,737.50
Finnegan, Maeve	\$	4,035.00
Bianco, Zachary	\$	225.00
Blackledge-Hawley, Aiden	\$	300.00
Baumann, Julia	\$	5,920.50
Burke, Dylan	\$	1,545.00
Hartley, Lannah	\$	68.00
Lewis, Szofia	\$	306.00
Losardo, Michael	\$	4,530.50
Miller, Matthew	\$	5,006.50
Miller, Norah	\$	620.00
Sorrentino, Emma	\$	5,108.00
Therrien, Morgan	\$	7,700.00

**TRI-TOWN HEALTH DEPARTMENT**

Roberts, Zachary	\$	69,661.00
Wilusz, James	\$	106,880.32
Dragonetti, Jason	\$	61,151.04
Pierce, Jonathan	\$	63,653.48
Fletcher, Katherine	\$	42,672.98
Hardt, Amy	\$	84,160.00
Smith, Jayne	\$	20,770.00
Sweet, Jill	\$	72,663.00
Leahey, James	\$	2,662.80
Sullivan, Michael	\$	4,318.20
Tharion, Melissa	\$	948.28
Hsiao, Si-Yuan	\$	142.50
Lovato, Isabella	\$	127.50
Sherman, David	\$	1,080.00

# TRI-TOWN HEALTH DEPARTMENT



**TRITOWN**  
HEALTH DEPARTMENT

LEE + LENOX + STOCKBRIDGE

To the Honorable Select Board:

**Following is a summary of our Public Health Prevention programs:**

**COVID-19 Pandemic:** Fiscal Year 2022 was a continuation of combating COVID-19 like that of 2020-2021. As we roll out mass vaccinations and continued response to COVID, we are trending back to normal as we grapple coexisting with this pandemic for quite some time. We attempt to contact trace as much as we can but with at home testing on the rise, we will never truly see the full scope of the impact of COVID in our community. Our collaborative nurses have distributed over 8000 masks, 6000 at home test kits and have donated several thousand of other PPE to south county stakeholders. With our partners with the Rural Health Network based out of Fairview, we received a grant of \$5000 to assist with those efforts.

**Southern Berkshire Public Health Collaborative.** As FY22 came to a close, we were awarded a 4.1-million-dollar, multiyear grant to partner with 7 other southern Berkshire towns to share a public health nursing program with the towns of Alford, Great Barrington, Mount Washington, Monterey, New Marlborough, Otis, Sheffield, and existing Tri-Town District towns (Lee, Lenox, and Stockbridge). In year 2 the towns of Tyringham and Sandisfield has joined the Collaborative. The new Shared Services arrangement is intended to increase access to those that need comprehensive public health nursing services and will begin to close inequity gaps. It creates a means to organically foster relationships and expand future cross jurisdictional sharing by creating a more focused, regional platform. The pandemic has reinforced the need for smaller, sustainable, effective, and efficient regional public health systems. Access to full time clinical nurses will help diminish inequities, foster new relationships, and create better health outcomes for Southern Berkshire County.

**Regional Household Hazardous Waste Program:** In Fiscal year 2022 the HHW collection program offered a Spring collection in which 376 households registered for and we collected 4,281 gallons of chemical waste. The 17-town collaborative has been functioning for the past 18 years and in FY20, the Tri-Town Health District assumed administrative and operational responsibility to ensure it will continue for several more years. Smaller towns working together to create a sustainable program reflects great collaboration efforts and in addition protects the environment. We thank all of those involved to offer this service to the community.

**Food Service Sanitation Program:** The required mandated food service inspections are in full compliance with state standards up until COVID-19 hit. We made several operational adjustments in how to conduct virtual inspections.

**Tobacco Retailer Training Program:** The Tri-Town Tobacco Retailer certification program continues to be a success. We have continued to see reductions in store fine and suspensions due to ongoing training of store employees. In FY22, 212 vouchers were sold, and 178 clerks were trained. For more information on the Retailer certification program, please visit [www.tritownhealth.org](http://www.tritownhealth.org).

We would like to take this opportunity to thank the Lee, Lenox and Stockbridge Boards of Health for their continued support and assistance and the Tri-Town Health Department staff, and volunteers for their dedication and public service in providing essential public health prevention programs to the communities we serve.

# TRI-TOWN HEALTH DEPARTMENT

## FY 2022 LEE ANNUAL REPORT

### Permits Issued: (Lee Only)

Permit Type	Issued
Bakery	4
Beach	1
Biological Wastes	1
Catering	4
Disposal Works Construction	8
Disposal Works Installer	12
Emergency Beaver Trapping Permits	2
Food Service	71
Frozen Dessert	14
Garbage Hauler	3
Milk/Cream Dealer	1
Milk/Cream Store	17
Milk/Cream Vehicle	0
Mobile Food	6
Motel/Hotel/Cabin/Trailer	11
Pool	11
Pasteurization	1
Rec. Children's Camp	1
Retail Food	37
Septage Hauler	6
Special Event Food Permit	10
Tanning Establishment	0
Tobacco	12
Well Permit	1

### Inspections:

Children's Camps:	1
Food Service/Retail:	100
Housing Inspections/Reinspections	10
Misc. Complaints/Nuisances:	16
Percolation Test Witness:	9
Pool & Hot Tub Inspections:	47
Special Events:	8

### Water Testing:

Ice Sampling	43
Pool & Hot Tub Testing:	93
Quality Control:	170
Water Testing Performed- Beaches:	63
Well Sampling	7
Out of Town:	4
T5 Witness:	10

### Budget Revenue Information Fiscal 2022

Total budget:	\$139,523.93	Revenue generated:	\$56,853.00
Breakdown:	Permits	\$ 43,858.00	
	Water Testing	\$ 8,440.00	
	Septic	\$ 4,555.00	
	Late Fee/Surcharge	\$ 0	

*Respectfully submitted,*

**James J. Wilusz, R.S., Executive Director/Registered Sanitarian**

# VETERANS' BENEFITS & SERVICES



Veterans  
Services

The Veterans' Services office serves the Veterans of Lee and their families. We assist veterans in processing requests for Massachusetts Department of Veterans' Services (DVS) Chapter 115 benefits. Chapter 115 benefits are needs based, and include temporary financial assistance, medical reimbursement, and assistance in applying for aid from other agencies, both state and federal. Veterans with a dishonorable discharge are not eligible. Spouses and dependent children may also be eligible, if the veteran was eligible.

The case load of Lee Veterans' Services was a little lower this year due to the passing of some of the veterans on benefits. The greatest need continues to be for senior veterans' and their spouses, or widows, who have very little income and are unable to work. As noted in previous reports, one of the most underused programs available to veterans is a program that allows a Veteran to receive Medical Only benefits, even if their income is too high for regular benefits. Chapter 115 Medical Only is a needs-based program, with a limit on income and assets. However, in the event income is above the limit, there is a pro-rated system to allow a partial payment of medical bills. This program reimburses co-pays, other medical costs, and can even reimburse the cost of Medicare Part B and some supplemental insurances. Veteran Services does not pay the bills, but reimburses medical bills paid for by the veteran. The majority of veterans' and widows receiving benefits are on the Medical Only program.

Occasionally there are veterans who are able to work, but have lost their job and need temporary assistance until they find employment. For those needing employment, we try to help them gain employment as soon as possible. All veterans' and their families who meet the requirements, received the benefits they were entitled to.

The Town of Lee was able to assist veterans this year with Chapter 115 benefits totaling \$17,689.47. Of the total benefits, 75%, or \$13,267.10, will be reimbursed by the state for an actual cost to the Town of \$4,422.37. This included regular benefits, heating assistance, and medical reimbursements.

The reimbursement amount does not include a repayment from one of the veterans. He began receiving Social Security which put him over the income limit for benefits. Because the payment was retroactive, the veteran was required to pay back to the Town all benefits received from the date of the approval, a payment of \$2,116.00. This veteran still receives some benefits through the Medical Only program.

The Veterans' Service Officer (VSO) also assists veterans and their spouses with federal Veterans' Administration requests. We advise veterans on what is available, and can assist in filling out and submitting the necessary paperwork, but it must be noted that we do not have any input in the approval process. This year there were several requests from veterans' widows in filing for survivors' pension, also known as the death benefit.

*Respectfully submitted,*

Doug Mann  
Lee Veterans' Service Officer/ Veterans' Agent

# WARRANT FOR ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

## May 12, 2022

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS  
BERKSHIRE, SS.

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 High School Auditorium on Thursday, May 12, 2022 at the hour of 7:00 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. Salary 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, 2022, or to take any other action relative thereto.

#### **Article 3. Transfer of Proceeds from the Sale of Cemetery Lots to Perpetual Care Account -Finance Committee Recommends Approval**

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the transfer of the sum of \$4100.00, or any other amount, from the Sale of Cemetery Lots receipts to the Fairmont Perpetual Care Trust Account, or to take other action relative thereto.

#### **Article 4. Omnibus Fiscal Year 2023 General Fund Operating Budgets – Finance Committee Recommends Approval**

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 relative thereto.

