



ALEXANDRIA TODAY JANUARY 2017 EDITION

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REMINDER: Tuesday, January 10, 2017 is the last day for voters to petition selectmen to include an article in the town meeting warrant, provided that if a petitioned article proposed a bond governed by RSA 33:8-a, the deadline is the preceding Friday, January 6, 2017. [RSA 39:3; 40:13, II-a(b)]. The petition must have a minimum of 25 signatures from voters registered in Alexandria

PUBLIC HEARING ON THE PROPOSED 2017 BUDGET

When: Tuesday, January 17, 2017 at 6:45 pm
Where: Town Hall, 45 Washburn Road, Alexandria, NH
Copies of the proposed budget will be available at the meeting.

FIRST DELIBERATIVE SESSION

When: Saturday, February 11, 2017 at 10:00 am
Where: Town Hall, 45 Washburn Road, Alexandria, NH

TOWN VOTING DAY (SECOND DELIBERATIVE SESSION)

When: Tuesday, March 14, 2017 polls open 11:00 am to 7:00 pm
Where: Town Hall, 45 Washburn Road, Alexandria, NH

PUBLIC HEARINGS ON BUILDING PERMIT ORDINANCE

First hearing being held on Tuesday, January 3, 2017 at 6:30 pm
Second hearing being held on Tuesday, January 17, 2017 at 6:30 pm
Copies of the building permit ordinance are available in the Selectmen's Office.

Filing for Town Offices will begin Wednesday, January 25, 2017 through Friday, February 3, 2017 (Town Clerk's Office will be open from 3:00 pm to 5:00 pm on Friday, February 3, 2017)

Selectmen	(3 year term – 2020)	One (1) position	Town Clerk/Tax Collector	(balance of term ending 2018)	One (1) position
Trustee of Trust Funds	(3 year term – 2020)	One (1) position	Planning Board	(3 year term – 2020)	Two (2) position
Cemetery Trustee	(3 year term – 2020)	One (1) position	Planning Board	(balance of term ending 2018)	One (1) position
Budget Committee	(3 year term – 2020)	Three (3) positions	Budget Committee	(1 year term – 2018)	Two (2) positions
Budget Committee	(2 year term – 2019)	Two (2) positions			

Abatements: If you wish to file an application for abatement, you may obtain the form from the selectmen's office during regular hours. Abatement forms are also available online at www.alexandrianh.com. Applications are due by March 1, 2017.



Recycling Committee 01/17



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

Let's all make a resolution to support companies that recycle and promote recycling, and look for and purchase products that use recycled materials.

Money in our Pockets

Happy New Year! November savings were \$405 including money received from the redemption of scrap metal, aluminum cans, and other metals; there was no adjustment for glass during the month. This more than makes up for last month's negative figure and puts our total year to date savings at \$1,245. We should have a glass adjustment due in December, which will help, and with any luck we'll surpass savings of \$1,500 for the year. Alexandria has one of the best recycling programs in the state for a town of our size. We have combined ease of use with the convenience of processing the maximum amount of



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recyclable material. This is a tribute to our Board of Selectmen, the management and staff at the transfer station, and, above all, the participation and support of our community – without you behind the program, it couldn't happen.

Everyone Does Make a Difference

As we move into 2017, we feel that we need to broaden our efforts to encompass the entire waste management issue. Recycling plays a major role in helping to manage our waste; however, it is not the 'end-all' solution. The cost of processing waste, including recyclable materials, is increasing. Densely populated areas such as the northeast are fast running out of space available to dispose of waste material forcing haulers to travel greater distances, which drives up the cost. As a nation, we are developing new processing methods and are able to recycle more kinds of materials; however, the new processes are complex and more expensive resulting in a decreasing price paid for recyclable materials coupled with the need for a more refined sort which either increases the processing fee or requires a more extensive sort at the time of disposal [less convenient and more time consuming, plus it requires expanded facilities at transfer stations].

