



## ALEXANDRIA TODAY OCTOBER 2015 EDITION

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**Recycling Committee 10/15**



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

We're still looking for one more on our team. If you are interested in joining our committee either on a full time basis or to work on a specific project, please me at: [steve.whitman@metrocast.net](mailto:steve.whitman@metrocast.net) or (603) 744-3596.

### Money in our Pockets

The savings for the month of July was \$510. There was no revenue reported from scrap metal or aluminum cans in August. Savings year to date through July 2015 are \$7282. We should be at about 67% of our objective through August and we remain about \$2,000 ahead of our of \$8,000 savings objective. In spite of being ahead of our objective at the present time, I think that the \$8,000 year end savings objective is realistic. As of July 15<sup>th</sup> the hauler we were using for paper and comingled recyclables has gone out of business. Under the terms of our new hauler NRRA is no longer able to pay us for paper and the processing fee has gone up \$5/ton; however, the hauling cost has been reduced by almost \$50/haul; we're still saving money by recycling paper, but the reduced hauling costs does not make up for the lost revenue and the increase in processing fees. Additionally, we are no longer able to haul the comingled container in tandem with the paper which means that there is now a separate charge for that haul. We are currently evaluating other options; and in the interim, we are still saving money and protecting the environment with our recycling program - thank you all for your continuing support.

### Everyone Does Make a Difference

The markets for recycled materials has been steadily decreasing over the past several years in spite of the fact that technology continues to expand the ways in which the materials can be reused. One of the reasons for the decline is the "quality" of the recycled material being offered. Recycled materials are processed differently depending on the type of materials involved. When non-compatible materials are mixed, the batch is considered 'contaminated' and additional sorting must be done, which cost money, or the batch is diverted to a landfill; an example would be tin cans mixed with glass bottles [be sure you remove metal tops from your glass bottles]. Contamination often happens simply because recycling containers are not clearly labeled.

Recycle Across America (RAA) is a not-for-profit organization dedicated to simplifying the act of recycling for the general public to help them recycle more and help them recycle right. Additionally, Recycle Across America is helping people understand the importance of recycling. The standardized labels initiative was first proposed at the 2009 Solid Waste Organization of North America [SWANA] Recycling Conference. The individuals, companies and organizations that have joined in this collaborative initiative to introduce, promote and utilize standardized labels for recycling have recognized the problems that have resulted from inconsistent container signage and are delivering the solution to remedy confusion.

The solution to standardize labels has been referred to by the New York Times as "one of the most important environmental fixes taking root today". This deceptively simple solution can bring significant systemic changes to the environment, the economy, to manufacturing, and can begin to reduce the amount of waste entering our landfills. The only way to prevent trash from entering our landfills is to make the materials valuable. The only way to make the materials valuable is to teach society why it's important to recycle 'right' and to make it easy for them to do so.

### Reusing Makes Good ♻️

Here is a list of Eco-friendly shopping ideas:



Lunchboxes - Purchase a lunchbox and then fill it with reusable containers. It will save you money over the school year by decreasing your use of disposable plastic and paper bags, as well as reduce our school's garbage.



Refillable pens and pencils - When you use refillable pens or pencils you are saving natural resources as well as the need for your student to carry a pencil sharpener or worry about breaking their pencil in the middle of a test.



Folders, Notebooks and Paper - If you are shopping for pocket folders, notebooks, and paper look for the made from recycled paper symbol; purchasing these products you help to close the loop on recycling. Some stores carry 100% postconsumer recycled content notebooks. Remember to always look for the symbol on the package.



Calculators - Have you ever considered a solar calculator for your student? Solar calculators are a great way to reduce the need of disposable batteries and you'll never have to check the batteries before an exam again. You can find solar calculators at most retail stores that carry specialty calculators.

**Source: Full of Scrap Sept 9<sup>th</sup> 2015 edition Published by NRRA**

Please send any ideas, tips or comments to: [steve.whitman@metrocast.net](mailto:steve.whitman@metrocast.net) or drop them off at the Municipal Bldg. during normal business hours.