# WARRANT FOR ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

## May 12, 2022

		FY2022 BUDGET	FY2023 FINANCE COM RECOMMENDED			FY 22 BUDGET	FY23 FIN. COM.
<b>100</b>	<b>GENERAL GOVT.</b>			<b>300</b>	<b>EDUCATION</b>		
114	MODERATOR	150.00	150.00				
122	SELECTMEN	59,475.12	60,440.60	300	SCHOOL DEPT.	9,781,424.00	10,164,902.00
123	TOWN ADMIN.	108,364.00	102,085.00				
131	FINANCE COMMITTEE	500.00	500.00				
132	RESERVE FUND	70,000.00	70,000.00				
133	COMPENSATION RES	75,000.00	75,000.00				
135	TOWN ACCT.	117,447.00	115,209.00			<b>9,781,424.00</b>	<b>10,164,902.00</b>
141	ASSESSORS	109,955.00	110,955.00				
145	TREASURER/COLLECTOR	196,250.89	199,407.97	<b>400</b>	<b>PUBLIC WORKS</b>		
151	TOWN COUNSEL	36,660.00	37,333.20				
155	INFORMATION TECH.	64,440.00	84,318.00	421	D.P.W. ADMINISTRATOR	45,023.14	46,625.00
156	LAND USE ASSISTANT	48,000.00	48,960.00	422	HIGHWAY CONST.&MAINT	383,410.49	427,808.70
161	TOWN CLERK	61,593.00	62,667.36	423	SNOW & ICE	451,841.00	511,867.00
163	ELECTIONS/REG.	13,200.00	15,100.00	424	STREET LIGHTING	76,500.00	76,500.00
171	CONSERVATION COM.	3,615.17	4,200.00	425	FORESTRY	37,400.00	42,400.00
175	PLANNING BD.	7,581.00	8,081.00	433	SANITARY LANDFILL	24,150.00	21,730.00
176	ZONING BOARD	2,575.00	2,575.00	654	PARKS & PLAYGROUNDS	20,151.74	23,241.13
188	HR	0.00	44,423.68	192	PUB.BLDG.-AIROLDI BLDG	29,890.52	30,046.33
195	TOWN REPORTS	3,600.00	3,600.00	193	PUB BLDG-MEMORIAL HL	50,565.52	50,721.33
196	OFFICE EQUIP MAINT	13,260.00	13,260.00	491	CEMETERY	87,019.72	90,259.99
197	STAFF DEVELOPMENT	4,000.00	4,000.00				
	<b>TOTAL GEN. GOVT.</b>	<b>995,666.18</b>	<b>1,062,265.81</b>		<b>TOT. PUBLIC WORKS</b>	<b>1,205,952.13</b>	<b>1,321,199.49</b>
<b>200</b>	<b>PUBLIC SAFETY</b>			<b>500</b>	<b>HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES</b>		
210	POLICE	1,274,809.23	1,319,617.75				
221	FIRE DEPT (OLD CHART)	0.00	0.00	511	BD. OF HEALTH	765.00	765.00
231	FIRE/EMS	953,468.42	1,025,785.23	519	TRI-TOWN HEALTH	139,496.93	146,344.11 (Lee Only)
241	BUILDING DEPT.	103,199.00	116,214.82				450,301 Total
242	GAS INSPECTOR	5,808.21	5,912.87	522	PORCHLIGHT VNA	0.00	0.00
244	SEALER/WEIGHTS MEAS	5,817.20	7,350.00	523	BRIEN CENTER	2,867.00	2,867.00
245	WIRING INSPECTOR	8,306.77	8,447.13	523	COMMUNITY HEALTH PG	1,250.00	1,250.00
246	PLUMBING INSPECTOR	7,547.84	7,685.10	540	CABLE ADVISORY COMM	150.00	150.00
291	EMERGENCY MGMT	2,250.00	2,250.00	541	COUNCIL ON AGING	68,252.04	70,431.00
292	ANIMAL CONTROL	10,210.94	13,149.00	542	LEE YOUTH ASSOC.	54,873.13	58,459.80
299	COMMUNICATIONS	0.00	0.00	543	VETERAN'S SERVICES	76,248.00	76,397.96
	<b>TOTAL PUB.SAFETY</b>	<b>2,371,417.61</b>	<b>2,506,411.90</b>				
					<b>TOTAL H&amp;H.S.</b>	<b>343,902.10</b>	<b>356,664.87 (Lee Only) 660,621.76 Total</b>

# WARRANT FOR ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

## May 12, 2022

		FY 22 BUDGET	FY23 FIN. COM.			FY 22 BUDGET	FY23 FIN. COM.
<b>600</b>	<b>REC. AND CULTURE</b>			<b>900</b>	<b>FIXED COSTS</b>		
610	LEE LIBRARY	294,054.03	298,464.84	<b>911-912</b>	<b>EMPL. BENEFITS</b>		
620	SANDY BEACH	50,603.56	61,103.00	911	MEDICARE	166,290.77	171,279.49
630	CULTURAL COUNCIL	4,800.00	4,800.00	911	BERK. CTY RETIRMENT	1,000,376.00	1,045,392.00
691	HISTORIC COMM.	485.00	485.00	912	HEALTH INS.	3,133,786.00	3,133,786.00
693	WAR MEMORIALS	2,900.00	2,900.00	912	LIFE INS.	15,000.00	16,045.42
				912	WORKERS COMP	120,565.00	126,593.00
	<b>TOTAL REC &amp; CULT.</b>	<b>352,842.59</b>	<b>367,752.84</b>	912	POLICE MED.	2,033.00	2,033.00
				912	MEDICARE B PENALTY	0.00	0.00
<b>700</b>	<b>DEBT SERVICE</b>				<b>TOTAL EMPL. BEN.</b>	<b>4,438,050.77</b>	<b>4,495,128.91</b>
710	LONG TERM DEBT (P)	825,000.00	850,000.00	<b>940</b>	<b>INSURANCES</b>		
721	LONG TERM DEBT (I)	37,875.00	12,750.00	945	LIABILITY INS.		
722	SHORT TERM DEBT (I)	3,100.00	3,100.00		GEN/PROP/LIAB	112,066.00	117,669.00
					SCHOOL BOARD		
	<b>TOTAL DEBT SVC.</b>	<b>865,975.00</b>	<b>865,850.00</b>				
				946	OTHER INSUR.		
<b>800</b>	<b>INTERGOV</b>				POLICE AND		
					FIRE ACCIDENT	60,990.00	60,990.00
	BERK REG PLANNING	4,736.00	4,807.34				
					SUB. TOTAL INSUR	173,056.00	178,659.00
	<b>TOTAL INTERGOVT</b>	<b>4,736.00</b>	<b>4,807.34</b>		<b>TOTAL FIXED COST</b>	<b>4,611,106.77</b>	<b>4,673,787.91</b>
					<b>TOTAL BUDGET</b>	<b>20,533,022.38</b>	<b>21,323,642.16</b>

**Article 5. Omnibus Fiscal Year 2023 General Fund Capital Budgets**

**Capital Outlay Committee and Finance Committee Recommends Approval**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds any sum or sums of money for capital expenditures of the several departments of the Town as follows:

TOWN HALL SECURITY CAMERAS	\$30,000
YOUTH COMMISSION	\$10,000
FIRE/EMS PAVING	\$78,000
SANDY BEACH	\$2000
DPW - PAVING PLAN	\$74,910
DPW - MECHANIC EQUIPMENT	\$30,000
DPW - PLOW TRUCKS	\$220,000
DPW - PICKUP TRUCK	\$40,000
DPW - CEMETARY MOWER	\$23,000
DPW - EXTRAORDINARY REPAIR	\$12,500
TOWN BUILDINGS-CONTIGENCY	\$12,500
TOWN BUILDINGS - MEM HALL	\$20,000
TOWN BUILDINGS - LIBRARY	\$7,500
LEE HIGH SCHOOL BLEACHERS	\$175,000
LEE PUBLIC SCHOOLS	\$100,000
<b>TOTAL CAPITAL</b>	<b>\$835,410</b>

And further, to provide for said appropriation, transfer the sum of \$835,410 from available funds, or take any other action relative thereto.

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**Article 6. Water Enterprise Fund Operating/Capital Budget – Capital Outlay and Finance Committee Recommends Approval**

To see if the Town will vote to make the following appropriations, or any other sum, to fund the Fiscal Year 2023 budget for the Water Department:

Water Operations	\$1,049,203.91
<u>Capital Expenditures</u>	<u>\$ 27,500.00</u>
TOTAL	\$1,076,703.91

And further, to provide for said appropriations from the following sources of revenue and available funds, or take any other action relative thereto.

User Charges	\$1,049,203.91
<u>Retained Earnings</u>	<u>\$ 27,500.00</u>
TOTAL	\$1,076,703.91

**Article 7. Wastewater Enterprise Fund Operating/Capital Budget - Capital Outlay and Finance Committee Recommends Approval**

To see if the Town will vote to make the following appropriations, or any other sum, to fund the Fiscal Year 2023 budget for the Wastewater Department:

Wastewater Operations	\$2,236,625.37
<u>Capital Expenditures</u>	<u>\$ 112,500.00</u>
TOTAL	\$2,349,125.37

And further, to provide for said appropriations from the following sources of revenue and available funds; or take any other action relative thereto.

User Charges	\$2,236,625.37
<u>Retained Earnings</u>	<u>\$ 112,500.00</u>
TOTAL	\$2,349,125.37

**Article 8. Blanket 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, to execute any documents in connection with said applications and to expend grant funds for purposes received without further appropriation, or to take any other action relative thereto.

**Article 9. Road Repair and Paving (Chapter 90)**

To see if the Town will vote to expend those sums from fiscal year 2023 “Chapter 90” funds as provided by the Commonwealth, or to take any other action relative thereto.

