



ALEXANDRIA TODAY JUNE 2016 EDITION

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Selectmen's Office

REMINDER: Low & Moderate Income Homeowners Property Tax Relief Program:

Applications for the Low & Moderate Income Homeowners Property Tax Relief Form (DP-8) will be available on May 1, 2016. The Low & Moderate Income Homeowners Property Tax Relief program was designed to lessen the economic burden of the State Education Property Tax on certain at-risk taxpayers.

An eligible applicant for the Low and Moderate Income Homeowners Property Tax Relief is a person who is:

- Single with adjusted gross income equal to or less than \$20,000; or
- Married or head of NH household with adjusted gross income less than or equal to \$40,000; and
- Owns a homestead subject to the State Education Property Tax; and
- Has resided in that homestead on April 1 of the year for which the claim is made.

Applications for the Low and Moderate Income Homeowners Property Tax Relief are accepted only during the statutory filing period - after May 1, but no later than June 30. The law allows 120 days for processing from the date of receipt of your completed application. For more information, visit <http://www.revenue.nh.gov/assistance/low-moderate.htm>.



Recycling Committee 6/16



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

Money in our Pockets

As promised, I have been able to work up some numbers reflecting saving generated by recycling through the end of April. I've been telling you, for the past year the prices being offered for recycled materials have continued to decline; and the markets for all but the highest grades of materials has dried up. There has been some encouraging movement in the past few months; however, there is no indication that a general recovery for the recycling market is in the offing. That said, at the moment we are breaking even with our current recycling program. Tony has done a great job negotiating favorable agreements with our hauling providers and processing vendors, which will save the town significant money in overall trash removal and processing this year. The savings generated by our recycling efforts result in a reduced hauling and processing fee because we are providing a significant amount of recyclable material and the materials can be sold by the vendor. Those savings are applied to the removal cost per ton expense for each classification of materials. As I said, at this point, we are breaking even; the actual cash taken in for the recycled materials, plus the allowances given by the providers and vendors, equates to our costs to process the materials based on the average costs per ton through April 30th. We are monitoring this monthly and 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.

So let's look at our program overall. The basic objectives of any recycling program are to reduce the adverse impact the disposal of our waste has on the environment and to slow the depletion of our non-renewable resources. Remember, two of the three legs of the recycling triangle are "reduce" and "reuse", both of which have an immediate and positive impact on both the environment and the preservation of our non-renewable natural resources. Granted, you can't reuse everything, and you can only reduce what you use just so far; that's where the third leg, "recycle", comes into play. Recycle as much of what you can't reuse as possible. One way to do this is to become a savvy consumer; purchase products that are made from recycled materials to support companies who use and create a market for recycled material – most products clearly indicate if they are made from recycled materials, and the percentage used. Another way is to purchase products made of materials that can be recycled; look for the recycling symbol containing the group classification – this is especially true for plastics and plastic packaging material. 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. We sincerely appreciate your patience as we work through this period, and your continued support of your recycling program – recycling does have a positive impact and benefits all of us.

Everyone Does Make a Difference

This is probably more of a reminder to most of you; however, some may not be aware that New Hampshire has a comprehensive used oil recycling program. Approximately 3 million gallons of used oil are generated in New Hampshire each year. As much as 50 percent of this amount is generated by "do-it-yourselfers" [DIY], which means that there is no direct oversight. Proper management of used oil is important to help prevent the contamination of both surface water and groundwater. It takes only one pint of oil to produce a one acre oil slick on surface water, which may kill plants, fish and other wildlife. One quart of oil can contaminate 250,000 gallons of groundwater and make it unsafe to drink. Used motor oil should

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not be disposed of in the trash, dumped in storm drains, or on the ground where it may eventually contaminate drinking water supplies. After performing an oil change, you should carefully pour the used oil into a suitable recycling container with a closeable lid. Do not use containers that previously contained household chemicals such as bleach, cleaning materials, or paint thinners. Plastic milk jugs with screw caps work well. Label the container "Used Oil." Filled containers should be carefully transported to a collection center for proper recycling. One gallon of used oil can be re-refined into 2.5 quarts of recycled lubricating oil, whereas it takes 42 gallons of crude oil to produce this same amount of virgin lubricant. There are a number of locations in our area that accept used motor oil including: O'Reilly's Auto Parts in Plymouth, and Auto Zone in Franklin; there are others, and for a complete list, contact DES toll free at 1888TAKEOIL (8253645).

