

NEWSLETTER

TOWN OF LEVERETT

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October 2015

Notes From Around Town

- If you have Leverettnet or internet questions please call Crocker at 413-367-8181
- Harvest Festival October 17, LES See enclosed flyer
- TAX BILLS HAVE NOT BEEN MAILED. VOLUNTARY PAYMENTS GLADLY ACCEPTED! Mail check or pay online at leverett.ma.us. It's convenient, fast, secure, & free!

NEXT NEWSLETTER DEADLINES:

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Send news items and big fat garlic bulbs to plant to: Lisa Stratford at P.O. Box 300, Leverett, MA or townclerk@leverett.ma.us or call 548-9150 for guidelines.

From the Select Board

In 1980, 35 years ago, Dee Ann Civello got a call at night asking her to take over as Town Clerk when Harriet Perry (town clerk at the time) unexpectedly resigned. Dee Ann filled that role for about 6 months then took over as Town Treasurer and then Tax Collector. She was pregnant with her first child at the time and brought all of her children to the Town Hall with a playpen when they were little. How time flies! The children are grown and, sadly for us, Dee Ann is retiring. Although we are all happy for her that she is going to be able to relax and won't be crunching numbers in the Town Hall into the wee hours of the morning (and occasionally on holidays), she will surely be missed. She has often gone above and beyond her responsibilities as Tax Collector to help residents stay on top of their tax bills, including calling folks if she thought their payment was going to be late. She has willingly answered endless questions and lent a sympathetic ear throughout the years, along with trying to keep up with the multitude of tasks required of a Town Treasurer. She will be missed!

A new Treasurer/Tax Collector, Jason Noschese, has been hired and will start working with Dee Ann in mid-October on the transition of duties which will happen on Nov. 1st. He has held Treasurer/Collector positions in Warwick and in Ware, and comes highly recommended. He has worked with Dee Ann for 11 years to develop and maintain the Tax Collection System that we use so he is familiar with the names of town residents. As he has taught classes for the Collector Treasurer Association there will not be much of a learning

curve. He plans to keep regular hours including one evening and Saturdays. We look forward to working with Jason.

Broadband is here! After 3 years of meeting, planning, negotiating, and some gnashing of teeth, the last mile is complete and town residents are hooked up with internet speeds which are now the envy of neighboring towns (instead of the other way around). The phone service is in the final days of completion. It is impossible to overstate the contribution of the Broadband Committee in bringing this project to fruition. Peter d'Errico, Tom Powers, Dan Williams, Richard Nathhorst, Rob Brooks, Denzel Hankinson, George Drake (all volunteers) and Margie McGinnis met weekly for three years and used their collective expertise in the law, engineering, IT and negotiation to deal with the multitude of issues involved, greatly reducing potential snafus in the process and bringing us to where we are now – wired! THANKS!

After hitting an 11th hour potential roadblock which has now been resolved, the first affordable housing project in Leverett is set to go forward in the next few weeks. CPA funds voted at Town Meeting will be used to reduce the cost of a property in town being sold to an eligible buyer in exchange for a permanent deed restriction on the property limiting the resale to an income-eligible buyer. The Affordable Housing Trust has worked closely with HRA (Franklin Regional Housing Authority) to bring this about. There are more details in this newsletter. Thanks to everyone on the AHT for their diligence and perseverance.

There will be a forum on PreK-12 regionalization with the Amherst Regional School District on Oct. 21st, 6:30, at the Leverett Elementary School. I urge everyone to come and find out what this is all about. It has taken several years to get it to this point and there is a lot to comprehend. There is a link to the draft of the amended regional agreement on the Town of Leverett Website.

The staff transition at the Transfer Station has gone without a hitch and things are running as usual. We will be changing from a "bag" system to a "sticker" system so that, when the bags run out, residents will be purchasing stickers. This will save the town money without affecting the current service. Thanks to Ananda and the rest of the staff for this seamless transition.

I have just learned that Will Stratford is retiring as Superintendent of Highways. After 30 years of, among other things, plowing all night long, on holidays and weekends, dealing with downed tree emergencies and tending the best maintained roads around, he is taking a well-earned rest. He has been Superintendent for 28 of those 30 years; anyone who drives beyond the town boundaries knows that we have the best maintained roads around – you come home, cross the border, the bumps decrease, the road is plowed – you know you've crossed the Leverett town line. In spite of the stress of dealing with emergency situations to ensure that we are not ice-, snow-, or tree-bound in our homes, he is always congenial and friendly. He has responded positively to resident requests when, say, water is running down a driveway or some other annoying situation is occurring, not responding with "there is not enough money in the budget" – he finds a way to fix these problems and stay within the budget. We are sorry to lose you Will, but wish you a relaxing retirement, many nights of uninterrupted sleep, and holidays at home. Thanks, Will, for years of dedicated service.

Julie Shively, for the Select Board

A Message from Your Postal Carrier:

Mailboxes take a beating from the weather, and this past winter was an exceptionally bad one. We recommend a mailbox checkup be included in your fall preparations. Here are some guidelines to follow when checking your mailbox:

Mailboxes should be 6-8 feet back from the curb for easy approach by letter carrier. For customers who have Sue for their mail carrier, please keep in mind that she is a contract carrier and has to purchase her own vehicle, making the height requirements slightly different for her than a carrier with a regular postal vehicle.

The height of the box should be 48-50" from the road (where the carrier drives up) to the bottom of the box. This helps make the mailbox more accessible in snowy weather. Regulation for standard postal vehicles is 41-45 feet.

House number or apartment numbers should be clearly marked on the side of the box visible to the carrier as they approach.

More tips:

Tighten loose hinges on the door;

Take care of rusty or loose parts;

Replace missing or faded house numbers;

Keep the path to the mailbox clear;

Make sure the signal flag is in working order;

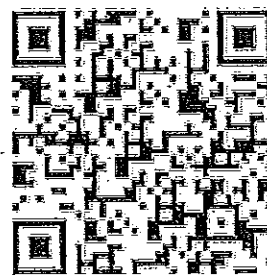
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Thank you for your attention to this matter! If you have questions please feel free to call, 548-9000.

LeverettNet has a website! Visit it to find information about how the network operates, its history, what services are available, report a problem, contact the ISP, and find answers to frequently asked questions.

The URL is: lmp.leverettnet.net

Scan this QR Code to go there directly:



LeverettNet QR Code

Attention Veterans of All Ages

Important Information for YOU

Leverett Library

Tuesday, October 13, 2015

6:30-8:00 p.m.