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**Article 10. Omnibus Fiscal Year 2023 General Fund Operating Budgets – Finance Committee Recommends Approval**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds any sum or sums of money for the following purposes:

Bond Payment - Paving	171,270	MEMA Mitigation Plan	7,500
Bond Payment - Fire/EMS	145,099	Laurel Lake Preservation Association	2,500
Chamber of Commerce Advertising	46,500	Berkshire Brownfields	2,000
Chamber of Commerce Gateway/Downtown	10,000	Fireworks - Founders Day	1,000
Historical Commission Matching Funds		Bike Path – Land Title Work	3,000
- Historic Inventory*	16,000	VFW 100th Anniversary	11,000

And to meet that appropriation transfer the sum of \$415,869.00, or any other amount, from available funds, or take any other action relative thereto.

**Article 11. Community Center (2/3 VOTE) – Finance Committee Does NOT Recommend Approval.**

To See if the Town will vote to appropriate \$12,500,000 or any other amount for the purpose of designing, engineering and constructing a community center including all incidental and related costs by borrowing said sum. And further to exempt from the provisions of proposition two and one-half, so called, the amounts required to pay for the bond issued in order to pay costs for the design, engineering, construction, equipping, and furnishing of a new community center, or take any other action relative thereto.

**Article 12. Political Sign Bylaw Revisions (2/3 VOTE)**

**To see if the town will amend Zoning Bylaw § 199.7.1 (Purpose and Findings) by adopting the version below with strike-outs removed and underlined text added, or take any other action relative thereto**

**§ 7.1 Purpose**

(a) Under the authority conferred by the Massachusetts General Laws, as amended, and every other power and authority thereto pertaining, the Town of Lee adopts this ~~section~~ subchapter for the regulation and restriction of billboards, signs and other advertising devices within the town on public ways, or any private way used by the public, or on private property within public view of any public way, public park or reservation in order to protect and enhance the visual environment of this town (its public and private investments in buildings and open spaces) and the safety, convenience and welfare of its residents.

(b) To accommodate the constitutionally protected interests of the public in speech and expression, this subchapter allows political signs wherever a business sign is allowed. In addition, it allows modestly sized political signs to be placed on any person’s private property so long as they do not interfere with traffic or otherwise create a hazard. These rules require the balancing of several interests, including the support of free expression, the protection of orderly and safe traffic flow, and the protection of Lee’s historic and desirable visual appeal. The rules are based on the following legislative findings:

(1) The town controls the placement of signs on town property, through decisions of the Select Board and on occasion by popular vote at town meeting. However, consistent with public safety, private parties may be allowed to place political signs on town roadway property that is adjacent to their own private property or in areas specially designated free speech signage.

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(2) For traffic safety, the Lee bylaw generally requires that business signs maintain a setback of ten feet from the traveled way or lot boundary. Since political signs may now be placed (without a permit) close to the traveled way, they should be of a limited size and placed so that they are unlikely to obstruct the view of motorists entering the roadway or to be unduly distracting to passing motorists.

**Amend § 199-7.3 (18) (Definition)**

**§ 7.3 Definitions**

(A) As used in this section, the following terms shall have the meanings indicated:

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~~(18) Political Sign - A sign designed to influence the action of voters for the passage or defeat of a measure or the election of a candidate to a public office at a national, state or local election~~ A sign placed on private property and designed to influence voters, or to influence any official action by one or more public officials or expressing an opinion on a matter of cultural, societal, religious, or political topic.

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**Amend § 199-10.??2(23) (Definition in SGOD Subchapter)**

**§ ?? .2(23) DEFINITIONS**

For purposes of this Section, the following definitions shall apply. All capitalized terms shall be defined in accordance with the definitions established under the Enabling Laws, or, as applicable, as otherwise set forth in the Zoning Bylaw, or as set forth in the Plan Approval Authority (PAA) Regulations. To the extent that there is any conflict between the definitions set forth in this Section or the PAA Regulations and the Enabling Laws, the terms of the Enabling Laws shall govern.

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**(23) Political Sign**

~~A political sign is a sign designed to influence the action of voters for the passage or defeat or the election of a candidate to a public office at a national, state or local election~~ A sign placed on private property and designed to influence voters, or to influence any official action by one or more public officials or expressing an opinion on a matter of cultural, societal, religious, or political topic.

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**Amend General Standards § 199-7.7(J) (General Rule for Political Signs)**

~~J. Political. Two political signs are permitted per lot without a permit.~~

~~(1) Political signs are permitted if they are stationary, unlighted and temporary. Such signs shall be displayed no earlier than 20 days prior to a voting day and shall be removed within five days after a voting day.~~

~~(2) Political signs may not exceed four square feet.~~

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(J) Political Signs. Political signs are allowed as follows.

(1) The owner of any lot may place political signs on that lot (with a sign permit) on the same terms as a permanent business or home occupation sign in that zone, and without regard to whether a business or home occupation is present.

(2) In addition to signs authorized above, political signs are also allowed (without a sign permit) on private land of the sign owner. Such signs shall not exceed six square feet and may also be placed on the owner's side of any roadway edge, curb or sidewalk, provided that they do not create a traffic hazard, and also on any land with permission of the owner.

(3) In addition to signs authorized above, political signs are also allowed (without a sign permit) in building windows, but they shall not be separately illuminated from the exterior or flashing.

(4) Except as provided above, political signs are subject to the restrictions and limitations generally applicable to other signs in the same zone, including lighting and location. Where both a permitted political sign and a permitted commercial sign are present, the combined area shall not exceed the size allowed in that zone.

**Amend § 7.8(A) (Signs in Residential Zones)**

**7.8 District Regulations.**

A) R20, R30, RA-40, CR and RM District requirements.

(1) Allowed Signs. The following signs are allowed

(a) Any signs listed as by right. [See Section 7.4 (A).]

(b) Sign on Premises. One sign is allowed, with a permit, to advertise an approved professional, artisan or home occupation. The sign shall be a wall sign or freestanding sign on the lot of the building containing the business, shall not exceed ~~six~~ 12 square feet, and shall be located at least 10 feet from the public right-of-way line or attached to the building.

**Amend § 7.7(E) (Construction Project Signs)**

E) Construction. ~~A~~ A single on-premises construction project sign is allowed ~~without~~ with a permit. ~~The sign~~ shall identify the contractor, architect, landscape architect and/or engineer's name, address and other pertinent information.

(1) Construction project signs shall not exceed 12-square feet and shall be set back at least 10 feet from the street lot line or 1/2 the building setback distance, whichever is less.

(2) Construction project signs may be maintained on the building or property for the interim of construction and not more than 30 days following the completion of said construction.

(3) Any contractor may place a sign (without a permit) not exceeding six square feet on a property at which he or she is currently working.

**Amend § 199-7.6 (Administration and Enforcement)**

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### § 7.6 Administration and Enforcement

A. Permits, Applications. No sign requiring a permit shall be erected, displayed, altered or enlarged until an application has been filed and a permit for such action has been issued. Applications shall be on forms prescribed by the Building Commissioner. At a minimum, all applications shall include the applicant's signature, a scale drawing specifying the sign's dimensions, materials, illumination, letter sizes, colors, and support systems as well as its location on the land or in relation to buildings, with all relevant measurements.

\*\*\*\* Paragraphs B and C not affected \*\*\*\*

#### ~~D. Enforcement.~~

~~\_\_\_\_\_ (1) The Board of Selectmen shall designate a Building Commissioner, and that Building Commissioner is hereby authorized to enforce this Subchapter 7. The Building Commissioner is authorized to order the repair or removal of any sign and supporting structure which is erected or maintained contrary to these regulations. Whenever a Building Commissioner is designated, that person or board should notify the State Outdoor Advertising Board.~~

~~\_\_\_\_\_ (2) Interpretation, implementation and enforcement of this subchapter will lay with the Building Commissioner serving as agent for the Board of Selectmen.~~

E.D. Maintenance, Repair and Removal by Owner. Every sign shall be maintained in good structural and electrical condition at all times. The Building Commissioner shall inspect and shall have the authority to order (in accordance with the notice procedures in the following subdivision) the painting, repair, alteration or removal of a sign which constitutes a hazard to safety, health or public welfare by reason of inadequate maintenance, dilapidation or obsolescence. Any sign which has been ordered removed by the Building Commissioner or is abandoned or discontinued shall be removed by the person, firm or corporation responsible ~~for his, her or its sign~~ within 20-30 days of receiving the written notice to remove.

F.E. Emergency Removal of Signs by the Building Commissioner. The Building Commissioner shall cause to be removed, without notice, any sign that:

~~(1) Endangers the public safety, such as an abandoned, dangerous or materially, electrically or structurally defective sign, or a sign for which no permit has been issued due to material electrical or structural defects;~~

~~(2) Impedes vehicular or pedestrian traffic or vehicle sight lines or otherwise creates a traffic hazard;~~

~~(3) Is attached to a government-owned pole, pylon or fence or a utility pole; or~~

~~(4) Is on town-owned land (including roadway, parks and conservation lands), but excluding any political sign placed adjacent to the sign owner's real property and, in accordance with this subchapter, on the owner's side of any curb or sidewalk edge maintained by the town.~~

F. Non-Emergency Removal and Repair. In all cases where emergency action is not authorized above, the Building Commissioner shall enforce this chapter in either of two ways, as he or she may elect:

~~\_\_\_\_\_ (1) prepare Issue a notice of violation which shall describe the sign and specify the violation involved and which shall state that if the sign is not removed or the violation is not corrected or appealed within 20-30 days, the Building Commissioner may cause the sign shall to be removed in accordance with the provisions of this section.; or~~

~~\_\_\_\_\_ (2) Initiate noncriminal disposition under MGL c. 40, § 21D by giving the offender a written notice to appear before the clerk of the district court with jurisdiction in Lee.~~

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~~(3G) Notices.~~ All notices of violation mailed to sign owners or property owners by the Building Commissioner shall be sent by certified mail to the sign owner, if known, or otherwise to the property owner. Any time periods provided in this section shall be deemed to commence on the date of the receipt of the certified mail.

