



# ALEXANDRIA TODAY JUNE 2017 EDITION

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## Town Clerk/Tax Collector

### 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.



### Recycling Committee 05/17



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

### Money in our Pockets

I'm pleased to report that in April our recycling program showed a net savings of \$386. This savings includes \$720 we received from scrap metal and aluminum cans. With this savings, our year to date expense now stand at just over \$100. We did not have any revenue reported from glass in April, which generally reflects a positive savings; the quarterly adjustment for glass should be reflected in the May figures. The positive indications that the recyclable material markets, which started showing some improvement after the first of the year, slipped back slightly last month, but there is no indication that this signals the beginning of a long-term decline. We routinely monitor these prices, and we will continue to do so and work with our vendors to obtain the most favorable arrangements.

### Everyone Does Make a Difference

Let's look at some of the factors that drive the market value of recycled materials. First and foremost is the old rule of supply and demand. In the past, countries like China have experienced a tremendous economic growth rate and because of this have been a major market for material that can be recycled to produce goods to support this growth. Recently there has been a slow down in the economic growth rate worldwide which has reduced the demand for materials that can be recycled. Secondly, it cost money to break down material to a state where it can be used to manufacture new products. This process not only involves sorting materials to ensure component compatibility, but also physically processing these materials. For example, cardboard is typically reduced back to its basic pulp fiber state and then reprocessed to make more cardboard. The fiber elements of the cardboard are not the same as the fiber elements of other 'paper', so the cardboard must be separated from other paper before the process begins. Scrap metal is another example; often steel and iron need to be separated from copper and aluminum before the recycling process can begin. Labor intensive processing, such as sorting, is expensive, and as the economic growth worldwide continues, albeit at a slower rate, the cost of labor goes up.

From purely an economic standpoint, the reason why manufactures choose to use recycled materials over virgin material to produce products is to save money. Enter the third factor; what does it cost to use recycled material vs. virgin material to produce the same product? Although there are numerous factors to consider depending on the product involved, the majority of the products we produce contain petroleum. When we use recycled materials such as plastic water bottles, the amount of petroleum needed to create new products is greatly reduced; and, as long as using recycled material is cheaper than starting from scratch, that's the more profitable way to go. As the world market price of oil drops, the cost savings realized by using recycled materials vs. virgin materials shrinks. To maintain a cost advantage, processors of recyclable materials must offer their products at a lower price, which means that they need to reduce their processing costs either by more efficient production processing methods or by reducing the price paid for the recyclable material; most, at least for the short term, have elected to reduce what they pay for recyclable materials and are demanding a higher quality [less sorting required] mix.

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Ok that's basically a very simplified explanation of the significant driving factors behind the recycling market. How does that all affect us in Alexandria? We can't do anything about the economic growth in the world, nor do we have much say about the price of oil, but we can do something about the price we receive for our recyclable materials. How? We need to assume some of the labor intensive processing steps that our vendors currently perform; namely sorting and transporting our recyclable materials. Currently we are looking at ways to expand and modernize our transfer station facility to enhance our ability to process our town's solid waste and recyclable materials. This is not an easy process and involves some long-range planning. You will be hearing more about this in the coming months. Your ideas and suggestions are most welcome, and you are encouraged to share them with the Waste Management Advisory Committee either by submitting your ideas to the Selectmen's Office or emailing them to [steve.whitman@hotmail.com](mailto:steve.whitman@hotmail.com).

### **Reusing Makes Good**

<https://www.pinterest.com/recyclingot/recycling-creations-and-miscellaneous-activities/>

This is one of many entry points to [pinterest.com](http://pinterest.com), a great place to get ideas for things you can create from recycled material. Pinterest provides pictures and step-by-step instructions for creating both art crafts and every day, practical items. Here are a few samples of what you'll find on this site:



Repurpose old plastic toys



New life for old bicycle rims



CD cases make great travel sketching kit.



Old French door converts to stylish coat rack.

Creative ideas for recycling items are always welcome, as well as comments and suggestions about the newsletter articles. Please submitted your comments via email to: [steve.whitman@hotmail.com](mailto: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.

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### Selectmen's Office

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

##### REMINDER: APPLICATIONS ARE DUE TO THE STATE BY JUNE 30, 2016

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>.

*If you need help completing the forms, please visit the Selectmen's Office and someone will assist you.*

### 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 DRIVES

*Our Lady of Grace Chapel – 2 West Shore Road, Bristol, NH*  
Wednesday, June 14, 2017 1:00 pm to 6:00 pm

*Bridgewater Meeting House – 297 Mayhew Turnpike, Bridgewater, NH*  
Friday, June 23, 2017 2:00 pm to 7:00 pm

### Newfound Lake Region Association Summer Info

**National Trails Day, 6/3**...Celebrate National Trails Day with Minus33 Merino Wool Clothing and the NLRA at the Sugarloaf/ Goose Pond Conservation Area.

**Movie Night- "Inhabit- A Permaculture Perspective", 6/8**... Join us for a movie about Permaculture design, the driving theory behind the NLRA's Grey Rocks Conservation Area's landscape plan.

**Aligning Town Vision and Land Use Regulations – Alexandria 7/19 at 7 pm** – An NLRA presentation and discussion with watershed planners and decision makers on watershed growth and development, natural resource analysis and mapping, and tools and recommendations to achieve Town Master Plan Visions.

**Lake Week, 7/22-7/29**...A week-long celebration of "all things Newfound." Events will include guided hikes, a sailing race, group paddling event, & much more. [www.newfoundlake.org](http://www.newfoundlake.org)

**Hawk Migration Association, 8/17**...Julie Brown of HMANA will be discussing the work the organization does to promote raptor migration monitoring efforts.

**Boat Tours, June-Oct, Mon/Thu/Fri**—The Eco-Tour Program includes hands-on discovery, historical facts and time to soak in the beauty of Newfound Lake on the NLRA Pontoon Boat.

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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:* 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](mailto: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](mailto: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 Tom Moore 603-744-5386  
Deputy Fire Wardens:  
Dave Ogden 603-744-9056 Fred Platts 603-744-2229 or 603-744-2190  
George Clayman 603-254-7345  
Jeff Cantara 603-744-6516 or 603-848-1852 Robert Duquette 603-744-9819

## UPCOMING MEETINGS:

*\*Please check website for up-to-date meeting schedule\**

Tuesday, June 6, 2017: Selectmen's Meeting at 6:00 pm  
Thursday, June 8, 2017: Highway Advisory Committee Meeting at 4:30 pm  
Tuesday, June 20, 2017: Selectmen's Meeting at 6:00 pm  
Wednesday, June 21, 2017: Planning Board Meeting at 7:00 pm  
Wednesday, June 28, 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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