Timothy Nijadlik, Director

Upper Pioneer Valley Veterans' Services District

What do you know about the benefits you have earned?

- * Health Care
- * Home Loans and Property Tax Benefits
- * Compensation for Physical and Mental Injury
- * Nursing Home Care
- * Burial Benefits
- * Spousal Benefits
- * Education Benefits

Your questions answered. Veterans and their spouses are invited. Connect with other local veterans. For additional information contact Robert Schmid, Veterans' Representative, Town of Leverett, at 548-9360.

Phone Scam Alert

Over the summer several residents have received phone calls from someone identifying themselves as the Internal Revenue Service. The caller then threatens those that receive the call in various ways claiming to be able to take property, file evasion charges etc. The caller states this action can be avoided if they are sent an amount of money. **THIS IS A SCAM!** The callers are randomly calling phone numbers in an attempt to convince people to send them money. If this happens to you please just hang up and ignore the call. The IRS NEVER does business over the phone, they will always notify you by mail if there is a problem. They will only use the phone if they have previously notified you by mail and you are dealing with a specific IRS employee.

Unfortunately while telephone scams have become quite common, those attempting to extort money are

almost impossible to charge and prosecute. The calls originate from out of state and in many cases from out of the country. The best way to deal with them is to just hang up, do not worry about being rude to a caller, this is the best way to disengage from the call as they can be quite persistent and aggressive but remember they can do you no harm over the phone.

A good practice is to never give any personal information out over the phone, no Social Security info, no banking information, no dates of birth and never send any money to someone unless you know them based on a phone call. If you have any doubts if a call is legitimate or not get a call back number then end the call. Then contact the Police Dept. and we will be happy to try and determine if the call is a scam or real for you.

There are several types of these scams going around. Some claim to represent your banking institution telling you that there is a problem with your account and they need information such as your S.S. number or your account number to rectify the problem. Again, these are scams, banks also only use the mail to notify you in writing. If you have any questions about a phone call contact us at the Police Department and we will gladly assist you.

Thank you, Chief Gary Billings

FALL "CLEAN SWEEP" BULKY WASTE COLLECTION

The Franklin County Solid Waste District is holding its spring "Clean Sweep" bulky waste collection on **Saturday, October 24th, from 9 a.m. to noon.** The three drop-off sites are: the Buckland Recreation Facility at 66 Ashfield Rd. (Rt. 112 South), the Northfield Highway Garage at 49 Caldwell Rd., and the Whately Transfer Station at 73 Christian Lane.

District residents may bring a wide range of bulky items such as tires, appliances, scrap metal, furniture, mattresses, carpeting, construction debris, computers, televisions, propane gas tanks, and other large items. Materials will be recycled whenever possible.

NEW: Bulky Rigid Plastics will be collected for recycling; \$2 per load. Plastic items larger than 2.5 gallons are too bulky to be processed with municipal recycling, but can now be collected separately for recycling. Acceptable items include 5-gallon pails (metal handles OK), plastic lawn furniture, plastic trash cans and recycling bins, laundry baskets, plastic toys (no electronics), storage totes, milk crates and plastic pet carriers. Large yard toys (no batteries), plastic shelving, play structures and kiddie pools (rigid, not inflatable) will be accepted as long as they measure less than 4 feet in any direction. If longer than 4 feet, residents will have to dismantle or cut these items into smaller pieces before bringing them to the collection. Empty and clean rigid plastic plant pots and nursery trays will be accepted, but not the crinkly type that some 6-packs of seedlings come in. All rigid plastic items must be empty, rinsed if needed, and free of batteries, soil, rocks, and liquids.

Unacceptable items for bulky rigid plastic recycling include Styrofoam, PVC pipe/tubing, vinyl siding, fencing, toolboxes, hoses of any kind, pesticide/chemical containers, and plastic bags and films.

Clean, dry textiles and books will be accepted for free. Textiles must be contained inside a sturdy plastic bag. 95% of all textiles can be recycled or reused; clothing or linens that are torn, stained, with missing buttons or broken zippers can be recycled into insulation. Acceptable items include **CLEAN & DRY** clothing, shoes, bras, purses, curtains, pillows, comforters, sheets, towels and stuffed animals in any condition (except moldy or wet!). Books can be of any condition except moldy or wet, and can be hardcover or paperback. No encyclopedias.

Residents do not need to pre-register for the collection. However, there are charges for most items. Disposal fees, cash only, will be collected during check-in at each site. Businesses may participate. A complete list of prices for the most common items will be available at participating town halls, town transfer stations, the district office at 50 Miles Street in Greenfield, and online at: www.franklincountywastedistrict.org/cleansweep.html

For more information contact the district office at info@franklincountywastedistrict.org or 413-772-2438. MA Relay for the hearing impaired: 711 or 1-800-439-2370 (TTY/TDD). The District is an equal opportunity provider.

News from the Transfer Station:

Reduce → Reuse → Recycle At the Leverett Transfer Station there are "re-use sheds" that are available to pick through and take items for **FREE** like books, clothing, take it-or-leave-it and kid's zone. All are run by our wonderful volunteers! Volunteers keep items rotated and dispose of any that are unwanted for a second life in Leverett. We wouldn't be able to operate without them. **THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR YOUR HARD WORK!** Leverett residents can thank them by: only leaving items that you would give to your neighbor or friend, hanging clothing and not leaving items if shed is already full. *We do need more volunteers to help keep the sheds looking great. Please check in with the attendants if you are interested.*

As always, do not leave anything in the sheds without checking in with the attendant first,; not all items are reusable. **New:** In an effort to keep sheds from looking like a messy kid's room that no one wants to enter we do **not accept plastic toys.**

Electronics: We will gladly accept and recycle your unwanted electronics for a FEE to cover the costs for recycling and hauling (fees posted on website). Many chain dealers will recycle your electronics for **FREE**. Please check store websites for a complete list. Participating stores include Staples and Best Buy.

Ananda Larsen, Transfer Station Coordinator

At the end of October, after 35 years of service to the Town, Treasurer/Tax Collector Dee Ann Civallo is retiring. What better way is there to honor her service to the Town than to make a special donation to the Leverett Senior and Disabled Property Tax Relief Fund for which she has been such a strong advocate? We thank all of you who have donated over the years and know that Dee Ann too would sincerely thank you for these additional donations.