~~(4H) Appeals.~~ Any person having a property interest in the a sign or the real property on which a sign is located may appeal the determination of an emergency removal of a sign or a notice of violation from the Building Commissioner ordering removal or compliance by filing a written notice of appeal with the Lee Zoning Board of Appeals within 30 days. The Zoning Board of Appeals shall hold a hearing in order to determine if the Building Commissioner's order of removal or compliance should be enforced (See § 199-13.2.)

### GI. Penalties.

(1) Whoever violates any of the provisions of this subchapter shall pay a fine not to exceed \$300 for each offense.

(2) Each day that such violation continues shall constitute a separate offense.

~~(3) The Building Commissioner acting as agent for the Board of Selectmen shall be imposed to enforce this section.~~

~~(4) This chapter may be enforced by noncriminal disposition as provided for by MGL c. 40, § 21D.~~

### **Article 13. (Citizens Petition) – Fair Share Amendment Resolution**

WHEREAS, Massachusetts needed new investments in our transportation and public education systems even before the COVID pandemic, and those investments are needed more than ever to lift our economy into an equitable and long-lasting recovery;

WHEREAS, the best way to help working families and rebuild a strong economy for us all is to make that we have quality public schools for our children, affordable public higher education and a reliable transportation system; and

WHEREAS, for Massachusetts to compete against other regions around the nation and the globe, we need modern, reliable transportation; safer roads and bridges, public transportation that works, and safe ways to walk and bike around town; and

WHEREAS, students need a well-rounded education, founded on a rich and varied curriculum that includes science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM), music, art, and athletics; and

WHEREAS, major investments in public education are needed to help students recover academically, socially and emotionally from the COVIC-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS, tuitions and fees at our public colleges are among the highest in the country, forcing students to take on enormous debt just to receive a degree; and

WHEREAS, new state revenue is necessary to rebuilt crumbling roads and bridges, improve our public schools from Pre-K through college, expand access to vocational and technical training, invest in fast and reliable public transportation, make public higher education affordable again, and expand opportunities for healthy walking and bicycling; and

WHEREAS, wealthy Massachusetts residents saw their investments grow during the pandemic while working families struggled, and Massachusetts' wealthiest residents should pay their fair share to support our communities and grow our economy.

THEREFORE , let it be resolved that the Town of Lee, Massachusetts supports the proposed Fair Share Amendment that would create an additional tax of four percentage points on annual income above one million dollars and dedicate the funds raised by this tax to quality public education, affordable public colleges and universities, and for the repair and maintenance of roads, bridges, and public transportation.

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**Article 14. (Citizens Petition) –Act Providing for a Recall of an Elected Official.** To see if the town will vote to accept an act providing for recall of elections in the town of Lee

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assemblies by the authority of the same as follows

### Recall of Elected Official

SECTION 1. Any holder of an elective town office in the town of Lee may be recalled from office for any reason by the registered voters of the town as provided in this act.

SECTION 2. An initial recall affidavit signed by at least 50 registered voters of the town containing the voters' names and addresses may be filed with the town clerk. The initial recall affidavit shall contain the name of the officer sought to be recalled, the office sought to be recalled and a statement of the grounds for recall. The town clerk shall immediately forward the recall affidavit to the board of registrars of voters for verification of signatures.

SECTION 3. The board of registrars of voters shall verify the signatures on the initial recall affidavit within 14 calendar days of receipt of the initial recall affidavit. If the initial recall affidavit is found to contain a sufficient number of verified signatures, the town clerk shall deliver to the first 10 registered voters who signed the affidavit a formal numbered and printed recall petition sheet with the town clerk's official seal and addressed to the board of selectmen demanding the recall and the election of a successor to the office. Prior to the delivery of the recall petition sheet, the town clerk shall fill out the top portion of each recall petition sheet naming the elected official sought to be recalled, the grounds for recall stated in the initial recall affidavit, the names of the first 10 registered voters that signed the affidavit and shall demand the election of a successor to the office. A copy of the recall petition shall be entered in a record book to be kept in the office of the town clerk.

The 10 registered voters of the town to whom the town clerk delivered recall petition sheets shall have 30 days from the date of delivery of the recall petition sheets in which to file their signed recall petition sheets with the town clerk.

To proceed with the recall election, the town clerk shall receive within 30 days from the date of delivery of the recall petition sheets, the required number of signed recall petition sheets containing the signatures, names and street addresses of at least 1 percent of the registered voters of the town as of the date the signed recall petition sheets are delivered to the town clerk.

Within 5 working days of receipt of the recall petition sheets, the town clerk shall submit the recall petition sheets to the board of registrars of voters and the board of registrars of voters shall verify the number of signatures which are names of registered voters of the town.

SECTION 4. If the total recall petition sheets shall be found and certified by the board of registrars of voters to be sufficient, the certified petitions shall be submitted with the certificate of the town clerk to the board of selectmen without delay. The board of selectmen shall give written notice of the receipt of the certified petition to the officer sought to be recalled. If the officer does not resign within 5 calendar days of the date notice is given by the board of selectmen, then the board of selectmen shall promptly order an election to be held on a date fixed by them not less than 64 nor more than 90 days after receipt of the certified petition; provided, however, that if any other town election is scheduled to occur within 100 days after the date of receipt of the certified petition, the board of selectmen may postpone the holding of the recall election to the date of the other election and may include the question of recall on the ballot for that other election. If a vacancy occurs in the office after recall election has been ordered, the election shall nevertheless proceed as provided in this act.

SECTION 5. An officer sought to be recalled may be a candidate to succeed the officer in an election to be held to fill the vacancy. Unless the officer requests otherwise in writing, the town clerk shall place the officer's name on the ballot without nomination. The nomination of other candidates, the publication of the warrant for the recall election and the conduct of the nomination and publication, shall all be in accordance with the law relating to elections, unless otherwise provided in this act.

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SECTION 6. The incumbent shall continue to perform the duties of the office until the recall election. If the incumbent is not recalled the incumbent shall continue in office for the remainder of the unexpired term, subject to recall as before, except as provided in this act. If not re-elected in the recall election, the incumbent shall be considered removed from office immediately and the office vacant.

SECTION 7. Ballots used in a recall election shall contain the following propositions:

FOR THE RECALL OF THE

[NAME OF OFFICER] ( )

AGAINST THE RECALL OF THE

[NAME OF OFFICER] ( )

Adjacent to each proposition, there shall be a place to mark a vote. Following the propositions shall appear the word “Candidates” with directions to voters as required by section 42 of chapter 54 of the General Laws. Beneath the word “Candidates” shall appear the names of candidates nominated s provided in this act. Adjacent to the name of each candidate shall be a place to mark a vote.

If a majority of the votes cast upon the question of recall are in favor of recall, the officer shall be recalled and the votes for the candidates shall be counted. In that instance, the candidate receiving the highest number of votes shall be declared elected for the open office. If less than a majority of the votes cast are in favor of recall, the votes for candidates shall not be counted.

SECTION 8. An initial recall affidavit shall not be filed against an officer within 3 months after the officer takes office or within the last 3 months of the term. In the case of an officer subject to recall election and not recalled, a new recall affidavit shall not be filed against that officer until as least 3 months have elapsed after the election at which the previous recall was submitted to the voters of the town.

SECTION 9. A person who has been recalled from an office or who has resigned from office while a recall petition was pending against them shall not be appointed to any town office within 2 years after the recall or resignation.

Article 15: Citizens Petitions – Informed Citizenry

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate or to transfer from available funds the sum of \$25,000 or any other amount to create a Technical Information Center accessible to all. The content of said Center to be relevant documents, videos and materials in any other media relating to all aspects of PCB’s including health effects, environmental persistence, transportation, removal, and remediation. The purpose of this library is to promote an “Informed Citizenry” that can competently advise the town on the management of the PCBs removed from the Housatonic River and environs as part of the GE/EPA “Rest of river Settlement Agreement”.”

**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 Crossway Village gymnasium, 21 Crossway Street in Lee on Monday, May 16, 2019 at 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. to cast their votes for the following offices and questions:**

<b><u>Moderator</u></b>	<b>One for the term of one year</b>	<b><u>Representatives</u></b>	
<b><u>Selectman</u></b>	<b>One for the term of three years</b>	<b>District 1</b>	<b>Three for terms of three years</b>
<b><u>Lee School Committee</u></b>	<b>Two for the terms of three years</b>	<b>District 2</b>	<b>Three for terms of three years</b>
	<b>One for the term of two years</b>	<b>District 3</b>	<b>One for the term of two years</b>
	<b>One for the term of one year</b>	<b>District 4</b>	<b>Three for terms of three years</b>
<b><u>Planning Board</u></b>	<b>One for the term of five years</b>	<b>District 5</b>	<b>Three for terms of three years</b>
		<b>District 6</b>	<b>One for the term of one year</b>
			<b>Three for terms of three years</b>

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**QUESTION 1 – NON-BINDING - Shall the town require the Select Board to rescind the town of Lee’s approval of the Rest of River Agreement?**

**QUESTION 2 – BINDING - Shall an act passed by the General Court entitled ‘An Act establishing an open town meeting in the town of Lee’ be accepted by the town?**

**Question 3 – BINDING – Shall the town permanently revoke its prior acceptance of Massachusetts General Law Chapter 40 Section 39M, which created a Water Infrastructure Surcharge on real property taxes; the revocation was approved unanimously by town meeting on October 1, 2020?**

You Are hereby directed to serve this Warrant by posting true and attested copies thereof, in five 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 3 day of May, 2022.

