



ALEXANDRIA TODAY APRIL 2017 EDITION

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Town Clerk/Tax Collector

Below are the voting results from March 2017. Full text of the warrant articles is available in the *2016 Annual Report*; the report is available on our website at www.alexandrianh.com or a printed copy can be obtained at the Municipal Building.

VOTING RESULTS MARCH 2017:

Selectmen	Chet Caron
Town Clerk/Tax Collector	Fran Skiffington
Trustee of Trust Funds	Douglas Benton
Trustee of Cemeteries	Douglas Benton
Planning Board (3 year Term)	Marla Walls, Gary Tomlinson
Planning Board (1 year term)	Janet Towse
Budget Committee (3 year term)	Donna Duquette, Lori Mead, Ronnie MacLean
Budget Committee (2 year term)	Michael Provost, Lori Mead
Budget Committee (1 year term)	William Hall, Fred Platts
Article #2: SCBA's for Fire Department	Passed (240 Yes, 47 No)
Article #3: Operation Budget	Passed (174 Yes, 104 No)
Article #4: Lease Payment 2016 Truck	Passed (233 Yes, 53 No)
Article #5: Lease Payment 2016 Backhoe	Passed (238 Yes, 47 No)
Article #6: Road Paving	Passed (234 Yes, 52 No)
Article #7: Knowles Hill Road Bridge	Passed (185 Yes, 98 No)
Article #8: New Truck Lease – Highway	Passed (185 Yes, 97 No)
Article #9: Highway Dept Cap Reserve	Passed (200 Yes, 83 No)
Article #10: Fire Dept Expend. Trust Fund	Passed (236 Yes, 49 No)
Article #11: Haynes Library	Passed (242 Yes, 46 No)
Article #12: Building Permit Ordinance	Failed (119 Yes, 145 No)



All Dog Licenses expire on April 30.

2017 Dog Licenses are NOW AVAILABLE.

DOG LICENSES

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, please renew your dog license by April 30th. 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 st 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.

Alexandria Volunteer Fire Department will be hosting a rabies clinic on Tuesday, April 18, 2017 from 6 pm to 7pm at the Alexandria Fire Station, 158 Washburn Road. \$10 per pet. Dogs and cats over 3 months. Please have pets on a leash or otherwise restrained.

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

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2017 Wellington State Park Beach Passes

Passes will be available the second week in April 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.



Police Department

I would like to thank everyone who attended the Civilian Response to Active Shooter classes this month. In two classes we trained 89 people, a fantastic turnout. A special thanks to those who donated food, drinks and the certificates. We are starting to plan more events like this and are looking for ideas for topics call us at 744-6651 or reach us through the Facebook page [AlexandriaNHPolice.facebook.com](https://www.facebook.com/AlexandriaNHPolice)

Breakdown of the activity for the Alexandria Police Department for February 2017

38	calls for service
7	arrests
54	car stops
2	Motor Vehicle Accidents

Of the 7 arrests for the Month, 4 were Felonies 3 of which included the possession or sale of drugs.

Crimes Reported were:

- 1 simple assault
- 3 thefts
- 2 possession of a controlled drug (1 with the intent to sell)
- 1 Habitual Offender
- 1 Driving without giving Proof (Lack of required Insurance)
- 2 suspended drivers

Calls for service included:

- 6 fire/ems assists
- 4 agency assists
- 4 pistol permits
- 24 other misc calls for service

Legal Question of the Month

Does NH Still issue Pistol Permits? Answer- Yes:

As long as you are legally allowed to possess a firearm, you can still obtain a pistol permit in the same manner as before, by filling out an application and dropping it off at the Police Department. The new law eliminates the requirement to have a permit in order to carry a concealed handgun within the State but if you plan on carrying a concealed handgun in any of the reciprocal states, you must have a physical permit issued from NH. You can also obtain a permit if you want to be able to pro-actively demonstrate to a Police Officer that you have passed a background check.

Emergency Management

Hope everyone is having a good spring so far (if you can call it that!) and that everyone is staying safe. Just wanted to take a moment to fill folks in on what is going on in the world of emergency planning and what we are currently working on.

First things first, our generator has been ordered and is awaiting installation! This is very exciting and as I mentioned once before, a project that I understand has long been awaited. You should see construction starting within the next month or so.

The other thing that I wanted to touch base with everyone on this month is our Hazard Mitigation Plan Update that we will be conducting. For those who aren't familiar, it is pretty much what it sounds like, a plan that discusses mitigation techniques and plans for potential hazards within our community. As one might imagine, most of what is discussed is in regards to the weather and how to care for our roads, etc. We have obtained grant monies in past



years with this planning process as a key component in the mitigation of major issues that were ongoing in the town. The repair of Washburn Rd is one great example of this.

We would love to hear from anyone that has concerns of this nature that we could potentially address over the next few years. Our first meeting will be held on Monday, April 10th at 10am in conference room at the town offices. If you can't attend, please feel free to email us at alexandrianh@metrocast.net for any thoughts or concerns you may have.