AFFORDABLE HOUSING TRUST

HOMEOWNERS BUY DOWN PROGRAM-OUR FIRST BUYERS WILL BE CLOSING!

Two homebuyers have been working towards purchasing a home in Leverett through the Leverett "Buy Down" Program. They are working closely with the HRA (Franklin County Housing and Redevelopment Authority), with whom the town has contracted to implement this program. One homebuyer will complete a closing by the end of September, and the other is working towards a Purchase and Sale Agreement on a house they have identified in Leverett. The Affordable Housing Trust, in consultation with HRA, will make any necessary adjustments to the policies/protocols of this program based on what is learned from this first round of home purchases. Informational meetings about the program and the next round of applications will be held in January and February 2016. The next Leverett newsletter will contain more details about the schedule for the next round of applications.

RESIDENTS 55 and OLDER-WE NEED YOUR INPUT ON OUR HOUSING NEEDS SURVEY

The committee has turned our attention to the housing needs of seniors in Leverett. We are gathering information and have been communicating with local providers who serve elders in our community (Leverett Council on Aging, Franklin County Home Care, Etc.). We have decided it would be helpful to receive input on the housing needs/issues of residents in town who are 55 years and up. We have attached a survey to this newsletter which we are asking people to complete who are either age 55 and above, or who may be caregivers of such individuals. No identifying information is required on these surveys. We will use this information to further inform the Trust's work on behalf of present and anticipated housing needs of Leverett residents as they age. Thank you in advance for participating in our survey!

If you have questions about the Buy Down Program or the Survey, you can contact: Barbara Carulli at macarulli1@gmail.com or 413 367-2633.

Also see information on the Town of Leverett website under Affordable Housing Trust.

Barbara Carulli, Chair, Affordable Housing Trust

Forum on Regionalization: October 21

On Wednesday October 21st, 2015, the Amherst-Pelham Regional School District in collaboration with Leverett representatives from the Regional Agreement Working Group, will hold a Regionalization Forum in the Leverett Elementary School gym from 6:30pm to 8:30pm. The purpose of this forum is to present and explain to Leverett residents the draft revised Regional Agreement. In addition, residents are invited to attend and pose questions, make observations and comments regarding the draft and the possible regionalization of the four member towns into a PK-12 Region. Leverett members of the Regional Agreement Working Group, Ann Delano, Kip Fonsh and Julie Shivley, will provide an overview of the financial, educational, and governance components of the draft. It is our hope to allow for most of the evening to be devoted to providing opportunities to residents to discuss their views, questions, and concerns about regionalizing. Regardless of your views on the issue, this is an important event in the ongoing process that could lead to a vote on the draft this coming spring Town Meeting. If you have any questions regarding the meeting you can reach me, Kip Fonsh, at 548-9053.

Treasurer/Tax Collector

FISCAL 2016 PROPERTY TAX BILLS have NOT been sent. They should be available by mid-November. Once bills are mailed, you will have 30 days to pay (at least half the amount) without penalty, but please remember *it is always the responsibility of the taxpayer to be sure payment is received on time, regardless of when or IF a bill is received.* If you own property and didn't get a bill, contact the Collector's office 548-9666 or treasurercollector@leverett.ma.us. Allow at least 3-4 days when mailing payment. DO NOT MAIL THE BILL ON THE DUE DATE, as a postmark is not considered timely payment. *If you are making a "Due-Date payment," bring it directly to the Collector's Office* (even if mailed in Leverett, all mail is sent to Hartford for processing and will not be received on time). You can also sign up for **DIRECT PAYMENT**, pay online at leverett.ma.us, or drop off payment in box at back entrance of Town Hall). Office hours may vary so call ahead if you need a receipt and try to come during office hours or leave a stamped, self-addressed envelope in the Collector's mailbox. Please do not interrupt other Town Hall staff for tax payments/receipts.

You will notice a new name (Jason Noschese) on your tax bill this year. After 35 years (has it really been that long? I), I have decided to retire and allow someone else the opportunity to serve our wonderful Town. Thanks for the memories and see you around, just not at the Town Hall ☺.

VOLUNTARY CHECK-OFF: The Tax Relief Fund provides aid to homeowners over 60 or disabled persons (any age) of low income for the purpose of defraying a portion of their property tax. If you think you may qualify, call or email the Collector to request an application. And for others more fortunate, please consider sending a donation or including an extra amount when you pay your tax bill. Contributions can be made either to the Tax Relief Fund or to a specific tax bill. Thank you for your support!

DeeAnn Civello

FRIENDS OF LEVERETT LIBRARY

The library friends group will hold its annual meeting on Thursday, October 29, at 7pm in the library community room. There will be a very brief business meeting followed by a fascinating presentation by Jake Blais, a senior art director with the Lego group. His talk will be: **Work life behind the brick walls, a discussion of daily life inside LEGO.** Jake will talk about the LEGO Group's internal creative agency with a focus on themed novelties, television and the story-based marketing approach. He has promised to show some amazing video of animation, and will certainly be the one to showcase our new audio-visual system. Please join us for this exciting evening; refreshments will be served.

Scholarships Awarded!

The Leverett Scholarship Committee last met in May to review the applications received from graduating seniors at Amherst Regional High School. After considering our criteria of connections to and residence in Leverett, financial need, academic performance, and community service, we were happy to select Erin Kavanaugh as the recipient of a \$500 award as she heads off to college in the fall.

Erin is the seventeenth recipient of the scholarship. Like all other recipients, she grew up in Leverett and credits town residents, the school, and the town setting as helping make her the woman she is today. And as with the other recipients, she has a strong sense of direction as she leaves high school.

Contributions by Leverett citizens have made these awards possible. The simplest way to contribute is using the check-off box on your real estate tax bill. If you use the auto-debit option, then it's as easy as contacting the Leverett Treasurer to debit your account for the amount desired, or you can send a check made payable to the Town of Leverett, indicating it is for the Scholarship Fund c/o Treasurer's Office, PO Box 300, Leverett 01054. Thank you all who have contributed to this fund.

I would like to remind Leverett residents that we entertain applications from any student pursuing post-secondary education. The Committee will consider students attending community college, trade school, or traditional four-year college. Criteria to be considered when making awards are: financial need, length of residence, service to the community, academic history, and career goals.

Lily Stratford was one of the 2013 recipients. Like many Leverett students, she chose to utilize the excellent and economical resources at GCC as a stepping stone to her goal. After her first year, Lily wrote, "I am at GCC and I'm trying to get a lot of my Gen-Eds done and I'm really enjoying my science/health-related classes. I'll be taking classes there next year as well, and then I plan to transfer after I get my associates. The scholarship helped tremendously, so thank you again!"