  
Patricia D. Carlino, Chair

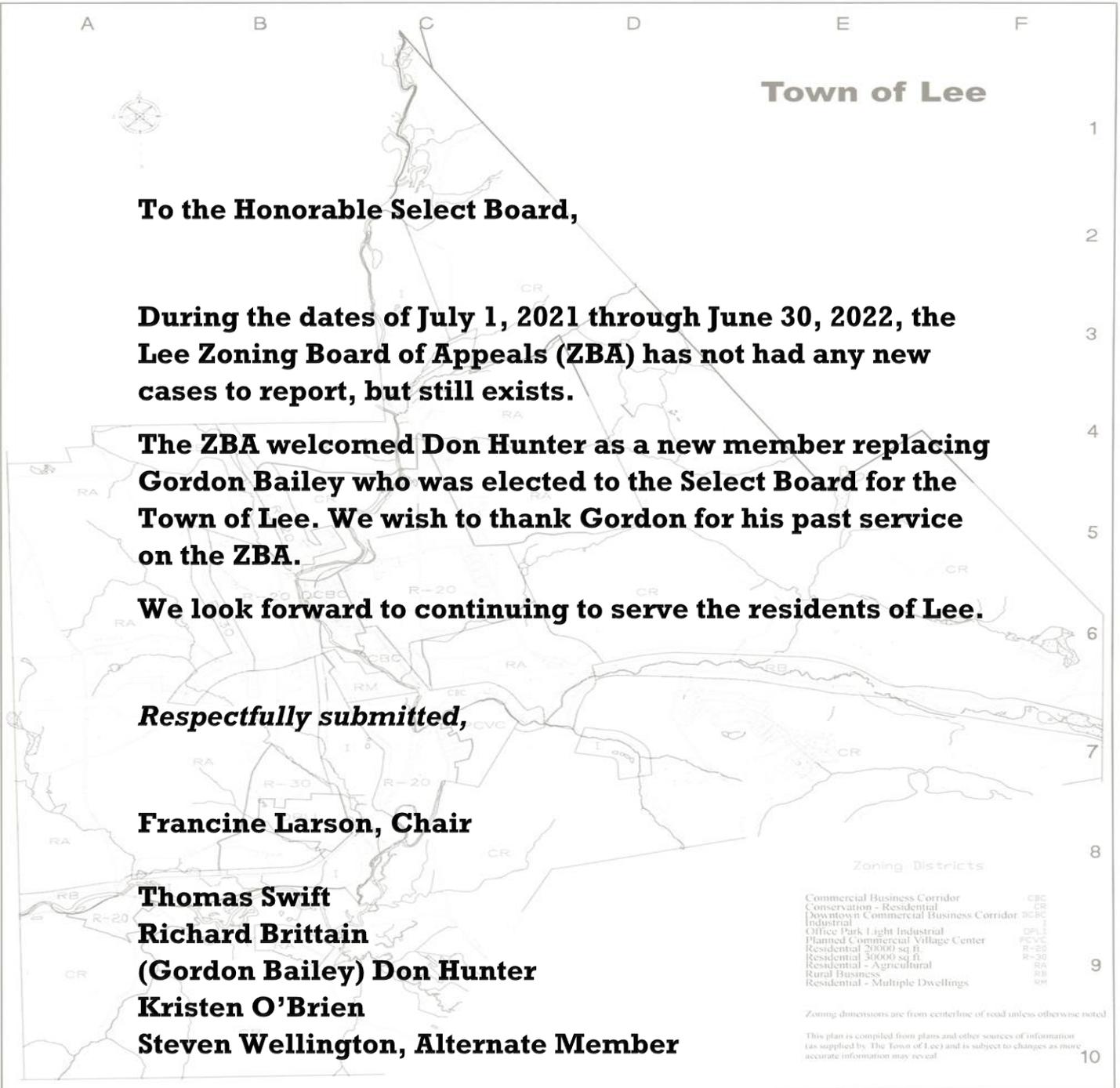
  
Sean J. Regnier

  
Bob Jones

As per instruction in this Warrant, I have posted same, this 4 day of MAY, 2022 in five public places.

  
Constable

# ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS



**ZONING MAP**

PLANNING BOARD  
TOWN OF LEE  
October 28, 2011

**Tighe+Bond**  
CONSULTING ENGINEERS

# LEE WILDCATS





Carpentry students assembling the pavilion on the Town Green!



The 9th Annual LMHS/LYA Career Fair for Grades 7-12



Members of the Social Justice Club participate in the Rise Together Walk. They raised about \$1,000 to help the Elizabeth Freeman Center.



Middle school students & teachers hiking the Tyringham Cobble.



Girls Tennis – Western Mass Class C Champs!

\*Photos courtesy of Lee Middle & High School Facebook Page

# LEE SCHOOL SYSTEM

## *Superintendent of Schools*

### **2021-2022**

The school year that spanned 2021-2022 was quite successful. We welcomed students back “full-time” and stepped on the accelerator to address learning loss related to the COVID-19 pandemic. Our students and staff set goals and accomplished many of them. We consciously afforded additional support for our students in their Social-Emotional Wellness (SEL). There were a myriad of successful events that took place over the year; the individual schools make mention of them in their respective reports.

Over the course of the year, a group of staff, students, and community members put together an updated Strategic Improvement Plan which focuses on Curriculum, Wellness, Technology, and District Organization. With sub-categories to these overarching areas of focus, we have put together a plan that addresses the needs of our students, our staff, our families, and our community. It is important to note that the “Wellness” category of our plan includes an emphasis on physical, mental, intellectual, and social wellness; we need our students to feel good about themselves to be able to be successful moving forward! Part of the Strategic Improvement Plan also addresses the theme of “Excellence. Expected. Every Day.” This mantra is one that we will maintain in the coming years to encourage our students and staff to never settle for mediocrity!

At the district level, we worked collaboratively and creatively to identify the most important resources toward which we would apply State and Federal grant monies. Among those investments include new High Quality Instructional Materials for math at both Lee Elementary School and Lee Middle High School.

At the close of the school year, we accepted a donation of three comfort dogs for use in the schools. The dogs are named Ollie, Maci, and Millie; they are so sweet, and the students and staff quickly embraced having them in the schools.

There are many more details about the day-to-day happenings at the schools, and those are included in the reports that follow.

Thank you and GO WILDCATS!

*Respectfully submitted,*

Michael J. Richard  
**Superintendent of Schools**

# LEE SCHOOL SYSTEM

## *Lee Elementary School*

Here are some highlights from the 2021-22 academic school year for Lee Elementary School (LES):

The 2020-21 school year ended with a glimpse of the COVID-19 pandemic's influence on schools waning. Masking and distancing requirements were sunsetting, and the summer of 2021 was looking like the summer of 2019. With a successful summer program completed, we looked to the start of the school year with a renewed sense of hope that things would be more "normal". We then saw an increase in COVID cases, propelled by variants such as Delta and Omicron, which brought back mitigation measures. We continued partnering with Tri-Town Health and followed new "contact tracing" and "Test and Stay" protocols, while also hosting several vaccination clinics on campus.

Despite all the challenges that COVID-19 continued to bring about, we marched on and brought back several activities, programs and clubs at LES that were paused during the 2020-21 school year. The Art Club, Comic Book Club, Chess Club, Wildcat Tales student newspaper, Lego Robotics Team, Student Council and the Girls Science Club were back and regularly meeting in-person. Events like the LES Talent Show, Field Day, and our monthly Walk to School were back in-person as well. Our Open House had over 300 visitors, something that had not happened in two years. Outside organizations like the Flying Cloud Institute, the Massachusetts Audubon Society, and the PGA were in classrooms again. We watched live performances by the LMHS bands and held an in-person assembly with Ty Allen Jackson, a renowned local author and motivational speaker. Field trips were back as well with students visiting the Berkshire Museum, the Berkshire Eagle, Highlawn Farm, Tyringham Cobble, a Mass Audubon Bird Sanctuary and the Berkshire Humane Society. Our Expressive Arts program, which is funded mostly by the Berkshire United Way (BUW), was also in full swing throughout the entire school year, with more than 100 students participating. This program was so successful that when the BUW came to assess it, we received a 20/20 rating, which led them to extend funding for another year. We also brought back our breakfast program which supported an average of 100 students per day. This program provides families a place to drop their students off before the start of the school day as well as provides a nutritious meal for those that need it. We brought back a life skills program for students in grades 5 and improved the safety and efficiency of our student dismissal procedures by utilizing new software. A playground committee was formed to assess the current state of the playground and to make an improvement plan to address concerns.

We had some faculty and staff changes at LES this past year as well. Karen Torra was hired to be our half-time Literacy Specialist. We added Dan Cuevas as a School Adjustment Counselor who splits his time between LES and LMHS. First grade teacher, Renee Spizz left partway through the year and Samantha Sorrentino replaced her as an interim teacher. Lea Bartini, the Principal's Assistant, left and was replaced by Carrie Mulcahy. Caitlin Reilly replaced Emily Mertinooke as the new Preschool Teacher and Emily Mertinooke moved to Kindergarten to replace Allie Colbert.