As a society, we need to understand that trash management has reached a point where it must become part of our everyday routine. Recycling has 3 components; "Reduce", "Reuse", and "Recycle". Lately, I've tried to focus more on the "Reuse" aspect by providing ideas and suggestions on how we can creatively repurpose items and give them new life with a different function. This has two distinct benefits; number one, it eliminates the processing needed to recycle the material, and secondly it saves having to purchase a new item to satisfy a need. Stop and think for just a minute; how many items do you throw away that you could repurpose? We need to build this thought process into our daily lives. Along with this determination, ask yourself if you really need to replace the item or can you get by without it – the second leg of the triangle "Reduce". In today's world, we often find ourselves caught up in an atmosphere driven by what's convenient vs. necessary. This is a tough one because it involves sacrifice; either doing without or giving up personal time. The idea behind many "disposable" products is to give an individual more time to do more things [case in point, disposable diapers] or because a product of lesser quality can be produced for less money and serve the same purpose albeit for a shorter period of time [case in point, disposable lighters] . The trade-off on both of these examples is that additional waste is created in both instances. Now I'm not suggesting that we revert back to cloth diapers, but we could use biodegradable disposable ones, or ones that are more absorbent and last longer, and what's wrong with matches instead of mechanical devices. These made not be the best examples, but the point is that we need to begin looking at the choices we make every day to have a positive impact on managing our waste. The cost of waste disposal is going up and the more we can do now to reduce the amount of trash we generate, the better off we'll be down the road.

In the coming year, your Recycling Committee will become the Waste Management Advisory Committee. Our outlook for the 2017 recyclable markets continues unchanged. While we expect to see an increase in the types of material that can be recycled, the processing fees will increase as will the demand for a higher quality of materials; e.g. more refined sorts such as glass separated by type and color. Recycling as much as possible is still very important in that it keep this waste out of our landfills, thus extending their useful life; however, as these landfills reach capacity and close, new sites, at greater distances, will be needed. Your continued enthusiasm and support of your recycling program is greatly appreciated – recycling does have a positive impact and benefits all of us.

NOTICE: For some time, I've been talking about Styrofoam and the problems and expense that vendors encounter when trying to break it down into a form that can be reused. As the result of these issues, the market for Styrofoam has all but dries up and the price paid for it by vendors does not cover the cost of hauling. Unfortunately, we are unable to continue handle Styrofoam as a recyclable material. Please place any Styrofoam material, including food trays, take-out containers, and packaging, in the compactor along with other non-recyclable materials. We regret that we find it necessary to discontinue recycling Styrofoam and will continue to look for ways to resume recycling it. Styrofoam is non-biodegradable and once in a landfill it will remain there for decades [meal worms do consume Styrofoam at a rate of just over an ounce per worm per day, but at that rate they can't consume enough to counteract the amount of waste generated]. Please remember this and, if possible, avoid products using Styrofoam for packaging, and make every attempt to reuse any Styrofoam you may receive.

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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Policy Regarding Availability of Sand:

Sand is available for use by residents of the town. Sand piles are located at the Transfer Station (29 Smith River Road) and behind the old Highway Garage (143 Washburn Road).

- Residents of the Town of Alexandria are allowed to fill up five 5-gallon buckets with sand for use on their own property.
- Sand available at the Transfer Station will be available only during regular business hours of the transfer station.
- The filling of pick-ups or other trucks and use by contractors is prohibited.

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 <i>Deliberative Meetings: 3rd Wednesday of each month at 7pm, 6pm during winter months (November thru March)</i> Open 1 hour prior to meeting . <i>Items to be included on the agenda must be received 21 days prior to the meeting.</i>
Town Committees/Commissions		
Conservation Commission The Conservation Commission meets the 4 th 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	

Town Offices Closed Monday, January 2, 2017 in observance of New Year's Day. Transfer Station will be open normal hours on that day.

UPCOMING MEETINGS:

Please check website for up-to-date meeting schedule

- Tuesday, January 3, 2017: Selectmen's Meeting at 6:00 pm
- Tuesday, January 3, 2017: Public Hearing on Building Permit Ordinance at 6:30 pm
- Tuesday, January 17, 2017: Selectmen's Meeting at 6:00 pm
- Tuesday, January 17, 2017: Public Hearing on Building Permit Ordinance at 6:30 pm
- Tuesday, January 17, 2017: Public Hearing on the Proposed 2017 Budget at 6:45 pm
- Wednesday, January 18, 2017: Planning Board Meeting at 6:00 pm
- Thursday, January 19, 2017: Highway Advisory Committee Meeting at 4:30 pm
- Wednesday, January 25, 2017: Conservation Commission Meeting at 6:30 pm

All meetings are held in the Conference Room at the Municipal Building (47 Washburn Road) and open to the public unless otherwise noted. Selectmen: All appointments and agenda items for Selectmen's meetings must be submitted to the Selectmen's Office by 4:00 pm the Thursday before the meeting. The Selectmen hold work sessions as needed at 5:00 pm prior to the meetings.

Planning Board: Items to be included on the agenda must be received 21 days prior to the meeting

Meeting minutes, newsletters, alerts and other helpful information is updated on the Town's website on a regular basis.

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