Reusing Makes Good

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

[Source: www.pinterest.com & www.viralnova.com]



Use old belts to create a hanging shelf unit



Cut down that old bed and convert it into an outdoor bench



Old dressers make unique herb or hanging gardens



Idea for a wine rack/bar



Mount glass bottles on decorative wood and use as wall hanging



Build bookcase using bottles as legs or as legs for accent tables



Use tin cans to decorate outdoor walls or as hanging plant containers



Use plastic bags to stuff patio pillows or washable pet beds



Larger bags make great kites



Plastic bags are easily woven into baskets

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.

Alexandria Conservation Commission

"Stewards of our Planet"

Town Clerk/Tax Collector



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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



Red Cross Blood Drive

June 15, 2016 1:00 pm to 6:00 pm
Our Lady of Grace Chapel, 2 West Shore Road, Bristol

June 25, 2016 10:00 am to 3:00 pm
Janice Lee Collins Memorial
Town of Bridgewater Meetinghouse, 297 Mayhew Turnpike, Bridgewater



NEWFOUND LAKE REGION ASSOCIATION NEWFOUND CITIZEN PLANNER WORKSHOPS

*Protect your land and water – become a Citizen Planner!
Build local control through thoughtful planning. Please join us to support sustainable economic and environmental development.*

FREE AND OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

Is this something you would be interested in participating in? Do you know others that may be interested in this program? Please invite them to join you! Contact the NLRA if you have any questions and to save your seat: info@NewfoundLake.org, or 603-744-8689.

WORKSHOP DATES AND LOCATIONS ALL MEETINGS 6 PM – 8 PM

Individual Workshops – Local goals and recommended ordinances

- June 2, Bristol Old Town Hall
- June 6, Bridgewater Town Offices
- June 9, Hebron Town Offices
- June 13, Groton Town Hall
- June 16, Alexandria Old Town Hall

2016 Wrap-up Meeting on September 1st - Location TBD. *ALL SHOULD ATTEND.*



Alexandria Historical Society



ADD MEETING DATE!!!!



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

HERBICIDE USE NOTIFICATION:

New Hampshire Electric Co-op intends (NHE CO-OP) intends to apply herbicides along various power-line rights-of-way during 2016. The following herbicides will be selectively applied to control tall growing vegetation within the right-of-way corridor. Rodeo (glyphosate), Escort XP/Patriot (metsulfuron methyl), Krenite S (fosamine ammonium), Garlon 4 Ultra (triclopyr). Treatments are scheduled to commence on or about July 5, 2016.

For the map of the area to be treated please visit our website (<http://alexandrianh.com/page32.php>) or stop in the Selectmen's Office.

In accordance with the NH Division of Pesticide Control Regulations, individual landowners whose property abuts the right-of-way, or over whose property the right-of-way passes, may request individual written notification thirty days prior to any treatment. To receive individual notification, fill out the Notification Request Coupon (available in the Selectmen's Office and on our website at <http://alexandrianh.com/page32.php>) and return to the address as indicated below no later than June 20, 2016. Requests received after this date will not be considered for this treatment cycle.

In addition to the written notification, individual landowners whose property abuts or over whose property the right-of-way passes, have the right to request and receive the approximate date, (within 5 days before or 5 days after the actual date of application) that herbicides will be or have been applied in your area.

Further information may be requested by contacting: VCS (Consultant to NHE CO-OP), Bryan McCollor, Project Manager, 2342 Main Street, Athol, MA 01331. Contact hours: Monday to Friday from 8:00 am to 4:00 pm. Telephone 603-325-3227.

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

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

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



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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	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.	(November thru March) Open 1 hour prior to meeting . Chair, Maggie LaBerge <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	

UPCOMING MEETINGS:

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

- Tuesday, June 7th Selectmen's Meeting at 6:00 pm
- Tuesday, June 7th Budget Committee Meeting immediately following Selectmen's Meeting
- Wednesday, June 15th Planning Board at 7:00 pm
- Tuesday, June 21st Selectmen's Meeting at 6:00 pm
- Wednesday, June 22nd Conservation Commission at 6:30 pm