A year later, she writes, "I just finished my second year at GCC and I love it there. I applied to their nursing program for the fall and am currently on their wait list, so now it's a waiting game to see if I get in this year or reapply next year. As a backup, I'm doing their CNA (Certified Nurse Assistant) program in Northampton, so if I don't get into the nursing program this year, I'll take a couple of classes as well as working as a CNA to get good experience and a little money."

(This just in: Lily was accepted into the Nursing Program and is in her first year.)

We wish Lily the best of luck with her pursuits.

Stuart Warner, Chair, Leverett Scholarship Committee

Stories of Leverett to Read by the Fire

One of the Prettiest Buildings in Town

The Village Meeting House in Moore's Corner was built in 1810, before the Town Hall, the Congregational Church, and the Baptist Church. Asa Moore, yeoman miller, after whom the Corner is named, a Universalist, i.e. secular humanist, spearheaded its construction. He also donated the land for the cemetery where he and successive notables of the village are buried. Universalism which teaches that no one is damned was weakened by the Civil War which left us cursing one another in what the president of Harvard calls the Republic of Suffering. Through the 19th and the first half of the 20th centuries the Meeting House served the village as a community center, including but not exclusively as a school, until the consolidated education and development industries weakened and destroyed village ways in the 1950s. The Meeting House, along with much else in the Village, was neglected. Leaks developed, warping the upstairs floor where meetings and theatricals, even Indian Medicine Shows, had once taken place. The northeast corner back wall rotted.

In the 1960s, a group led by Forrest Briggs and Cliff Blinn, several of the members of which had attended the

school and gone to the meetings, formed the Moore's Corner School House Restoration Society and raised the money needed to save the building from demolition, which the Town was projecting.

The Restoration Society morphed into the Leverett Historical Society of which several non-villagers from over Brushy Mt. became members, and the Town deeded the building to the Historical Society. The Town had got the building and its land from the Watson and LaClaire families, notables of the village. How they got it isn't clear from the deed record. It doesn't appear to be included in John Wesley Watson's last will and testament of 1937, though much else is, from Lock's Pond over Brushy Mt. to Montague Plain, including notably the wreck he'd made of Dexter Moore's fine looking house-place, out of which rose the Village Coop, thanks to the Moore's Corner Community Limited Partnership.

It was the intention of the original Restoration Society to re-hang the bell which had been an important feature of the original school/meeting, but money and energy ran out. There is no indication on the bell of who made it or where it was made. The Historical Society lost the founding restorative purpose and became more a chat circle strong on memory, not a bad thing, but weaker on carpentry and other restorative arts.

Since joining the Historical Society in 2000, I've made restoring and preserving the building a personal duty, to carry on Forrest and Cliff's work. Thanks to CPA funding from the Town, and other moneys from plant and publication sales, membership fees, and donations, the siding has been $\frac{3}{4}$ replaced and stained, and the bell has been restored in a tower designed by Lloyd Kirley, Classical Colonial Homes, and built in his workshop at the N. Leverett Mill Site, by Michael White and Carsten Dahl.

Besides Lloyd's beautiful design and the Town's generous CPA grant, Cinda Jones of Cows Lumber has donated enough siding to finish the last $\frac{1}{4}$, and Fred Skalski of Deerfield Valley Pre-fab & Deerfield Valley Crane Service, has donated a steel girder connecting the north and south wall plates as security against the building spreading under the maybe $\frac{3}{4}$ ton weight of the tower, though the building construction is post and beam of hefty chestnut, angle braced both vertically and horizontally. The building was made to hold a bell-tower.

Then there's the labor which, perforce, is volunteer. Village Mutuality is not a market deal, it comes from communal good will. Thanks to Neal Bannon and his friends Micah, Tim, and Eli, all just graduated from Amherst High School, without whom the siding job would hardly be started. To Bertha LaClaire's son-in-law Michael, Cliff and Steve Blinn, and Clayton Prince, core village notables at hand for advice and materials as well as labor. To Dennis Lombardi of Red Brook, who lent his scaffolding and who figured the roof pitch to be communicated to Lloyd, and who would have done more

if he hadn't gone west to give his horse a holiday. To Mike Crowe, of Dudleyville, a hamlet satellite of the village, the village sign-maker. And, to Robin Skelton of Chestnut Hill, and his son Casey who guided the tower into position, roof-perched as I'm unable.

I'm about to turn 85. My capacity to clamber and labor are plenty diminished. But, I've it in mind to accomplish three things.

1. Touch up the stain on the clapboards which have flaked.
2. Remove the suspended ceiling Forrest and co. put in in the 60s so's to reveal the beautiful structure of the building.
3. Add to our collections. We have many of the ledgers of 19th century businesses in Leverett. I'd like to locate any others you might know of.

We have about a century of letters of the Col. Horatio Watson family, starting in the 1830s when Horatio was a representative in the General Assembly in Boston. Also many family pictures of the Glazier family I gleaned from the remnants in Arnold's garage. We have many 19th century industrial, agricultural, and domestic gadgets; up-and-down saw blades, ice saws, a corn husker and seed planter, oxen harness, a picture postcard projector, dresses, hats, two homemade 'rippers' etc. How about adding to the pile?

Dr. Dan Bennett, Leverett Historical Society, 367-2656

LOOK AND BEHOLD AS YOU PASS BY,
AS YOU ARE NOW, SO ONCE WAS I,
AS I AM NOW SO YOU MUST BE
PREPARE FOR DEATH AND FOLLOW ME.

Sound familiar? Not unless you have visited a cemetery lately. Besides the words, these are often accompanied by a carving depicting an emblem signifying the end of life or how it was lived. Words like consort, relic, AE., dates, among others give hints at the life represented there. Many of you drive past a cemetery here in town once or twice a week. Stop to journey along the paths, push aside any branches, step over rocks, broken markers, watch for tilted or leaning stones, or sunken areas. The Historical Commission and the Historical Society are working on an inventory of the stones in town cemeteries to note their condition as well as the inscriptions on them. This survey will give those organizations information for requesting monies from the Community Preservation Association over the next few years to RESTORE AND PRESERVE this important part of the town's history.

The work has already begun, with the Center Cemetery by the Safety Complex having been completely restored. About one-third of the work needed at the Moores Corner cemetery has been finished. Our plans are to finish Moores Corner this next year and begin recording the residents of the Long Plain Cemetery.

