



ALEXANDRIA TODAY MAY 2017 EDITION

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Town Clerk/Tax Collector

DOG LICENSES

All Dog Licenses expired on April 30!

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.



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2017 Dog Licenses are NOW AVAILABLE.

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.

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

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

31	calls for service
8	arrests
30	car stops

Crimes Reported were:

- 1 simple assault
- 1 unsworn falsification
- 1 conduct after an accident
- 2 suspended drivers

Calls for service included:

- 5 fire/ems assists
- 5 agency assists
- 3 sex offender registrations
- 4 suspicious vehicle reports
- 14 other misc calls for service

Of the 8 arrests for the Month, 3 were for outstanding Bench Warrants, 2 were for Operating with a Suspended driver's license, 1 for Criminal Mischief (Vandalism) and 1 for Domestic Assault.



Emergency Management

HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN UPDATE MEETING – Wednesday, May 17th at 10:00 am

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. If you can't attend one of the meetings, please feel free to email us at alexandrianh@metrocast.net for any thoughts or concerns you may have.



Recycling Committee 05/17



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

Money in our Pockets

For the 3rd consecutive month we lost money on our recycling efforts. In March, we had a net loss of \$204, bringing our year-to-date expense to \$498. We did not have any revenue reported from glass, scrap metal or aluminum cans in March, and these items generally off-set any losses. The good news is that we did receive \$720 in revenue in April for scrap metal and aluminum cans that will be off-set the expenses in next month's newsletter. Also the positive indications that the recyclable material markets, which started showing some improvement after the first of the year, continue to show positive signs. 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

People want to recycle, but any program's success depends on residents' understanding of how to recycle correctly. As a result, the solid waste industry and product and packaging manufacturers have combined efforts to improve and design better communication methods. They have learned that simple messaging is better; choosing a universal language that resonates is critical; and consumers need assurance that what they place in the recycling containers actually gets recycled. In response to a survey from the fall of 2016, 33% of respondents had doubts as to whether what they put into the recycling bins actually gets recycled. Last month we told you about Hewlett Packard being recognized by several recycling and environmental groups for its commitment of full disclosure regarding its electronic 'recycled material' processing; let's hope that other electronic companies and those in other segments of the manufacturing community follow Hewlett Packard's example.

A web-based survey conducted by Resource Recycling Systems (RRS) on behalf of the Food Service Packaging Institute (FPI), a trade organization, found that most consumers rely on local government or recycling companies' websites for recycling information. Younger audiences gravitate toward social media for information. However, most consumers ultimately turn to the package first for specific instructions. The survey found that the most effective communication is succinct and simple, such as flyers with images grouped by material categories, with brief, user-friendly instructions. More than half of survey respondents said they tried to determine if they should recycle by looking for a symbol on the package; this can sometimes be difficult to determine, especially when dealing with the plastic 'blister packaging' in combination with paper backing used by many manufactures.

The FPI has focused on getting municipalities to add food service packaging to their residential recycling programs, which has also required special consideration of consumers' understanding. Unfortunately, Alexandria recently had to discontinue accepting Styrofoam packaging and containers for recycling, as local vendors consider these contaminants and reduces the value the other co-mingled materials. The Food Service Packaging Institute has actively promoted their website and encouraged communities to rely on their own websites and facebook pages as communication vehicles; and has helped communities in their development efforts. The trade association has created a database of images of food services packaging and will provide cities and counties images and suggested verbiage to post. It is hoped that this



educational effort and improved technology in recycling reprocessing techniques will result in more vendors accepting food packaging material for recycling.

A national nonprofit organization, Keep America Beautiful (KAB), in its research to learn about consumers' recycling attitudes and behaviors, made several discoveries: 1) Not surprisingly, they found it is important to making recycling as convenient as possible. Alexandria has done this by providing one of the most liberal programs in the state. 2) Communications should be simple and easily understood, with an emotional connection; and communication must be consistent. This is an area where Alexandria needs to improve. The information we provide is good, but we need to improve our methods of getting this information out to our residents. 3) People are concerned about waste, especially landfill space availability and management and ocean waste, which is becoming a major problem. The residents of Alexandria are very supportive of our recycling program, and this support is a clear indication of their concern about preserving our natural resources and maintaining the rural character of our community, as well as our state overall.

