



# ALEXANDRIA TODAY MARCH 2017 EDITION

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## Selectmen's Office

Copies of the 2016 Town Warrant & Budget are available online at [www.alexandrianh.com](http://www.alexandrianh.com) and at the Municipal Building. Copies of the 2016 Annual Report will be available by March 7, 2017.

**April 15<sup>th</sup>** 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](http://www.alexandrianh.com). If you need help filling out the application, please let me know.

## Town Clerk/Tax Collector

# Town Voting Day \*\*\*POSTPONED\*\*\*

*Town Voting Day has been rescheduled to Thursday, March 16, 2017. Polls will be open from 11:00 am to 7:00 pm and held at Alexandria Town Hall, 45 Washburn Road, Alexandria.*

*Town voting day was postponed on Monday, March 13, 2017 due to the impending weather by Dennis Ford, Moderator, per NH RSA 40:4, II. Voting Day was originally scheduled for Tuesday, March 14, 2017 with the same polling times and place. This newsletter was edited and posted 3/14/2017 at [www.alexandrianh.com](http://www.alexandrianh.com) to reflect the change in information. If you have any questions regarding obtaining an absentee ballot due to the change in date, please contact the Fran Skiffington, Town Clerk/Tax Collector, at 603-744-3288.*

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## CANDIDATES ON THE BALLOT:

Selectmen – 3 year term <i>Vote for no more than one</i> Chet Caron	Town Clerk/Tax Collector - balance of term ending 2018 <i>Vote for no more than one</i> Francine Skiffington Stephanie Vogel	Budget Committee – 1 year term <i>Vote for no more than two</i> Fred Platts William Hall
Trustee of Trust Funds–3 year term <i>Vote for no more than one</i> Douglas Benton	Trustee of Cemeteries–3 yr term <i>Vote for no more than one</i> Douglas Benton	Budget Committee – 2 year term <i>Vote for no more than two</i> Michael Provost
Planning Board – balance of term ending 2018 <i>Vote for no more than one</i> Janet Towse	Planning Board – 3 year term <i>Vote for no more than two</i> <b>**No candidates filed for this position</b>	Budget Committee – 3 year term <i>Vote for no more than three</i> Donna Duquette



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## DOG LICENSES



All Dog Licenses expire on April 30.

2017 Dog Licenses are NOW AVAILABLE.

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 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.

## Police Department

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

56	calls for service
6	arrests
65	car stops
1	Motor vehicle Accident

### Crimes Reported were:

- 1 simple assault
- 2 thefts
- 1 possession of a controlled drug
- 1 criminal trespass
- 1 violation of a protective order
- 3 suspended drivers

### Calls for service included:

- 9 fire/ems assists
- 6 agency assists
- 4 citizen assists
- 7 pistol permits
- 3 suspicious incidents/vehicles
- 1 attempted suicide
- 26 other misc calls for service

On 02/22/17 Governor Sununu signed SB 12 into law. This eliminates the requirement to have a permit to carry a concealed handgun in NH. This does not allow a convicted felon, anyone convicted of Domestic Violence or anyone subject to a Domestic Violence restraining order, stalking order or certain bail conditions to possess any firearm. This basically means that if you are legally permitted to possess a handgun, you can now carry it concealed without first obtaining a permit.

The Alexandria Police Department will continue to issue permits to qualified persons if they would like one. If you plan to carry concealed in any of the states that Reciprocate with NH you will need an actual current and valid paper permit.

## Legal Question of the Month

This month's legal question involves Probable Cause vs. Reasonable suspicion.

Many people believe that Police need Probable Cause to stop a car or to temporarily detain a person. This is technically incorrect. Probable cause is a higher level of proof that is required to make an arrest or a search. It basically means that there are a set of facts and circumstance that would cause a reasonable person to believe that a crime has been committed and this person more likely than not committed that crime.

In order for a Police Officer to stop a vehicle or temporarily detain a person we must have Reasonable and Articulate suspicious that a crime has been committed, is being committed or is about to be committed. This is a lower level of proof than Probable Cause and may or may not lead to an arrest or a search.

For example, seeing someone going from car to car in a parking lot looking into car windows is not probable cause to make an arrest but is certainly reasonable suspicion enough to stop and identify the person under the belief that a crime (theft) is possibly about to happen.

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## ACTIVE SHOOTER!

What should you do?