A small but dedicated group of Leverett citizens has met several times recently and discussed ways to improve the general conditions of our cemeteries. Overall, we have thirteen of them, of several sizes and with differing numbers of residents. This will be an ongoing effort. If you would like further information you may contact Edie Field @ 548-942 or Charlotte Abbott @ 367-2243.



Samuel & Sarah Graves, Mt. Hope Cemetery
Chestnut Hill, North Leverett

THE LEVERETT HISTORICAL COMMISSION invites all residents (young & old) to take a pre-Halloween walk through a Leverett Cemetery and send any observations you make – thoughts, memories, stories about family characters, folktales you have heard, questions, pictures, etc; to leveretthistoryinfo@gmail.com, or to LHC, Town Hall, 9 Montague Road, Leverett MA 01054.

Your stories will become part of the Leverett Cemeteries Strategic Plan.

Send by Thanksgiving, please.

The First Annual Leverett Cemetery Contest is on – winners of the best submissions will be announced in the December Newsletter!

The question is:

“What is the origin of the practice of all headstones facing east?”

Send answers to leveretthistoryinfo@gmail.com.



The Recreation Commission is sponsoring free water color workshop on Tuesday evenings from Oct. 27-Dec. 15 at the Town Hall. Call Nancy Emond to register at 367-9535. Limit 10 people. An exhibit of last spring's workshop paintings are on exhibit at the Town Hall.

Library News

Leverett Library, 75 Montague Rd. 548-9220
www.leverettlibrary.org

Library Hours: Tuesday 3-8, Wednesday 10-3, Thursday 3-8, Saturday 10-3, Sunday 12-5 (closed Sundays Memorial Day to Labor Day).

Special Closings: The library will be closed Sunday, October 11 for Columbus Day weekend; Wednesday, November 11 for Veterans' Day; and Thursday, November 26 for Thanksgiving.

Great Movies on the Big Screen. Join us one Friday night every month for a free movie night.

Friday Oct. 23 at 7:30 *Love and Mercy*, 2014. PG 13 starring John Cusack and Elizabeth Banks

Friday Nov. 13 at 7:30 *The Good Lie*, 2014 PG 13 starring Reese Witherspoon and Arnold Oceng

Friday Dec. 11 at 7:30 *Love Actually*, 2003 R starring Liam Neeson, Colin Firth, and Emma Thompson

Art in the Community Room Visit the vibrant local farm stand photographs by Marilyn London-Ewing through October. In November/Dec photographs by Elliott Blass will be on display.

Art workshops: Animal Collage with Chris Nelson and Sue Mulholland. Bring a photo of a special pet and create a beautiful collage portrait: for adults. Nov. 8, 2-4. On December 10 join us for Holiday card making and pizza, 5-6:30pm, all ages welcome.

Free Creative Writing Workshop Writers of any age and experience welcome. Dates: Oct 15 and 20, 6:30-8pm. Sunday Oct 4 and 18 3:30-5pm. Please email lindsay.palmer@goddard.edu to register. (Drop-ins are welcome, but signing up preferred for snack and seating preparation).

Free technology night Come learn about streaming t.v. and movies over the internet and OTT service providers such as Hulu and Netflix. Thur. Nov. 12 from 6:30-8:00

Warm Jazz for a Winter Day: Join us for an evening of Great American Songs with Singer Beth Logan Raffeld, pianist Andy Jaffe and bassist Genevieve Rose on Sunday, Dec. 6 at 3PM.

Veterans Timothy Niejadlik, Director of Upper Pioneer Valley Veterans' Services District will talk about benefits you have earned and answer questions, Tues. Oct. 13 at 6:30. Spouses welcome.

Story Hour: Preschoolers and their caregivers are invited to join us for a morning of music, stories, and crafts every

Wednesday at 10:30 with Heleen Cardinaux from the Community Network for Children.

LEGO Club is back! Elementary school age children are invited to join us every month for some creative building fun. Upcoming dates: Thur. Oct. 15 and Nov. 19 from 3:15-4:15.

Special Halloween CNC PJ Story Hour with David Hyde Costello on Thurs. Oct 22 6:30-7:30, David will read and sketch from his spooky fun trick or treat tale *Here They Come!* Enjoy a snack and craft project and each child will receive a free book. Funded by the LCC.

If you are homebound and need help selecting and/or picking up materials please call: we have volunteers ready to help.

Hope to see you soon at the library.

Ashley Blais, Library Director

COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE

The Community Preservation Committee of the Town of Leverett has funds available and is seeking proposals for the next funding cycle. If you have a proposal for open space preservation, historic preservation, community housing, or recreation, please consider applying. Application forms are available at Town Hall or may be downloaded from the Leverett Town website at <http://leverett.ma.us/>. Our application deadline is December 1, 2015.

To encourage you to think of a project we want to remind you about projects that have been accomplished in the past years. Details of these projects are available at Town Hall.

Open space funds have been used recently to acquire land on Cave Hill Road and Leverett Pond, to acquire a conservation restriction on the Teawaddle Hill Farm, and to improve public access to the Leverett Pond. Thanks to the Leverett Trails Committee, the trails on acquired properties have been marked and adorned with trail maps and sometimes even poetry boxes.

Historic preservation funds have been used to restore Town Hall, the Leverett Crafts and Arts building, the fence and gravestones at several Town cemeteries and to establish National Register Historic Districts for North Leverett, Moores Corner, East Leverett, and Leverett Center.

Recreation funds have been used to build and update new playgrounds at the Leverett Elementary School.

Community housing funds have been used to fund the Leverett Affordable Housing Trust and to provide funds for income-qualified homebuyers to purchase affordable homes in Leverett.

We hope these examples will inspire you to propose Leverett's next great project! The CPC's next meeting will be at 7:30, Wednesday, November 4 at Town Hall, when we will be happy to discuss potential proposals. If you have an idea for a proposal and would like an exploratory meeting or to be on our agenda, please call Danielle Barshak at 548-8139 or email Daniellebarshak@verizon.net.