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## Alexandria Conservation Commission

*"Stewards of our Planet"*



### ACC Notebook

We are pleased to announce that the Conservation Commission now has a Facebook page; <https://www.facebook.com/alexandrianhcc>. We created this in the hopes of improving communication with Alexandria residents about conservation concerns and other related items of interest regarding environmental issues. Currently the site has some links to other related sites, and we hope to expand these links as we move forward. We hope that you visit our Facebook page frequently and share your ideas and concerns with us.

The Conservation Commission is hard at work developing plans for the town forest. The town has received the report from the company retained to do the title search stating that the town has free and clear title to the property. The next step is to have a survey done to verify the boundaries before moving forward with any land clearing, timber harvesting, or trail restoration/creation; we hope to complete this within the next two months. In the meantime, we are considering options for both short term and long term use of the property. Your input and suggestions are most welcome and can be dropped off or emailed to the town hall at [alexandria@metrocast.net](mailto:alexandria@metrocast.net); be sure to indicate "Town Forest Suggestions" as your subject; or you can post your ideas on our recently created Facebook page. The town forest is a regular agenda item at our monthly meetings, and residents and guests are always welcome.



### As the Wind Blows

It's always nice to report positive news, and this month we're happy to report on the population rebound of the New England cottontail rabbit. In the August 2015 newsletter, the New England cottontail was the featured animal of the month. The New England cottontail is the only rabbit native to New England and has been on the state's endangered species list since 1996. It was named as a candidate for the federal endangered species list in 2006. At a recent meeting in Dover, New Hampshire, The U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service announced that because of an eight year multistate initiative involving federal, state, and privately owned land, as well as conserved tracts of land managed by trusts, the population of the New England cottontail has rebounded to a point where it is no longer a candidate for the endangered species list. The estimated population across the six New England states is now estimated to be 10,500, three-quarters of the way to the goal of 13,500 by 2030. To ensure the population continues to thrive, the newly created habitats and existing natural habitats must be maintained and managed effectively. For more information about how you can help, visit: <http://newenglandcottontail.org/natural-history/survival-depend-habitat>



Source: The New London Day Newspaper ([www.theday.com](http://www.theday.com)), Saturday, Sept. 12, 2015

### Animal of the Month



Standing between 15 and 18 hands [5 – 6 ft] at the shoulders and weighing up to 1800 lbs., the North America moose is the largest species in the deer family. Male moose are easily distinguished by huge broad and flat antlers that begin to grow in early summer and reach maturity in late summer; they can stretch 4 to 5 feet across. Moose typically inhabit coniferous and mixed deciduous forests of Canada, Alaska, Scandinavia, New England and Russia. The American moose used to have a much wider range but hunting and other human activities greatly reduced it over the years. Their diet consists of both terrestrial and aquatic vegetation [they are good swimmers and can remain submerged for 30 seconds or more]. The most common moose predators are wolves, bears, and humans. Unlike most other deer species, moose are solitary animals and do not form herds. Although generally sedentary and slow-moving [they can sustain a trot at about 20mph], moose can become aggressive and move surprisingly quickly if angered or startled [they can run up to 35mph for short distances]. Their mating season is in the autumn and Bull Moose can become very aggressive during that time. After the mating season, the male sheds his antlers. Females give birth to one or two calves in the spring - each weighing around 30 pounds. These calves grow quickly and can outrun a person by the time they are just 5 days old. Young moose stay with their mothers until the following mating season.

The moose had been absent in much of the eastern U.S. for as long as 150 years, due to colonial era overhunting and destruction of its habitat. By the 1870s, only a handful of moose existed in this entire region in very remote pockets of forests; less than 20% of suitable habitat remained. During the 20th century the moose population began expanding and continued until the 1990s when the population again began to decline. The exact cause of the die-off is not fully understood, but appears to be a combination of factors, including a change in habitat and heat stress caused by global warming [moose have difficulty in temperatures in excess of 80 degrees], poaching, the reintroduction of wolves into the wild, and the northward migration of

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warmer-weather parasites to which moose have not developed a natural defense, such as liver flukes, brain worms and winter tick infestations.

Moose are not considered an endangered species; however, the population size and health are closely monitored by the New Hampshire Fish & Game. There is a short hunting season in October by permit only and annual harvests are regulated and closely monitored.

