



ALEXANDRIA TODAY AUGUST 2016 EDITION

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Recycling Committee 8/16



Recycling is contagious; You set the example, and others will follow

Money in our Pockets

As of the end of May 2016 our net savings generated by our recycling program were \$42. As you all know we have undergone some major changes in our various vendors over the first part of the year as we continue to seek out the most efficient and cost effective methods to dispose of our waste. During the month of June our net savings were \$309; a positive move in the right direction. This puts our total savings for the first half of the year at just over \$350, and it looks like we will continue to show a net savings each month, albeit a small one, for the remainder of the year. We expect that we'll see some fluctuation from month to month depending on prices fetched for aluminum, copper, and scrap metal; however, we're not looking for any major changes before the end of the year. The recycling market will rebound, but until it does, we need to be mindful of the important role each of us plays in protecting our environment and preserving our precious non-renewable natural resources. Your continued enthusiasm and support of your recycling program is greatly appreciated – recycling does have a positive impact and benefits all of us.

Everyone Does Make a Difference

We've talked about zero waste several times over the years, but it never hurts to reinforce suggestions with periodic reminders. I came across an article by Ben Jervey, founder of A Clean Life, which outlines some basic, easy to do, things you can practice in your home to reduce the amount of waste you send to a landfill. Please take a minute to read through his suggestions, and if you have not already done so, please consider adopting some or all of these practices in your home. There's no better place to take the practical steps towards zero waste than in your own home. Here are Ben's six easy steps you can follow to help achieve a zero waste objective:

- 1. Monitor.** First, take a good look at how much trash you are actually sending to the landfill. It's important to recognize what makes up your waste material. We're barely conscious of how much we actually throw out, much of which would be easily replaced by a reusable version.
- 2. Get some bins.** As you know, our program in Alexandria is set-up to deposit; paper and cardboard, all glass, all plastics and tin cans, and aluminum cans into separate containers. This being the case, ideally, your house needs six dedicated bins [one for each category, plus one for compost material and one for non-recyclable material]. At first glance, six bins may seem too complicated; however, the bins don't have to be large and bulky and can be stacked in the garage, mudroom or wherever you keep your trash receptacles.
- 3. Revisit the Three R's.** Reduce, reuse, recycle isn't just a phrase, it's a hierarchy. First, focus on reducing the amount of waste coming into your home. You've heard these tips before (stop junk mail, sign up for electronic bills, etc). so we won't get into every detail here. Next comes *reuse*; figure out clever and creative ways to use durable items that were bound for the trash bin. Also be sure to make reusable goods a part of your life – each month we try to give you some ideas for reusing/repurposing items. If you can't reuse it, someone else probably can; donate old, unwanted items to charity, have a yard sale, or list them on Craigslist. Finally, it's time to recycle whatever you couldn't reduce or reuse. Recycling deserves its own bullet.
- 4. Recycle the rest.** First and foremost, learn what you can and can't recycle in your community. If you have questions about what can be recycled at our transfer station, ask Tony or one of the staff, and you can visit Earth911 to help you find where to recycle just about everything not handled by our transfer station.
- 5. Organics recycling.** Think of composting as a special form of recycling. You're taking organic waste, and recycling it back into useful, nutrient-rich organic material. If you've got a backyard, it's really easy to get started – there is extensive information on the internet about composting and its benefits.
- 6. The Fourth "R".** For the system to work, people will need to not only reduce, reuse, and recycle, but also to **Rethink**. It's important that we rethink our behavior and lifestyle. This is not to say that you should make drastic lifestyle changes or live like an extremist. Rather it means questioning some basic habits like not buying something because it has too much packaging; look for items using packaging that can be reused; give products using recycled materials in the manufacturing process serious consideration and help support these manufacturers; or remember to keep a reusable shopping bag(s) in your backseat so they are always available for unplanned stops.

Everything you do to support the 4 "R"s helps preserve our planet and enhances our lives – Thank You.

Source: <http://www.good.is/articles/how-to-achieve-zero-waste-at-home-in-6-steps>

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Reusing Makes Good

Here are more ideas for reusing every-day items which might otherwise end up in a landfill:



Corks make great spindles for winding up twine or thread, fashionable key chains, or plant markers.