Hope everyone stays healthy and well in the upcoming season!

Best Regards, George Clayman, Emergency Management Director



Recycling Committee 04/17



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

Money in our Pockets

We had a second consecutive bad month in February in spite of the \$180 saving realized from recycling glass. We currently are showing a deficit of \$294 for the first two months of the year. We did not have any revenue reported from scrap metal or aluminum cans in either January or February, and these two, items generally off-set any losses. There are some positive indications that the recyclable material markets are showing some improvement; for example "processing fees" are beginning to come down a bit, which means that recyclable materials are commanding higher prices. It's too soon to call this a swing in the general markets, as this increased demand relates only to specific categories of materials, but it is a good sign. We will continue to monitor this, and work with our vendors to obtain the most favorable arrangements.

The so called "single use" plastic bags have long been a recycling nightmare; they are generally not recyclable, although some grocery store chains and a few department stores do accept Polyethylene bags [#2 – HDPE & #4 – LDPE] that they collect and send to a special processing center in preparation for recycling into composite lumber; please check the recycling symbol on your plastic bags, and recycle them if possible. Other plastic bags [#s 1, 3, 5, 6, and 7] made from other material are not generally recyclable, and end up in a landfill. In an attempt to control waste and resolve the plastic bag issue, many states are trying to limit the use of "single use" plastic bags either by imposing a fee on their use or banning their use outright. The advantage of an outright ban is that it will reduce and eventually eliminate the problem. A fee, on the other hand, is imposed to help defray the disposal expense. Generally, restrictions are initiated at the local level and expand to the state level, as it's often easier to fly under the opponent's radar and gain a foothold at the local level. The conflict over "single use" plastic bags has been going on for decades, and in spite of increasing efforts there are still only a handful of cities, and only one state, California, that have successfully legislated a ban on "single use" plastic bags; and in California, restaurants and department stores, both significant users of plastic bags, are exempt.

So why am I talking about this and why should you care? Simply because a usage fee on "single use" plastic bags, like bottle deposit fees, paint disposal fees, and mattress and furniture recycling fees, is part of a growing trend of methods municipalities and states are employing to help control the cost of waste disposal. Fortunately, Alexandria is not one of these municipalities; however, there are some items, which are not items you'd throw out on a daily basis such as appliances, tires, and major electronics, for which Alexandria currently does charge a disposal fee. We charge a fee only because we are charged a disposal fee by our vendor; however, the fee we charge is no more [and in many cases less] than the amount we are charged. A list of these fees is available at the transfer station, or on the town's website under the transfer station department. There are currently no plans to increase or expand these fees to additional items; however, if new or increased fees are imposed on us, the situation will be reviewed and may change. The transfer station is not a business, but rather a service to our community trying to ensure that we operate as efficiently as possible and expenses are shared fairly between all our residents – your understanding and support is appreciated.

Everyone Does Make a Difference

The recycling circle involves many steps and for recycling to be totally successful; each step must process the material safely and without harm to the workers or the environment. Recycling Environmental groups recently praised the Hewlett Packard Company for its announcement that they will henceforth reveal to the public where all of their electronic waste goes. The amount of electronic waste generated in this country both by manufactures and individuals has been growing steadily. Electronic waste poses some unique challenges as many items contain harmful materials [hazardous waste] and require special handling to ensure our safety. The call for "e-Trash Transparency" was one of the demands of the



global toxic trade watchdog organization, Basel Action Network's (BAN) e-Trash Transparency Project. E-Trash Transparency simply means that companies, manufactures, and electronic waste processors/recyclers disclose where their electronic waste eventually ends up; confirming that it is being safely handled. BAN utilized GPS tracking devices placed within discarded electronic equipment to find out what really happens with our electronic waste. The project revealed in two reports, "Disconnect" and "Scam Recycling", that American consumers are often duped by recyclers or thrift shops like Goodwill Industries, when they claim environmentally safe recycling. BAN's investigation discovered that 40% of old printers and monitors were exported to countries like Pakistan and China where they are most often broken down in dangerous backyard operations exposing workers and the environment to dangerous substances such as mercury and lead.

Most of us try to dispose of our electronic waste in a responsible manner, and make a conscious effort to seek out manufacturers or recycling facilities that will recycle or dispose of this material properly. The public has a right to know where their old electronic waste, which is, in fact, hazardous waste, will end up. With the announcement last month, Hewlett Packard now joins Samsung and LG in being fully transparent in North America about their recycling destinations. However, most Information Technology equipment manufacturers, including Apple, Inc., still refuse to tell the public where their toxic e-waste, once collected from the public, will end up.

It's been 15 years since the general public has become aware that much of our electronic waste is being exported to developing countries; let's hope that Hewlett Packard's positive attitude and actions will inspire other companies and manufactures to follow their example and fully disclose where their e-waste ends up, so that we can be assured that our electronic waste is disposed of and recycled safely.