**Source:** <https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Moose>  
<http://animals.nationalgeographic.com/animals/mammals/moose/>  
<http://www.wildlife.state.nh.us/habitat/criteria-critical.html>



## Upcoming Area Events

- Our October meeting will be on October 28th at 6:30pm; town residents and guests are most welcome.
- **An informational meeting presented by the Extension Service concerning the Emerald Ash Borer will be held at the Old Town Hall on Wednesday, October 14th at 6:00pm. The Ash Borer poses a serious threat to our forests and property owners should take steps to help stop its spread.**

## Selectmen's Office

### Alexandria Board of Selectmen - Meeting Schedule

<b>October 6, 2015</b>	<b>Budget work session:</b> Highway Department
<b>October 13, 2015</b>	<b>Selectmen's Meeting</b>
<b>October 20, 2015</b>	<b>Budget work session:</b> Town Clerk/Tax Collector & Police Department
<b>October 27, 2015</b>	<b>Selectmen's Meeting</b>
<b>November 3, 2015</b>	<b>Budget work session:</b> Supervisors of the Checklist, Trustees of Trust Funds, Cemeteries, Health Officer, Emergency Management & Conservation Commission
<b>November 10, 2015</b>	<b>Selectmen's Meeting</b>
<b>November 17, 2015</b>	<b>Budget work session:</b> Executive Budget & Other budget

*All meetings are held at 6:00 p.m. in the Conference Room at the Municipal Building (47 Washburn Road) unless otherwise noted. All appointments and agenda items for Selectmen's Meetings but be submitted by 4:00 p.m. the Thursday before the meeting. The Selectmen hold work sessions as needed at 5:00 p.m. prior to the meetings.*



**Monday, October 12<sup>th</sup> Columbus Day – Town Offices Closed**

### The Town of Alexandria is accepting applications for an Emergency Management Director (EMD).

Under the direction of the Board of Selectmen, the EMD plans, organizes and directs the Emergency Management programs for the municipality; acts as the community representative on all Emergency Management matters; and coordinates activities of the local Emergency Management Agency with other local, State, Federal, non-profit and private agencies. Full job description and application is available on our website at [www.alexandrianh.com](http://www.alexandrianh.com) or send letter of interest and resume to: Alexandria Selectmen's Office, 47 Washburn Road, Alexandria, NH 03222.

## Alexandria Planning Board

**VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY:** The Alexandria Planning Board currently has an opening for a Board member as well as an opening for an alternate position on the board. If you are interested in either of these positions, please submit a letter of interest to: Alexandria Planning Board, 47 Washburn Road, Alexandria, NH 03222. If you have any questions, feel free to call the Planning Board office at 744-8986.



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## Town Clerk/Tax Collector's Office

### DOG LICENSES



**All Dog Licenses expired on April 30, 2015!**

Every owner or keeper of a dog 4 months old or older shall register the dog annually with the town clerk. At the time of registration the owner will receive a metal tag with the following information - name of the town, year of the issue of the license and its registered number. This tag is to be affixed to the dog's collar. Regardless of when the license is obtained, it shall be effective from May 1 of each year to April 30 of the subsequent year. To prevent the initiation of a late penalty of \$1.00 per month your dog's license should be renewed by April 30<sup>th</sup>. If you wish to license your dog by mail, please send a check payable to: TOWN OF ALEXANDRIA.

Dog Fees are as follows:

Puppy (Up to Seven Months)	\$6.50
Spayed or Neutered	\$6.50
Unaltered Male/Female	\$9.00
Senior(Dog owned by Senior Citizen, 1 <sup>st</sup> dog only)	\$2.00
Group (5 dog minimum)	\$20.00
Mail-In Fee (Per Dog)	\$1.00

**Vaccination Required** - Before a license is issued the owner or keeper of the dog, must furnish verification that the dog has been vaccinated against rabies. If a valid rabies certificate is on file with the clerk, the owner shall not be required to produce such verification at the time of license.

**FAILURE TO LICENSE:** If a dog owner or keeper should fail to license his/her dog in a timely manner, the Town Clerk shall notify the local law enforcement officer of a violation of RSA 466:1.

### 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:* 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of each month at 7pm, 6pm during winter months (November thru March)  
Open 1 hour prior to meeting.  
Chair, Maggie LaBerge  
*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 4<sup>th</sup> 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  
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#### 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](mailto: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

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