Old Satellite dishes may be able to enhance your cell phone or WIFI signal. Try redirecting the dish holding your cell phone close, see if the bars increase.

Old baby gates or outgrown foldup playpen sides make nice garden trellis.



Here's a novel idea for recycling old license plates.

Unwanted candle wall sconces can be embellished with bowl and saucer to make a unique plant hanger.

Comments and suggestions are welcome, and can be submitted via email to: steve.whitman@hotmail.com; with the author's permission, comments may be printed in subsequent issues.



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Town Clerk/Tax Collector

2016 Wellington State Park Beach Passes

Passes are now available in the Town Clerk's office.

Adults ages 12+: \$6.00

Children ages 6 to 11: Passes are required for each child but at no charge

Children ages 0 to 5: Free, no passes needed

NH Residents over 65: Free with a NH driver's license

To purchase by mail, please send a **self-addressed, stamped envelope with a list of names and ages** with a check for the correct amount made payable to Town of Alexandria.



Community Events



HAYNES LIBRARY

Open on Mondays from 1:30 pm to 4:30 pm and 7:00 pm to 8:00 pm
33 Washburn Road, Alexandria, NH 03222 (603) 744-6529

Come and Join the Alexandria Church Fair!!

Saturday, August 13th @ 9am

Crafter and Exhibitor space is still available.

Visit www.alexandriachurchnh.org for details and registration info.



Phone 603-744-8104

Email:

alexandriachurchnh@gmail.com

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Office Hours

Selectmen's Office – 744-3220

Monday: 8 am to 4 pm
Tuesday: 11 am to 6 pm
Wednesday: 8 am to 4 pm
Thursday: 8 am to 4 pm
Friday: CLOSED

Town Clerk/ Tax Collector – 744-3288

Monday: 9 am to 4 pm
Tuesday: 9 am to 7 pm
Wednesday: 9 am to 4 pm
Thursday: 9 am to 4 pm
Friday: CLOSED

Transfer Station

Monday: 8 am to 12 pm
Wednesday: 10:00 am to 6:00 pm
Saturday: 8 am to 4 pm

Police Department 744-6650

Chief Donald Sullivan
When dispatcher picks up, give dispatcher your message. They will page an officer on the radio. Cell phones are not reliable locally.

Highway Department – 744-6516

Jeff Cantara, Road Agent

Planning Board – 744-8986

Deliberative Meetings: 3rd Wednesday of each month at 7pm, 6pm during winter months (November thru March)
Open 1 hour prior to meeting .
Items to be included on the agenda must be received 21 days prior to the meeting.

Town Committees/Commissions

Conservation Commission

The Conservation Commission meets the 4th Wednesday of the month in the conference room at the municipal building.
To contact the Conservation Commission:
e-mail: alexandrianh@metrocast.net
Phone: 603-744-3220
Mail: 47 Washburn Road
Alexandria, NH 03222

Recycling Committee

Please send your suggestions, tips, and comments to: steve.whitman@metrocast.net or call 744-3596. Thank you for recycling.
A Reminder: Anyone wishing to receive electronic copies of committee business conducting electronically or meeting minutes can do so by providing me with an email address. Sent to: alexandrianh@metrocast.net

FIRE PERMITS

Category I & II fire permits can be obtained in the Selectmen's Office (603-744-3220), but you will need to provide a copy of the previous year's permit in order to get a permit for the current year.

All other burn permits are available from the following:

Fire Warden: Mark Chevalier 603-455-1591
Deputy Fire Wardens:
Dave Ogden 603-744-9056
Jeff Cantara 603-744-6516
Tom Moore 603-744-6516
Or contact: Robert Duquette, George Clayman, Fran Butler, Ken Patten, Fred Platts

UPCOMING MEETINGS:

**Meetings are held in the Conference Room at the Municipal Building unless otherwise noted.*

- Tuesday, August 2nd Selectmen's Meeting at 6:00 pm
- Tuesday, August 2nd Budget Committee Meeting immediately following Selectmen's Meeting
- Tuesday, August 16th Selectmen's Meeting at 6:00 pm
- Wednesday, August 17th Planning Board Meeting at 7:00 pm
- Wednesday, August 24th Conservation Commission at 6:30 pm