*Respectfully submitted,*

Tim Mertinooke,  
**Principal**

# LEE SCHOOL SYSTEM

## *Lee Middle & High School*

The 2021-2022 school year was the third impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic, though it was largely a return to “normal,” with audiences once again allowed in the gym and auditorium for events, athletics and other co-curricular activities fully running once again, and a return to Tanglewood for graduation. While some health safety items remained in place, such as voluntary weekly COVID testing (mandatory for student-athletes) we were happy to return to a school environment that seemed largely familiar.

LMHS added one additional early college class, College Spanish II. We now offer 8 dual enrollment courses with Berkshire Community College, plus additional Advanced Placement courses. Put together with other early college credit opportunities, a student now has the potential to have their entire freshman year of college completed prior to graduation from high school, and these credits are guaranteed to be accepted at state colleges and universities.

In October, new members were inducted into the National Honor Society; congratulations to Aaron Armstrong, Angelina Artioli, Jacob Bianco, Jack Clarke, Benjamin Cooper, Madison DellaGiustina, Amy Desiata, Sophie Herman, Lindzie Johndro, Tapan Kansagara, Matthew Kinney, Madison LaRock, Isabella Lovato, Anna Martin, Tyler Moran, Luke Roche, and Maguire Roosa. Delaney Reed (chorus) and Korey Chen (band) were selected for the Western Mass district music festival.

On our bowling team, Bella Kotek received the Pete Snyder Sportsmanship Award, and Aaron Armstrong was named to the Berkshire County Bowling All-Star Team. Our drama program continued its participation with the Fall Festival of Shakespeare with a production of *Romeo and Juliet*. In the spring, the drama program presented *The SpongeBob Musical*. The high school student government presented a half-day “Love2Learn” program for middle school students in the spring, where students were able to participate in one-day short courses developed by faculty members outside of their normal offerings.

Our athletics program transitioned from the Berkshire County League to being a member of the PVIAC with the rest of the county. In the fall 2021 season, the volleyball team captured the Western Mass championship and made it to the “round of 8” in the state tournament; for the first time, the girls cross country squad qualified for the state meet; and the girls soccer, golf, and boys cross country had competitive seasons. In the winter season, the girls basketball program won their league championship and made it to the state tournament “round of 8”; notably, senior Caroline Maloney set new school records with 46 points and 12 three pointers in a single game. The boys basketball program made it to the Western Mass tournament. In the spring 2022 season, both the boys and girls tennis teams won the Western Mass championships; both teams advanced to the state tournament. Softball and girls lacrosse both made it to the state tournament; the baseball team was in a rebuilding mode after graduating a large number of players the previous year. Wildcat athletics continues to be a source of pride with over 60% of the student body participating. We thank the community for their continued support!

The students, faculty, and staff at your middle-high school continue to work toward meeting our mission of being a “community of learners dedicated to supporting academic success, individual growth, and social responsibility.”

*Respectfully submitted,*

Gregg M. Brighenti  
Principal

# LEE SCHOOL SYSTEM

## Lee High School Class of 2022

\*†Grace Baczek  
 Balkaran Singh Banga  
 Brandon Jay Arthur Bartkus  
 Kyle James Benzie  
 Timothy Jason Besaw  
 Aiden Henri Blackledge Hawley  
 Hannah Elizabeth Briggs  
 \*Tyler James Brock  
 \*Carina Tamara Brown  
 \*Elizabeth Ann Brown  
 \*Emma Rose Condron  
 Mason James Daigneault  
 Donnalee Ashlynn Rose D'Ambrosi  
 Jack Savoy Donovan  
 Jadziah Helene Drozd  
 Wilder Gideon Dunaj  
 Dylan Richard Ely  
 Aiden Edward Fennelly  
 Heidi Marie Fosty  
 Cameron Joseph Freeman

Carter William Geoghan  
 \*Ariana Christine Hall  
 Joshua Reilly Hartman  
 Caleb Tucker Haywood  
 Stephen Francis Hearn  
 Rider Brown Hubbard  
 Tyler Jackson Hurley  
 Owen David Ivas  
 Kylie Alexandra Joyce  
 \*Brianna Marie Kelly  
 \*Matthew Daniel Kinney  
 Maya Rose Kollmer  
 \*Madison Grace LaRock  
 Madison Muir LePrevost  
 \*Caroline Celia Maloney  
 Mason Paul Mihlek  
 Kyle Anthony Morandi  
 Joshua Michael Perrier  
 Luke Joseph Pires  
 Paige Ann Plankey

\*†Emma Nicole Puleri  
 \*†Emma Summer Puntin  
 Emilie Belyea Resca  
 †Juliana Rodriguez  
 Dylan Eliotte Shepard  
 \*Hayden James Siok  
 Alejandro Smith  
 Tanner Jason Smith  
 Thomas James Somerville  
 Zoe Clair Stevens  
 Joseph Aden Tart  
 \*Evan Michael Trombley  
 Cameron Skyler Tyer  
 Gabriel Orion Utter  
 Lucy Anne Vuolo  
 Rachel Marie Wendling  
 \*†Elliot Andrew Winston

\* National Honor Society

† State Seal of Biliteracy recipient



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# LEE SCHOOL SYSTEM

## *Lee High School Scholarships Class of 2022*

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Marjorie Wickham Memorial Scholarships: *Madison LaRock, Caroline Maloney, Emma Puleri, Emma Puntin, Emilie Resca, Evan Trombley*

Henry T. Zukowski Memorial Scholarships: *Carina Brown, Elizabeth Brown, Dylan Ely, Ariana Hall, Joshua Hartman, Brianna Kelly, Matthew Kinney, Mason Mihlek, Kyle Morandi*

BRP Scholarship: *Donnalee D'Ambrosi*

Drs. Charles & James Stratton Memorial Scholarship: *Aiden Blackedge Hawley*

Hop Brook Community Club Scholarship: *Emma Puntin, Carina Brown*

Joe Maley Memorial Scholarship: *Timothy Besaw*

Michael R. Coty Memorial Scholarship: *Cameron Tyer*

Andrew J. Bartini Memorial Scholarship: *Emma Puleri, Hannah Briggs*

Lee High School Student Government Scholarships: *Emma Puntin, Emma Puleri*

Eugenio Bonafin Memorial Scholarship, Class of 1936: *Wilder Dunaj*

Comalli Electric Scholarship in Memory of James Mougín and George Comalli: *Madison LePrevost*

Scholarship in Memory of David Bailey: *Mason Mihlek*

Scholarship in Memory of Mario Bona: *Hannah Briggs*

# LEE SCHOOL SYSTEM

## *Lee High School Scholarships Class of 2022*

Pittsfield Cooperative Bank Conrad R. Bernier Memorial Scholarship: *Mason Mihlek*

Joanne M. Keiderling Memorial Scholarships: *Timothy Besaw, Kyle Morandi*

Class of 1977, in Memory of our Deceased Class Members: *Grace Baczek*

Lee Lions Club Scholarship: *Emma Condron*

Pease Memorial Scholarship: *Aiden Blackedge Hawley*

Minnie L. Baird Scholarship in Memory of Lena Beal: *Emma Puntin, Evan Trombley*

Scholarship in Memory of Richard Morin: *Timothy Besaw*

Mary Voght Memorial Scholarships: *Emma Puleri, Emma Puntin, Evan Trombley, Elizabeth Brown, Grace Baczek,  
Tyler Brock, Carina Brown, Emma Condron, Hayden Siok, Brianna Kelly*

Great Barrington Fish & Game Club, in Memory of Jesse Townsend: *Brianna Kelly*

Scholarship in Memory of Heather Helen Hawley: *Caroline Maloney*

Scholarship in Memory of Harry Wheeler: *Juliana Rodruguez*

Ardella Donnell Memorial Award, Class of 1933: *Alejandro Smith*

Alba A. Pasco Memorial Scholarships: *Joshua Perrier, Kylie Joyce*

Austen Riggs Erikson Institute Scholarship: *Emma Puntin*

Meg Cade Memorial Scholarship: *Madison LePrevost*

Bruce and John Stevenson Memorial Scholarship: *Emma Puleri*

Lee Historical Society Scholarship, in Memory of Dolores I. Eckert and Marion M. Leach: *Emma Puntin*

Lee Historical Society Scholarship in Memory of Stephen A. Cozzaglio: *Emma Puntin*

The Forfa Family Scholarship: *Timothy Besaw*

Lee Chamber of Commerce, Marie Toole Academic Scholar Award: *Evan Trombley*

Janice "Sissy" Curtin Scholarships: *Brianna Kelly, Emma Puntin, Aiden Fennelly, Emma Puleri*

Robert Lucy Memorial Scholarships: *Emma Puleri, Cameron Tyer*

Richard Hawkey Scholarship, for love of literature and language: *Elliot Winston*

Marion Hawkey Scholarship, for kindness and service to others: *Kyle Morandi*

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## *Lee High School Scholarships Class of 2022*

Academic Scholarships given by Mr. & Mrs. William R. Hall Sr.:

In Memory of Richard Biasin — *Carina Brown*

In Memory of Lou Digrigoli — *Ariana Hall*

In Memory of Jack Kelly — *Brianna Kelly*

In Memory of Sandy LePrevost — *Madison LePrevost*

In Memory of Jeff Roosa — *Caroline Maloney*

In Memory of Barbara Puleri — *Emma Puleri*

In Memory of Donald Puntin — *Emma Puntin*

Greylock Federal Credit Union Community Enrichment Scholarships: *Caroline Maloney, Evan Trombley*