It is gratifying to see that the industry is taking an active role in improving its communication techniques to educate consumers and promote recycling. Determining the best communication and education strategy is not easy and takes careful thought. Each community has different needs and concerns, and not all residents respond the same way. It's critical to get the message out often, at places where consumers go, whether a local event, school or elsewhere, and it's important to give residents information they can take home as an easy to understand ready reference. In Alexandria, we have tried to do this primarily through the monthly newsletter and handouts at the transfer station. We have been lax in maintaining our Facebook page, and hope to resurrect that the second half of this year. Your suggestions related to how we can do a better job communicating with you are most welcome and encouraged.

Source: information and excerpts taken from an article by Arlene Karidis, 3/31/2017, appearing the NRR April 2017 issue of Full of Scrap.

Reusing Makes Good

As I noted last month, there are numerous websites that provide creative ideas for reusing and recycling material, and rather than simply repeat that which is readily available, this section will become more of a reference guide to help you find these sites.

<http://beautyharmonylife.com/25-diy-ideas-to-recycle-your-potential-garbage/> - Interesting website providing numerous ideas about reusing common items that you might normally throw away. Below are a couple of examples of the types of ideas you'll find:

Idea to keep the soil moist for plants using plastic bottles.	At home, we all have incomplete sets of forks and spoons, put them to use.
	

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; 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

Public Hearing Notice

The Board of Selectmen will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, May 16, 2017 immediately following the Selectmen's Meeting at 6pm in the conference room of the municipal building, 47 Washburn Road, in regards to ratification of the 2017 town voting results. The voting session of town meeting was postponed from March 14, 2017 to March 16, 2017 due to a major winter storm. The provisions of HB 329 recently passed into law allows the Board of Selectmen to ratify the actions of the voters on the postponed day. The Board will receive public input in regards to the determination as to whether to ratify those actions.

National Grid/Granite State Power Link Project:

National Grid has announced a proposal for a new transmission project that will go through Alexandria. The proposed project will be constructed almost entirely along existing transmission corridors and use existing infrastructure. A representative from National Grid will be at the Selectmen's Meeting on Tuesday, May 16, 2017 at 6:00 pm to discuss the proposed project. Additional information can be found on our website on the "News & Notices" page at www.alexandrianh.com/page32.php.

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>.

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 DRIVE

New Hampton Safety Complex – 26 Intervale Dr, New Hampton, NH
Thursday, May 11, 2017 2:00 pm to 7:00 pm

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

Visit us at www.alexandrianh.com or find us on Facebook: <http://www.facebook.com/alexandrianh>



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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>
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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>
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<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:</p> <table> <tr> <td>Fire Warden: Mark Chevalier 603-455-1591</td> <td>Tom Moore 603-744-6516 or 603-744-5386</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Deputy Fire Wardens:</td> <td>Fred Platts 603-744-2229 or 603-744-2190</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Dave Ogden 603-744-9056</td> <td>George Clayman 603-254-7345</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Jeff Cantara 603-744-6516 or 603-744-0273</td> <td>Robert Duquette 603-744-9819</td> </tr> </table>	Fire Warden: Mark Chevalier 603-455-1591	Tom Moore 603-744-6516 or 603-744-5386	Deputy Fire Wardens:	Fred Platts 603-744-2229 or 603-744-2190	Dave Ogden 603-744-9056	George Clayman 603-254-7345	Jeff Cantara 603-744-6516 or 603-744-0273	Robert Duquette 603-744-9819
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UPCOMING MEETINGS:

Please check website for up-to-date meeting schedule

- Tuesday, May 2, 2017: Hazard Mitigation Plan Update at 10:00 am
- Tuesday, May 2, 2017: Selectmen's Meeting at 6:00 pm
- Tuesday, May 16, 2017: Selectmen's Meeting at 6:00 pm
- Tuesday, May 16, 2017: Public Hearing to ratify the 2017 voting results immediately following the Selectmen's Meeting
- Wednesday, May 17, 2017: Planning Board Meeting at 6:00 pm
- Tuesday, May 30, 2017: Selectmen's Meeting at 6:00 pm
- Wednesday, May 31, 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.