Danielle Barshak for the Community Preservation Committee

LEVERETT ENERGY COMMITTEE

We regret to announce that your committee is unable to provide the long-awaited electricity rates from the Hampshire Council of Governments (HCOG) because the Department of Public Utilities (DPU) denied its application to become an energy aggregate. The Select Board has officially terminated our connection with HCOG until a new application is prepared and approved. That effort is ongoing, but, in the meantime, all residents of Leverett are free to choose a new supplier. Reasons for selecting a new supplier are mainly twofold: (1) to sign with a supplier that promises to save you money by offering rates lower than those currently provided by Eversource (formerly WMECO) and (2) to sign with a supplier that offers "green" energy that, in some cases, also promises a lower rate. Whatever you choose to do--including nothing--your electricity delivery (as opposed to your electricity supply) will come through Eversource, i.e., Eversource continues to have the carrying capacity, electrical wires that bring whatever electricity you use to your house, and responsibility for routine and storm-related repairs and maintenance.

We know a lot of you have been receiving offers from different suppliers, and further know that a lot of this pondering and negotiating is confusing, even tedious. We hope the following list of things to consider when deciding to sign or not sign with a new supplier will be helpful.

- (1) What rates are offered and for how long?
- (2) Is there a fee for signing up?
- (3) Is there a fee/penalty for opting out of the program?
- (4) Is there a fixed time period you are committed to by signing?
- (5) If seeking "green" energy as whole or part of your new supply, ask: Does the term "green" include nuclear and does this matter to you?

Does the term "green" include biomass and does this matter to you? (See below.)

Does the term "green" include hydro-power, and if so, is it low-impact hydro and does this matter to you?

What are the sources of this particular supply of green energy? For wind, solar, biomass, and hydro, where are these supplies coming from? Where located? Is the

wind from Texas, Pennsylvania, or North Dakota? Is it from New England? Massachusetts?

OK, why are these questions important? The first four are self-evident; the "green" issue is more complicated.

(1) Not all green energy sources are equal;

(2) Wind energy is "green" but if it comes to you from Texas or other faraway places, it doesn't do much to create new demand for green energy because it is plentiful out there on those windy flat spaces and cheap to produce;

(3) There is a difference between high- and low-impact hydro. Low-impact refers to projects that have conscientiously avoided environmental damage and are generally preferable, so ask.

(4) "Biomass" is a tricky term; it means the energy is generated by burning organic material, which, in our region, generally involves forest by-products. There is some concern that this will accelerate forest-cutting.

(5) Cheap green energy is better for combating our CO2 emissions crisis than fossil fuel so if price is your only consideration, go for cheap;

(6) If you are in a position to afford a slightly higher rate to get more locally produced green energy, and "greening" the local grid has high value for you, you have an option (see below).

OK, here is our attempt to describe three of the several different options you currently have (besides choosing "none of these" thus making no change in the energy mix now coming from Eversource (currently only a state-mandated 10% "green"). All three offer green energy in some proportion at different rates from different sites and from different locations. (Congratulations if you're still with us.)

(1) Mass Energy (www.massenergy.org/green; 1-800-287-3950 x 5; or greenreply@massenergy.org) is an excellent choice for 100% locally produced green energy. This non-profit Massachusetts-based supplier offers two programs: (1) New England Wind--100% wind from currently operating wind turbines in the state @3.8 cents per kWh above the regular electric charges. Mass Energy estimates a \$12 premium per month or 74 cents per day per residence depending on individual electricity demand; and (2) New England GreenStart that delivers a 100% combination of wind, solar, low-impact hydro, and digester gas (using methane from Massachusetts cows!) @ 2.4 cents per kWh above the regular charges. The most important feature of Mass Energy is that its provision of (really and truly) locally sourced green energy increases the demand for local energy, which, in turn, increases the demand for building more local generating infrastructure. The result is what's referred to as "greening the local grid", i.e. creating green energy to replace fossil fuels, thus actually lowering the CO2 emissions from our New England region. Two other agreeable features of Mass Energy are its people don't call you to talk you into their programs but when you contact them with questions they

actually know the answers and provide them with reassuring specificity! Mass Energy is the best choice if you can afford the small extra cost but you can also factor into your calculations that as a non-profit provider your electricity payments are 100% deductible as a charitable contribution on the federal tax form. Also, no fees, no penalties.

(2) Viridian (www.viridian.com or [very knowledgeable local contact] www.viridian.com/whitford, 413-658-4147) is not exclusively focused on New England states but has two programs here: the first (called Minus 5) offers 60% green energy from multiple sources @ a rate guaranteed to be 5% lower than Eversource rates for a fixed period with no enrollment fee but penalty for early withdrawal or 100% wind @ \$10/mo over the same 5% lower rate; the second program called "3dom" offers a fixed rate of 11.49 cents per kWh for a three-year period with a guaranteed refund of charges that go higher than those of Eversource. Viridian also works with SolarCity that offers free solar installation. The local contact listed above is very knowledgeable and accessible.

(3) Constellation (residential inquiries 877-997-9995, 8 am to 8 pm ; www.constellation.com) offers 100 % non-local green energy @ 10.99 cents per kWh for a fixed 12-month period. Constellation seems to frequently change the specifics of its offerings depending on the day you contact them.

Other news: (1) the Select Board signed a two-year contract with Constellation for 100 % green energy (not nuclear and not locally produced) for all town municipal buildings and (2) the Energy Committee is considering the possibility of a town-sponsored or group-sponsored solar energy project for residents. Contact George Lockwood @lockwood.george@gmail.com if interested. (3) The committee voted unanimously at its last meeting to oppose the construction of the Kinder Morgan fracked gas pipeline proposed to run through eight Franklin County towns on its way to Dracut on the Massachusetts coastline. Some Leverett residents have attended the hearings with FERC (the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission) and Stan Rosenberg's recent hearing at GCC where 72 of 73 speakers gave multiple reasons for urgently opposing the pipeline. Connections to Leverett--none physical within town boundaries but many physical and intangible effects on our beautiful, productive, and resourceful region. Choosing green energy especially from suppliers like Mass Energy creates the alternative energy jobs needed in the area.

Trails of Leverett Fall Schedule

Programs:

Saturday, October 17, 10-1, Harvest Festival: 3 raptor presentations with Julie Collier, RGT and Trail information tables - and so much more

Sunday, October 18, 2 PM, Guided Walk - Donald H. Bates Sanctuary: meet at the East Leverett Cemetery - near the transfer station. We will walk the old Lancaster Pike to the Bates and Roaring Brook Trails.

Sunday, October 25, 2 PM, Guided Walk - Dan Glazier Forest Trail: meet near the yellow gate at the transmission line on North Leverett Road - do not block the gate. We will follow the yellow flagging across the transmission line into the woods and up this new trail.