Adams Community Bank Scholarship: *Cameron Tyer*

Timothy Shepardson Sr. Memorial Scholarship: *Elliot Winston*

Michael Salinetti & David Scarpa Sr. Memorial Scholarships: *Hannah Briggs, Aiden Fennelly, Joseph Tart*

Friends of Veterans Scholarship: *Evan Trombley*

Class of 1966 Scholarship: *Brianna Kelly*

Kelly Lyn Coty Scholarship Fund: *Grace Baczek, Arianna Hall*

Hank Greiner Memorial Scholarship: *Timothy Besaw*

Peter D. Fraser Jr. Memorial Scholarship: *Evan Trombley*

South Lee Fire Co. Scholarships: *Thomas Somerville, Brianna Kelly, Madison LePrevost*

Lee Volunteer Fire Co. Scholarships: *Mason Mihlek, Cameron Tyer, Madison LePrevost, Brianna Kelly, Thornton Kinney*

Memorial Scholarship for the Arts: *Madison LaRock*

Kiwanis Club of Lee Inc. Scholarships: *Emma Puleri, Ariana Hall, Evan Trombley, Madison LePrevost*

Christy Marie Rich & Eric Monk Memorial Scholarship: *Owen Ivas*

Girls Soccer Booster Club Scholarships: *Maya Kollmer, Carina Brown, Hannah Briggs, Ariana Hall, Emma Puleri,  
Caroline Maloney*

# LEE SCHOOL SYSTEM

## *Lee High School Scholarships Class of 2022*

Tyringham Fire Company Scholarships: *Emma Puntin, Brianna Kelly*

Evan Colbert Memorial Scholarship: *Cameron Freeman*

Lee Youth Soccer Scholarships: *Maya Kollmer, Carina Brown, Hannah Briggs, Ariana Hall, Emma Puleri, Caroline Maloney*

Lee Gridiron Club Scholarships: *Thomas Somerville*

Lee Volleyball Booster Club Scholarships: *Elizabeth Brown, Kylie Joyce, Madison LaRock, Rachel Wendling*

Lee Lady Wildcats Basketball Booster Club Scholarships: *Caroline Maloney, Emma Puleri, Carina Brown, Brianna Kelly,  
Ariana Hall*

Lee Community Tennis Association Claire "Bunnie" Lahey Scholarship: *Caroline Maloney, Emma Puntin, Joshua Hartman*

Lee Cross Country Booster Club Scholarships: *Aiden Fennelly, Joshua Hartman, Brianna Kelly, Matthew Kinney,  
Kyle Morandi, Joshua Perrier*

Lee Youth Football Scholarship: *Cameron Tyer*

Lee Retired Educators Scholarships: *Caroline Maloney, Kyle Morandi*

Lee Land Trust Scholarship: *Brianna Kelly*

Lee Education Association Scholarships: *Caroline Maloney, Kyle Morandi*

CTSB-TV Scholarship: *Madison LaRock*

Berkshire County ARC Scholarship: *Caroline Maloney*

Frank Consolati Junior Sons of Italy Scholarships: *Madison LaRock*

Kiwanis Club of Pittsfield Good Citizenship Scholarship: *Evan Trombley*

Becket Scholarship Foundation: *Donnalee D'Ambrosi*

Tyler Pressley Memorial Scholarship: *Elizabeth Brown, Evan Trombley*

Lee Sportsmen's Association Higher Education Scholarship: *Brianna Kelly*

Soules/Astore Scholarship: *Wilder Dunaj*

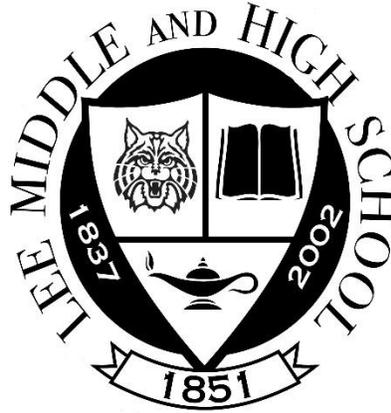
MacCaro Real Estate Business Entrepreneurship Scholarship: *Matthew Kinney*

The Chief Roosa Scholarship: *Caroline Maloney*

Richard H. "Rocky" Brighenti Memorial Scholarship: *Elliot Winston*

# LEE SCHOOL SYSTEM

## *Lee High School Awards & Prizes Class of 2022*



Valedictorian: *Emma Puleri*

Salutatorian: *Emma Puntin*

Allan Wurtzbach Prize: *Brandon Bartkus, Paige Plankey*

Eugenio Bonafin Award: *Wilder Dunaj*

The Alan Wurtzbach Memorial Award: *Brandon Bartkus, Paige Plankey*

Superintendent's Award for Academic Excellence: *Emma Puntin*

Daughters of the American Revolution Good Citizen Award: *Emma Puntin*

Senior Award in English: *Emma Puntin, Emma Puleri*

Senior Awards in Math: *Emma Puntin, Emma Puleri, Evan Trombley*

General Charles Lee Award in History: *Tyler Brock*

Senior Awards in Science: *Emma Puleri, Emma Puntin*

Senior Awards in Visual and Fine Arts: *Emma Condron*

Senior Awards in Spanish: *Grace Baczek, Elizabeth Brown, Emma Puntin*

Senior Award in Digital Art: *Madison LaRock, Joshua Hartman, Rachel Wendling*

Senior Award in Computer Science: *Evan Trombley, Emilie Resca*

Senior Award in Physical Education: *Emma Puleri, Joshua Perrier*

P.O.P. Perseverance Awards: *Joseph Tart, Zoe Stevens, Gabriel Utter*

# LEE SCHOOL SYSTEM

## Lee Public School FY22 Salaries

\*Lee Public Schools-FY22 Total Earnings  
(Including Stipends)

Employee Name	Position	Total Earnings	Employee Name	Position	Total Earnings
Allen-Hanson, Nancy	Paraprofessional	\$32,207.52	Carlino, Jennifer	Teacher	\$58,685.89
Ames, Jeremiah	Teacher	\$90,565.23	Chaffee, Abrianna	Paraprofessional	\$22,765.95
Antoniazzi, Melissa	Receptionist	\$25,913.16	Clark, Andy	Teacher	\$66,480.04
Armstrong, Jesse	Custodian	\$42,854.43	Clark, Shannon	Guidance	\$87,833.50
Armstrong, Virginia	Teacher	\$90,970.55	Comalli, Norma	Coach	\$4,075.00
Bailey, Anita	Paraprofessional	\$28,139.78	Conklin, Carrie	Paraprofessional	\$11,033.41
Bakaletz, Michael	Coach	\$4,075.00	Connor, Jeffrey	Substitute	\$220.00
Bannon, Jamie	OT/PT Specialist	\$1,680.00	Consolati, Patrice	Paraprofessional	\$14,237.78
Barbarotta, Samantha	Teacher	\$67,721.08	Cook, Stacey	Custodian	\$51,853.32
Bartini, Lea	Secretary	\$28,719.00	Coons, Jeffrey	Custodian	\$70,626.98
Bates, Challis	Substitute	\$2,700.44	Coty, Frances	Paraprofessional	\$32,369.48
Belanger, Jane	Cafeteria Worker	\$26,409.51	Coughlin, Joseph	Paraprofessional	\$26,874.00
Bennetch, Joseph	Teacher	\$52,740.86	Coulter, Lisa	Paraprofessional	\$32,101.85
Bianco, Brenda	Secretary	\$44,594.68	Cox, Mary	Teacher	\$79,381.56
Biasin, Aaron	Coach	\$1,200.00	Cox, Patrick	Paraprofessional	\$33,236.48
Bienvenue, Mary	Paraprofessional	\$32,652.29	Crine, Deborah	Custodian	\$53,972.47
Borsotti, Amanda	Coach	\$2,550.00	Cuevas, Daniel	School Adjustment Counselor	\$57,324.94
Boule, Brandon	Teacher	\$71,748.94	Cummings, Brittany	Teacher	\$65,209.04
Braley, Meghan	Substitute	\$7,200.00	Cummings, Nancy	Paraprofessional	\$33,463.60
Bresnahan, Meaghan	Teacher	\$82,556.25	Curry, Robin	Teacher	\$100,038.88
Briggs, Pamela	Teacher	\$91,989.87	Curtin, Lori	Teacher	\$90,769.78
Brighenti, Gregg	Principal	\$111,379.94	Daley, Letisha	Paraprofessional	\$33,400.85
Broderick, Pamela	Cafeteria Worker	\$20,398.72	Darone, Mia	Teacher	\$90,094.78
Brooks, Leah	Paraprofessional	\$20,896.65	Decker, Kristen	SPED Secretary	\$35,752.56
Brouker, Cynthia	Substitute	\$7,010.00	Delsoldato, Kari	School Nurse	\$52,245.86
Brown, JT	Coach	\$2,550.00	Delsoldato, Sarah	Substitute	\$783.62
Brown, Mary Beth	Paraprofessional	\$30,132.98	Deming, Evelyn	Paraprofessional	\$31,992.08
Buono, Michael	Substitute	\$380.00	DeSantis, Trysta	Teacher	\$86,070.90
Buratto, Jodi	Paraprofessional	\$26,425.31	DeVarenes, Kathleen	Teacher	\$95,833.68
Burgess, Rachel	OT/PT Specialist	\$2,220.00	DeVarenes, Kelly	Teacher	\$63,821.03
Burke, Samantha	Teacher	\$64,923.39	DeVries, Catherine	Dean of Students	\$66,366.04
Calkins, Caroline	Substitute	\$2,375.00	Dobson, Ann	Paraprofessional	\$12,744.55
Cannon, Gary	Coach	\$3,975.00	DuFrense, Erin	Teacher	\$78,895.94
Cannon, Rachel	Paraprofessional	\$11,769.41	Duhon, Paula	Teacher	\$88,355.88