Source: taken, in part, from an article appearing in Recycling News: <http://www.recyclingproductnews.com>

Reusing Makes Good



Old canning or clear glass jars make nice Easter candy gift packs. Old clay flower pots can be used for Easter egg tree bases. That old dish way back in the cupboard can be used to display Easter eggs.

Source: Pinterest.com

There are numerous websites where you can get ideas about recycling by reusing old items either by using them in craft projects or repurposing them for another use. When I see something of interest, I try to pass it on in our monthly article; however, there are so many ideas out there that I'm only able to scratch the surface. As we move forward in 2017, our monthly update will focus more on innovative recycling concepts and techniques and overall waste management issues. I will continue to share reusing and repurposing ideas with you and direct you to websites, such as pinterest.com, which offer additional suggestions, and I will continue to publish any of your ideas you'd like to share. However, this section will gradually migrate towards a 'reference index' and away from a 'DIY instructional' section.

Creative ideas for recycling items are always welcome, as well as comments and suggestions about the news articles. Please submitted your comments via email to: steve.whitman@hotmail.com; with the author's permission, comments may be printed in subsequent issues. Thank you all for your continued support; thanks to you our program is working.

Selectmen's Office

April 15th is the deadline for submitting applications for elderly and/or disabled exemptions. It is also the deadline to apply for a Veteran's credit. Applications are available in the Selectmen's Office or on our website at www.alexandrianh.com. If you need help filling out the application, please let me know.



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Low & Moderate Income Homeowners Property Tax Relief Program:

Applications for the Low & Moderate Income Homeowners Property Tax Relief Form (DP-8) will be **available after May 1, 2017**. 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>.

Other Local Events/Organizations



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

GIVE BLOOD



SAVE LIFE

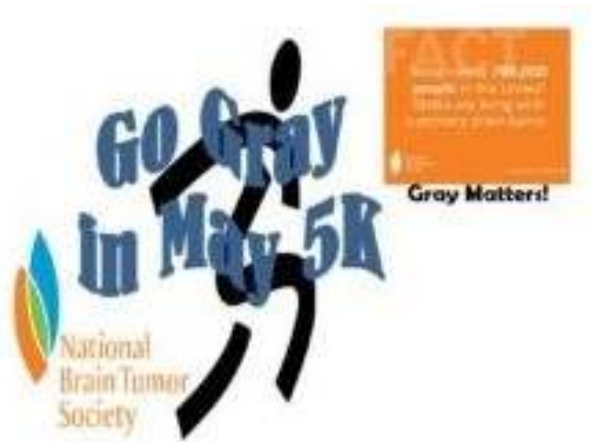
RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE

Tapply Thompson Community Center, 30 North Main Street, Bristol

Wednesday, April 19, 2017 8:00 am to 1:00 pm

Newfound Regional High School, 150 Newfound Road, Bristol, NH

Thursday, April 20, 2017 12:00 pm to 5:00 pm



Join us to RUN or WALK on

Saturday, April 29, 2017

Kelley Park in Bristol, NH

8:00 am Registration/9:00 am Race Start

Registration forms available throughout Bristol OR

Register online at www.lightboxreg.com/go-gray-in-may-5k_2017

Proceeds benefit National Brain Tumor Society.

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KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION FOR 2017 – 2018 SCHOOL YEAR

The Newfound Area School District will hold its annual Kindergarten Connection for all children who will be entering kindergarten in August 2017.

- Tuesday, May 9th for children residing in Bristol & Alexandria (744-2761)
- Wednesday, May 10th for children residing in New Hampton (744-3221)
- Thursday, May 11th for children residing in Danbury (768-3434)
- Friday, May 12th for children residing in Bridgewater/Groton/Hebron (744-6969)

If you have a child who will be five years old on or before September 30, 2017, please call the school in the town you reside as soon as possible. Appointment times and registration packets will be mailed to all parents with kindergarten eligible students.

Note: Children who reside in Alexandria will attend either the Bristol Elementary School or the Bridgewater-Hebron Village School. Determination is made according to physical address. You may contact either school for more information.

Office Hours		
<p>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</p> <p>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</p>	<p>Transfer Station Monday: 8 am to 12 pm Wednesday: 10:00 am to 6:00 pm Saturday: 8 am to 4 pm</p> <p>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.</p>	<p>Highway Department – 744-6516 Jeff Cantara, Road Agent</p> <p>Planning Board – 744-8986 <i>Deliberative Meetings:</i> 3rd Wednesday of each month at 7pm, 6pm during winter months (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></p>
Town Committees/Commissions		
<p>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</p>	<p>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</p>	
<p>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.</p>	<p>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</p>	

UPCOMING MEETINGS:

Please check website for up-to-date meeting schedule

- Tuesday, April 4, 2017: Selectmen's Meeting at 6:00 pm
- Tuesday, April 18, 2017: Selectmen's Meeting at 6:00 pm
- Wednesday, April 19, 2017: Planning Board Meeting at 6:00 pm
- Thursday, April 20, 2017: Highway Advisory Committee Meeting at 4:30 pm
- Wednesday, April 26, 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.

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