Sunday, November 29, 2 PM, Guided Walk - Friendship Trail and Long Hill: meet at the boat launch on Leverett Pond. The trail is just to the left of the boat launch area.

Work Days:

Saturday, October 17, 9 AM - noon, Work Day - Bridge to Bill Rivers Conservation Area: meet at the bridge behind the Leverett Elementary School.

Saturday, October 31, 9 AM-1 PM, Work Day - Gordon King Life Estate Clean up: gate will be open, drive down to the field near the blueberries.

Sunday, November 8, 1-4 PM, Work Day - Rattlesnake Hill Trail: from the Leverett Coop, go up Rattlesnake Gutter Road, across the bridge, uphill to the pull-offs across from sign saying "Gate ahead 600 feet." We will walk to the new trailhead on the Whitney Road Conservation Area.

For maps and more information:

www.rattlesnakeguttertrust.org - there are also maps at the Leverett Library. Weather-related questions? Check the website the day of the event. The Leverett Trails Committee is co-sponsored by the Rattlesnake Gutter Trust and the Leverett Conservation Commission.

Farewell Good Friend

John H. Foster, 88, who died June 5, 2015 at Linda Manor, Northampton of complications from dementia, served in several capacities in Town Government. He was on the Select Board in the 1980s, mediating with citizens when the Peace Pagoda was built; on the Planning Board for 15 years, while the Master Plan was written, chair of the first committee to enlarge LES, chair of the committee to close the landfill and build a Transfer Station, and on the Historical Commission. He was named Citizen of the Year in the Annual Town Report. For the Historical Commission, he edited a pamphlet on Industry in Leverett in the 18th century. He remapped the Roaring Brook mill sites, which ran by their house in East Leverett. He excavated an apple cider distillery on his property, which gave the name to Still Corner. He was an early member of the Historical Society, and the Rattlesnake Gutter Trust. He and Georgana lived in their 1806 house for 48 years.

35th Annual Leverett Harvest Festival



October 17, 2015

*Around the Leverett Elementary School
Playground*

*Fire Dept. Pancake Breakfast 8:00-10:30
to benefit the Leverett Fire Dept. Assoc.
Leverett Elementary School cafeteria*

*Fire Department Open House 11:00-1:00
There will be a fire extinguisher
demonstration and the Lion's Club will be
present doing free children's eye screenings.*

Festival grounds open 10:00-1:00

*6th Grade Spaghetti Supper 5:30-7:00
Come for an evening of food and fun to
support the Leverett 6th Grade.
Adults- \$8/ Children- \$6 in advance (\$9/\$7
at the door)*

*Tickets are available from any 6th grader, in the
school office, or at the Leverett Library.
Vegetarian and Gluten-Free options will be served.
We all would enjoy more handmade or unique items for
sale, more fun activities for all ages, more tables of tag
sale miscellany, more businesses getting their name out
there, more people walking around enjoying the day, the
food, the company. Hope to see you there.*

For more info: LevHarvestFest@aol.com or 548-8099

The LEVERETT LITERATURE GROUP is re-convening after a summer break. We are completing a study of William Faulkner's novels and will soon be making new reading choices. You don't have to be an English major to join; the meetings are free; the food is always good; and the discussions are remarkably lively and stimulating. We usually meet on Tuesdays from 7-9 pm; call for next dates if interested. Portia Weiskel @548-9737 or pweiskel@post.harvard.edu.

HOUSING QUESTIONNAIRE FOR LEVERETT RESIDENTS 55 AND OLDER

The Leverett Affordable Housing Trust is collecting information about the housing needs of residents in Leverett so as people age they can continue to live in Leverett if they choose to. We want to know what your needs, goals and plans are so we can research resources and programs that are most appropriate. No identifying information is requested.

Family members and caregivers are also encouraged to complete this questionnaire.
Check here if you are a caregiver or family member _____

Additional copies are available at Town Hall (front entrance) and on the Town website.

PLEASE RETURN QUESTIONNAIRE BY OCTOBER 31 (details below)

How long have you lived in Leverett:

Less than 10 years _____ 10 – 20 years _____ more than 20 years _____

Live alone _____ With spouse/partner _____ With family or others _____

Your age: _____ Ages of others living with you _____

Rent _____ Own Home _____ Mortgage: Yes _____ No _____

Do you plan to remain in your current residence as you age?

Yes _____ No _____ Maybe _____

Comments about your plans:

If No or Maybe: Check all that may apply .

- _____ Move to another Town/area with lower housing costs
- _____ Move to area with more accessible services (stores, transportation, etc.)
- _____ Move because of availability of Senior Housing with more services
- _____ Move to smaller residence in Leverett
- _____ Move to be closer to, or live with, family
- _____ Other/Comments:

If Yes or Maybe: what financial and/or support services might you need to remain in your home?

Tax relief _____ Home repair/modification _____ Home/Health Care _____
Transportation help _____ Home maintenance help _____
Other/Comments:

Would you choose to remain in Leverett (or seriously consider the option) if some type of Senior Housing facility was available at the same or lower cost to you?

Yes _____ No _____

If Yes, what type of housing would you be interested in? Check all that apply

Rental unit _____ Condominium _____ Small Senior Community _____

Mixed age housing _____

Other/Comments: _____

What services would you like included:

Transportation _____ Maintenance _____ Health assistance _____

Other services: _____

What is your (including spouse/partner) current annual income:

under \$20,000 _____ \$20,000-\$50,000 _____ over \$50,000 _____

In the future my income is likely going to be:

Under \$20,000 _____ \$20,000-\$50,000 _____ over \$50,000 _____

Are you aware of local and State tax relief and home repair/maintenance assistance programs for seniors? Yes _____ No _____

Have you ever received this assistance? Yes _____ No _____

Other Comments and Suggestions: As you, or your family member, plan for the future, what are your most critical needs, concerns, and mainly suggestions? Please provide as specific information as possible to help the Affordable Housing Trust consider options for Leverett. Please attach additional sheet with your comments.

**RETURN QUESTIONNAIRE BY OCTOBER 31 to the Senior Housing Survey Box
Town Hall front entrance or mail to: Town of Leverett, Attn: Senior Survey,
9 Montague Road, Leverett, MA 01054. Additional copies available at Town Hall front
entrance.**

THANK YOU FOR YOUR HELP!