### Alexandria Police Department Presents: Civil Response to Active Shooter

*Do you work outside your home? Do you go shopping – either locally, one of the big box stores or even the mall? Do you enjoy sporting events? Do you venture out to other public events in your community? Then this workshop is for you! Yes, even in our small, rural location, it's better to be aware and know what to do.*

Thursday, March 2, 2017 from 6:00 to 8:00 pm at the Alexandria Town Offices, 47 Washburn Road, Alexandria, NH. This event is free and open to the public. For questions or to RSVP please call the Alexandria Police Department at 603-744-6651 or visit the Alexandria NH Police Facebook page.



Recycling Committee 03/17



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

### Money in our Pockets

We started off the new year on a down note with our recycling efforts actually costing us about \$125. This was due in large part because there was no scrap metal or glass revenue realized in January; these revenues should be picked up in February. For the past several years, we have been reporting our monthly and year to date savings in this section. Although savings are important, and I will continue to report them, we're going to expand this section to include other data of interest and importance in the hopes of providing our residents with a better understanding of waste management issues and how your tax dollars are being spent. For example, do you realize that for every ton of waste that goes into the compactor [solid waste] at the transfer station, it costs us \$100 to process? The compactor has a capacity of about 10 tons and each time it is hauled we pay \$200 in hauling charges, plus an additional \$78/ton processing fee; that's almost \$1000 every time the container is emptied, which is, on average, once a month. Obviously, the less frequently it has to be hauled, the better off we are. By recycling, we reduce the amount of material that goes into the compactor, which is a good thing; however, there is still a considerable amount of material that could be recycled finding its way into the compactor. Glass seems to be one of the biggest problems, and should be one that is easily corrected. For every ton of glass we keep out of the compactor, we have a net savings of about \$35. Now that might not seem lot a, but over time it adds up fast. Our glass recycling requirements are among the most liberal anywhere; we accept all glass including ceramics and even toilets and sinks (with hardware removed), and don't require bottles to be separated by color. It's relatively easy to designate a separate container for glass waste in your home, and the container for glass at the transfer station is conveniently located for easy access. In addition to saving us money, recycled glass is replacing natural resources for use in many areas such as a replacement for sand. Please make it a point to recycle your waste glass if you are not already doing so, and to those that are already faithfully recycling it; thank you.

### Everyone Does Make a Difference

This is somewhat of an abbreviated newsletter this month, as our year-end report appearing in the Annual Town Report contains a lot of information. Some of you may have read in the 10 February 2017 Laconia Daily Sun that the town of Guilford has a warrant article to be voted on in March to approve \$950,000 in financing to upgrade their recycling center and the creation of a solid waste transfer facility. The annual gross savings are projected to be almost \$106,000. Guilford estimates that with loan repayments spread over 10 years plus the additional revenues generated, the net saving will be about \$40,000 annually even with the additional cost of two new part-time employees. Guilford is not alone in looking for new ways to control the increasing cost of handling waste removal; many other towns in New Hampshire and throughout New England are realizing that waste disposal is a significant portion of their annual budget and that increasing expenses require that new methods for handling waste be evaluated.

Alexandria's waste removal expenses are approximately 11% of the town's budget. As you know, we are a small town [about 1/5<sup>th</sup> the size of Guilford] and don't have the volume of waste that is sometimes required to make some options viable. Our recycling program has been successful since its inception, both in saving us money and helping to protect our natural resources. However, like other towns throughout the state, we need to continually review our options and pursue those that appear promising.

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## Reusing Makes Good

### Some interesting ways to reuse old tire rims



old tire rim to a fence or wall and hang your garden hose on it.



Paint an old tire rim with exterior paint, line the inside with landscape cloth, fill with potting soil or compost, and plant.



Old tractor tire rims make a nice backyard fire pit; you can surround it with rocks or partially bury it.

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### Your old bird feeders ready to retire? Why not turn them into hanging planters?



### Got some old windows you're replacing this spring? Try repurposing them.



Old windows make a unique picture frame to display photos or prints.



Use as a cover for a cold frame



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](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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## 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



### RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE

Our Lady of Grace Chapel, 2 West Shore Rd, Bristol  
March 24, 2017 1:00 pm to 6:00 pm

### 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  
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  
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:

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

Tuesday, March 7, 2017: Selectmen's Meeting at 6:00 pm  
Tuesday, March 14, 2017: Town Voting Day – 11 am to 7 pm at the Old Town Hall, 45 Washburn Road  
Wednesday, March 15, 2017: Planning Board Meeting at 6:00 pm  
Thursday, March 16, 2017: Highway Advisory Committee Meeting at 4:30 pm  
Tuesday, March 21, 2017: Selectmen's Meeting at 6:00 pm  
Wednesday, March 22, 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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