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## Lee Public School FY22 Salaries

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Employee Name	Position	Total Earnings	Employee Name	Position	Total Earnings
Dunn, Jennifer	Paraprofessional	\$22,147.53	Herman, Kimberly	Teacher	\$79,498.86
Duquette, David	Interventionist	\$38,859.92	Hickey, Leslie	Teacher	\$72,531.08
Durfee, Leslee	Paraprofessional	\$24,490.92	Hickson, Ashley	Teacher	\$73,164.60
Duval, Michael	Custodian	\$46,203.12	Hopkins, Sarah	Paraprofessional	\$26,343.45
Feldman, Patricia	Teacher	\$85,445.88	Houston, Gregory	School Librarian	\$64,405.96
Fennelly, Marcy	Teacher	\$65,545.30	Hudnall, Jessica	Teacher	\$71,528.94
Fera, Kim	Paraprofessional	\$33,022.48	Ingram, Gregory	Substitute	\$220.00
Fillio, Matthew	Teacher	\$94,544.24	Jarowski, Francie	Teacher	\$70,548.98
Finnegan, Lauren	Teacher	\$68,054.13	Joyce, Jennifer	Substitute	\$192.00
Finnegan Jr, Thomas	Teacher	\$89,314.71	Kearney, Eileen	Records Clerk	\$47,987.71
Fitzgerald, Rebecca	Paraprofessional	\$36,454.16	Kelley, Zachary	Coach	\$4,075.00
Fitzgerald, Todd	Custodian	\$42,050.81	Killion, Candice	Teacher	\$85,296.12
Fitzgerald, Brianna	Paraprofessional	\$27,377.28	Kinney, Shaun	Summer Custodian	\$306.36
Flynn, Sarah	Paraprofessional	\$25,872.79	Kirchner, Louise	Payroll Specialist	\$39,412.88
Ford, Lisa	Substitute	\$600.00	Korte, Daniel	Guidance Counselor	\$92,563.50
Fresia, Andrew	Paraprofessional	\$35,595.95	LeCompte, Ruth	Teacher	\$73,311.10
Fuller, Cynthia	Paraprofessional	\$24,706.93	LePrevost, Jenifer	Principal Secretary	\$43,140.72
Gagnon, Juliette	Tutor	\$3,651.50	Locke, Marie	Technology Specialist	\$50,629.36
Galisa, David	Coach	\$2,550.00	Loehr, Lukas	Substitute	\$760.00
Garland, Toni	Paraprofessional	\$27,993.22	Lucy, Heather	School Adjust. Counselor	\$101,249.98
Gattuso, Anthony	Substitute	\$1,025.00	Macchi, Molly	Substitute	\$635.00
Glasser, Michael	Substitute	\$820.00	MacNayr, Emmilyn	Paraprofessional	\$22,120.48
Gormalley, Marie	Substitute	\$3,062.50	Maddelena, Nicole	Dean of Students	\$77,445.15
Gray, Heather	Teacher	\$82,959.27	Magovern, Aimee	Substitute	\$6,490.00
Guachione, Gina	Coach	\$4,075.00	Maloney, Jessica	CFCE Grant Coordinator	\$52,000.00
Guinan, Martha	Paraprofessional	\$30,051.84	Martin, Jonathan	Substitute	\$990.00
Hall, Ella	Teacher	\$87,780.70	McCormack, Thomas	Teacher	\$89,990.37
Hall, Joshua	Teacher	\$77,636.46	McEvoy, Jane	Teacher	\$80,568.98
Hall, Rebecca	Cafeteria Worker	\$13,134.24	McHugh, Lori	School Adjust. Counselor	\$60,253.96
Hall, Shaun	Coach	\$7,650.00	Mead, Alliyah	Paraprofessional	\$5,505.44
Harding, Samuel	Coach	\$1,200.00	Mertinooke-Jongkind, Emily	Teacher	\$83,955.15
Hartman, Theresa	Teacher	\$71,474.92	Mertinooke-Jongkind, Tim	Principal	\$102,500.16
Hayden, Michelle	Outreach Coord.	\$25,810.00	Meyer, Jordan	Facilities Director	\$67,626.00
Heath, Corey	Teacher	\$72,001.04	Molino, Karen	Substitute	\$6,520.93

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Mottarella, Patricia	Guidance Secretary	\$46,760.70	Saloio, Breanna	Speech Pathologist	\$55,270.42
Mulcahy, Carrie	Principal Secretary	\$19,018.50	Salvatore, Jeannine	School Nurse	\$70,073.04
Murphy, Stone	Substitute	\$2,419.39	Santolin, Deborah	Cafeteria Worker	\$18,098.66
Naventi, Mary	Teacher	\$76,359.06	Scarpa, Diane	Paraprofessional	\$27,235.80
Naventi, Pamela	Paraprofessional	\$10,271.50	Schilling, Sandra	Tutor	\$1,207.00
Nelson-Unczur, Joanne	Teacher	\$87,649.94	Schlaefer, Amy	Teacher	\$92,179.60
Nichols, Sarah	Substitute	\$25,859.56	Schlaefer, Katy	Paraprofessional	\$2,571.00
Noonan Forget, Nancy	Teacher	\$88,195.88	Schwab, Leah	Substitute	\$298.98
Norton, Jennifer	SPED Director	\$105,139.10	Sedelow, Elizabeth	Paraprofessional	\$32,011.84
Noyes, Brandon	Teacher	\$57,627.96	Shafiroff, Naomi	Substitute	\$10,159.78
Page, Brandon	Paraprofessional	\$21,785.40	Shepardson, Timothy	Coach	\$4,075.00
Palmer, Angela	Paraprofessional	\$9,035.35	Shook, Kim	Paraprofessional	\$30,339.72
Parisi, Amber	Teacher	\$96,599.44	Smith, Laura	Teacher	\$71,674.98
Parks, Katelyn	Teacher	\$54,108.08	Sorrentino, Robert	Substitute	\$2,117.00
Patel, Rakhee	Teacher	\$94,087.25	Sorrentino, Samantha	Teacher	\$25,842.45
Paul, Jamie	Teacher	\$69,133.68	Spoto, Elisabeth	Teacher	\$60,062.56
Perry, John	Coach	\$4,075.00	St. John, Carrie	Teacher	\$60,306.02
Plankey, Tyler	Maintenance	\$47,061.38	Steben, Courtney	Teacher	\$71,019.82
Pollard, Jessica	Teacher	\$75,293.40	Stewart, Joshua	Custodian	\$32,111.02
Psutka, Ryan	Teacher	\$45,664.98	Sullivan, Daniel	Coach	\$4,628.98
Puleri, Michele	Teacher	\$79,697.89	Swift Heck, Carrie	Teacher	\$76,681.14
Puleri, Richard	Coach	\$4,075.00	Terry, Grace	Substitute	\$2,325.00
Raferly, Jennifer	Paraprofessional	\$25,422.59	Thomas, Bailey	Substitute	\$576.00
Ragusa-Hallock, Kathie	District Acct. Coord.	\$49,385.14	Thomson, Keith	Teacher	\$86,272.01
Reidy, Brenda	Cafeteria Worker	\$1,136.54	Tietgens, Jeannette	Paraprofessional	\$30,717.07
Reilly, Caitlin	Teacher	\$43,102.77	Tisdale, Jessica	Cafeteria Worker	\$2,683.29
Reynolds, Melanie	Paraprofessional	\$27,492.24	Torra, Karen	Teacher	\$29,721.14
Richard, Michael	Superintendent	\$178,637.78	Torres, Maria	Cafeteria Worker	\$7,484.96
Richman, Lisa	Teacher	\$61,856.06	Trabka, Thomas	Teacher	\$89,840.16
Romeo, Kay	Paraprofessional	\$32,791.59	Trombley, Jessica	Substitute	\$16,644.00
Roosa, Jennifer	Teacher	\$88,700.90	Tyer, Gail	Cafeteria Worker	\$11,230.79
Row, Natalie	Substitute	\$855.00	Vale-Cruz, Kristi	Teacher	\$79,145.04
Ruef, Ryan	Substitute	\$95.00	Verdi, Mary	Teacher	\$90,756.29
Salinetti, Thomas	Teacher	\$54,205.49	Verdi, Amy	Teacher	\$82,264.92

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## Lee Public School FY22 Salaries

*\*Lee Public Schools – FY22 Total Earnings  
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Employee Name	Position	Total Earnings
Vosburgh, Monique	Teacher	\$65,979.94
Wade, Keri	Teacher	\$100,066.00
Warner, Janet	Substitute	\$18,656.17
Warner, Julia	Teacher	\$62,515.98
Webster Clark, Nicole	Teacher	\$83,505.12
Weinstein, Elizabeth	Teacher	\$52,795.08
White, Erin	Teacher	\$72,463.81
Wilcox, Linda	Paraprofessional	\$28,703.35
Wildrick, Rachel	School Psychologist	\$85,754.63
Williams, Linsey	Paraprofessional	\$24,855.50
Wroldson, Erik	Substitute	\$8,536.00
Zurrin, Carl	Coach	\$2,550.00