2015 Actual Municipal Fiber Bond Data

Property Assessed Value	25 th Percentile \$221,300	Median \$279,200	75 th Percentile \$350,400
Bond Term (Years)	20	20	20
Varying Bond Coupon Rate	2.0 - 4.0%	2.0 - 4.0%	2.0 - 4.0%
Tax Rate Impact (20 Year Average)	+\$0.784	+\$0.784	+\$0.784
Annual Tax Impact (20 Year Average)	+ \$173.42	+ \$218.80	+ \$274.60
Monthly Bond Cost (20 Year Average)	\$14.45	\$18.23	\$22.88

The table above displays the actual bond cost and tax impact of the construction of the Leverett fiber network on three example Leverett properties. Following standard Massachusetts municipal practice, a 19 year general obligation bond was issued in the amount of \$3,005,000 to pay the Town's costs of the Leverett fiber network construction.

The table shows that over the 19 year payback period beginning this year, the owner of a median assessed value property (per 2015 fiscal year assessment) will pay an average of \$18.23/month in property tax for their share of the bond cost. Owners of higher valued property will pay more; lower valued property, less.

The chart below was presented at Leverett Town Meeting April 28, 2012, when residents voted to approve the LeverettNet project. It displays the Broadband Committee estimates of tax impact. Comparison of the charts shows the actual tax impact is significantly less than estimated.

In addition to this good news, the fiber optic bond was also an opportunity to refinance other Town debt (school, library, public safety). The refinancing resulted in savings of \$162,284

2012 Presentation Municipal Bond Data

Property Assessed Value	25 th Percentile \$223,900	Median \$278,700	75 th Percentile \$345,800
Bond Term (Years)	20	20	20
Interest Rate	4.0%	4.0%	4.0%
Tax Rate Impact (20 Year Average)	+1.06	+1.06	+1.06
Annual Tax Impact (20 Year Average)	+ \$237.38	+ \$295.48	+ \$366.62
Monthly Bond Cost	\$19.78	\$24.62	\$30.55

Town Office Hours and Contact Information:

Tax Collector

Pay Property Taxes and Get Receipt
Pay Motor Vehicle Excise Taxes
Buy Trash Bags and Stickers

DeeAnn Civello/Jason Noschese

Hours Beginning November 1st

Thursdays 9:00 am - 7:00 pm

Fridays 9:00 am - 5:00 pm

Saturdays 9:00 am - 5:00 pm

548-9666

treasurercollector@leverett.ma.us

Town Clerk

Voter Registrations/ Absentee Ballots
DBA's /*Dog Licenses
Marriage Licenses (In Person)
Birth/Death Certificates (In Person)
Meeting Postings

Lisa Stratford

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday

9:30 am - 1:30 pm

548-9150

townclerk@leverett.ma.us

*Can be done by mail

Senior Center

Senior Lunch, Fridays at 12:00 pm

Carole King

Friday 10:00 am - 12:00 pm

548-9410 on Fridays

Other times 548-1022 ext. 5 to leave message

***For all departments, please call before coming, the office may be closed that day.

Selectboard Clerk

Request Town Hall Use/Rental
Schedule Meeting with Selectboard
Update Website

Notary

Lisa Stratford

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday

9:30 am - 1:30 pm

548-9150

selectboard@leverett.ma.us

Meetings: 2nd, 4th and 5th Tues, 7:00 pm

Assessors' Office

Property Ownership/Assessment Questions
Tax Abatements - Real Estate and Vehicle
Chapter 61, 61A, 61B Questions
See Property Surveys/Plans
Statutory Exemption Applications

Steve Schmidt

Thursday 2:00 - 6:00 pm

548-4945

assessors@leverett.ma.us

Meetings: 1st and 3rd Mondays, 7:30 pm

Transfer Station

Dispose of Recyclables and Trash
Buy Bags

5 Cemetery Road

Saturday 10:00 am - 1:00 pm

Sunday 10:00 am - 1:00 pm

Weds (summer only) 6:00 - 7:30 pm

549-1062

Ananda Larson, Coordinator

transferstation@leverett.ma.us

Dog Officer

Report Loose or Problem Dogs

Roberta Bryant

549-1213, 548-4949

Conservation Commission

Wetlands Related Issues and Permits

Kathleen Casey

1st, 2nd, 3rd Mondays 3:30 - 5:30 pm

548-1022 ext. 3

concom@leverett.ma.us

Meetings: 1st Mondays, 7:30 pm

Administrator

Notary

Margie McGinnis

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday

9:00 am - 3:00 pm

548-9699

townadministrator@leverett.ma.us

Franklin County Inspections

Building, Plumbing, Gas, Wiring Permits

Online only at www.fccip.org

Board of Health/Health Agent

548-1022 ext. 1 to leave message

Meetings: 1st and 3rd Mondays, 7:00 pm

Leverett MLP

Margie McGinnis, Manager 548-9699

Website: www.leverett.ma.us

35th Annual
Leverett Harvest Festival



October 17, 2015

Around the Leverett Elementary School Playground

Sign-Up Sheet
(due October 13)

NAME: _____

BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION (if any): _____

PHONE: _____ E-MAIL: _____

ITEMS FOR SALE/DISPLAY/ACTIVITY/OTHER: _____

TABLE SIZE (you must bring your own table): _____

TOWN, SCHOOL or NON-PROFIT: _____ (\$0) FUN FREE ACTIVITY: _____ (\$0)

KIDS' BAZAAR: _____ (\$0) (must have parent sponsor)

ADULT/BUSINESS: _____ (\$10)

_____ CASH (preferred)

_____ CHECK made out to Town of Leverett (memo: Harvest Fest)

_____ INSURANCE COVERAGE INFO INCLUDED: Any vendors providing food, drink and/or rides should provide us with certificates of insurance naming the Town as an additional insured. Contact us with any questions.

LOCATION PREFERENCE: OUTSIDE field _____ OUTSIDE pavement _____ INSIDE _____

In case of rain, we will hold the festival in the gym and will not expect you to attend unless you want to – your money will be returned

SPECIAL REQUESTS or INFO: We will try to accommodate all requests. (Note: electrical outlets are in very short supply – mostly for classroom tables):

Please return to the front office at LES or LevHarvestFest@aol.com Questions? E-mail or call 548-8099

Pancakes 8:00-10:30, Festival 10:00-1:00, Spaghetti 5:30-7:00

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LEVERETT RESIDENT

LEVERETT, MA 01054

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Peter d'Errico (in tails) addresses "Cutting the Ribbon on the 21st Century Broadband: A Celebration of Leverett's Last Mile Network" and the launching of LeverettNet