



# ALEXANDRIA TODAY FEBRUARY 2017 EDITION

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## FIRST DELIBERATIVE SESSION

When: Saturday, February 11, 2017 at 10:00 am

Where: Town Hall, 45 Washburn Road, Alexandria, NH

## TOWN VOTING DAY (SECOND DELIBERATIVE SESSION)

When: Tuesday, March 14, 2017 polls open 11:00 am to 7:00 pm

Where: Town Hall, 45 Washburn Road, Alexandria, NH

*Copies of the 2017 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.*

**Abatements:** If you wish to file an application for abatement, you may obtain the form from the selectmen's office during regular hours. Abatement forms are also available online at [www.alexandrianh.com](http://www.alexandrianh.com). Applications are due by March 1, 2017.



**Recycling Committee 02/17**



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

### Money in our Pockets

Happy New Year! December savings were \$(44) including money received from the redemption of scrap metal and other metals; there was a \$343 adjustment for glass during the month. Aluminum cans were not redeemed in December. This puts our total year savings at \$1,544. Throughout the year we have battled falling prices for recyclable materials and increasing processing fees; yet we have still managed to save money. This is a tribute to our Board of Selectmen, the management and staff at the transfer station, and, above all, the participation and support of our community – without you behind the program, it couldn't happen.

### Everyone Does Make a Difference

In the ongoing discussion about whether manufacturers, material recovery facilities (MRFs) or recyclers should be responsible for the sustainability of plastic packaging, the answer still seems to be "all of the above". Each segment of the process has its own challenges which it must constantly address and resolve if it is to meet the demands of our ever changing world.

This month I'm going to zero in on the Material Recovery Facilities [MRFs], discuss some of the issues they face, and how they are dealing with them. MRFs have always had to keep up with an evolving waste stream by adapting to the various shapes and sizes of consumer packaging that end up on their tipping floors. "We continue to see more and more products [packaging] in the marketplace that, in fact, are difficult, if not impossible, to recycle so they become a contaminant in the recycling stream," said Steve Alexander, executive director of the Association of Plastic Recyclers [ARPs]. APR doesn't believe that brands [those who control packaging design and manufacturing] intentionally design product packaging with inherent recycling challenges, but says it still happens far too often. By releasing an updated design guide last year, APR hopes to become more involved in the "embryonic" stage of package development rather than having to find solutions after the fact. An example of flawed package design is what has happened with full bottle or shrink sleeve labels on plastic bottles. The labels detach and sink during washing phase of the plastic recycling process and in many cases create sediment and contaminate the end material. A research company, Plastics Forming Enterprise, has been working with APR, brands, and recyclers to sort out the details of their packaging challenges in an effort to produce a cleaner material stream to ensure that recovery facilities can offer a better product and manufacturers can have higher percentages of recyclable content in their packaging. The retailers are driving the brands and the brands are driving the increase in the demand for packaging with a higher recyclable content.

Wal-Mart and Target are seen as the biggest retail drivers of this trend because both have begun requiring the use of How2Recycle labels on more of the products sold in their stores. "How2Recycle" is a standardized labeling system that clearly communicates recycling instructions to the public. A recent online survey conducted by Harris Poll indicates 44% of the adult population must rely on their own devices to figure out what can and cannot be recycled, information about the recycling process, and other details about recycling. The "How2Recycle" program is run by the Sustainable Packaging Coalition, which works with APR and others to verify the recyclability of any product seeking to use that label. This innovative

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labeling system has begun to have a notable presence in the market place, but it's unlikely it will ever fully cover everything that ends up on store shelves.

The packaging community is definitely not going to stop innovating, nor should they. All of the collaboration between brands, researchers and recyclers in the future adaptation of products doesn't change the fact that a wide range of difficult to recycle plastic packaging is still ending up in MRFs right now, and will continue to for the foreseeable future. As with anything in the free market, the solution process may not always be fast or direct, and if recycling plastic packaging becomes too complicated, especially with varying standards between neighboring municipalities, it could have an adverse effect. If we confuse the consumers, they'll become disenfranchised, and before long they'll become non-participants in the recycling effort. The problems are real, the challenges demanding, and solutions must be found; in the meantime the cost to manage waste effectively continues to increase with no end in sight.

## Reusing Makes Good ♻️

### Used Plastic Grocery Bags Can Find New Life around the Home

 <p>Keep stain and paint from drying out. Place an old plastic grocery bag over the top of an open can of paint/stain. Depress the center to form a dimple about 1/2" deep. Replace the lid and tap down tightly. Trim the excess plastic off with a pair of scissors.</p>	  <p>Plarn is short for "plastic yarn." Plarn is made by cutting plastic bags into strips, which are then strung or woven together in a single long strand. You can use plarn to crochet or weave sturdy, reusable tote bags, doormats, and much more.</p>
<p>Wedge plastic bags under seldom used doors to prevent drafts, or where pipes pass through outer walls or from unheated to heated areas</p>  	
 <p>When traveling, use plastic grocery bags to protect clothing from shoes in suitcase, to hold dirty laundry, or place your cosmetics in a bag in case of a possible leak.</p>	  <p>If you leave your car out in the elements in the winter, try wrapping a plastic bag around the outside mirrors to prevent them from icing. A plastic bag wrapped around outdoor padlocks keeps them free from ice and working well.</p>

Comments and suggestions are welcome, and can be submitted via email to: [steve.whitman@hotmail.com](mailto:steve.whitman@hotmail.com); with the author's permission, comments may be printed in subsequent issues.

## Town Clerk/Tax Collector

### NOTICE FROM NH DEPARTMENT OF SAFETY, DIVISION OF MOTOR VEHICLES

The NH Department of Safety, Division of Motor Vehicles is pleased to announce that a new computer system (VISION) will be implemented in the month of February. As a result, there will be an interruption of motor vehicle registration processing statewide. Town/City Clerk's offices, along with DMV offices, will be unable to process new or renewal registrations over the President's Day holiday weekend, beginning February 17, 2017, and will be resuming transactions on Wednesday, February 22, 2017. Throughout this process, the Town/City Clerk's office may be open for other transactions not related to vehicle registrations during their normal, scheduled hours of operation. Please check with your local municipality for their specific hours during this time.

If you have a new registration, a temporary plate or your registration renewal is due during the month of February, please make sure you are aware of the processing interruption.

Please feel free to visit the DMV website at [www.nh.gov/dmv](http://www.nh.gov/dmv) for updates concerning this implementation.

The Alexandria Town Clerk/Tax Collector's office will be open normal business hours during this transition but, as mentioned above, we will be unable to process registrations from February 17, 2017 through February 21, 2017.



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**Filing for Town Offices will begin Wednesday, January 25, 2017 through Friday, February 3, 2017** (Town Clerk's Office will be open from 3:00 pm to 5:00 pm on Friday, February 3, 2017)

<b>Selectmen</b>	(3 year term – 2020)	One (1) position	<b>Town Clerk/Tax Collector</b>	(balance of term ending 2018)	One (1) position
<b>Trustee of Trust Funds</b>	(3 year term – 2020)	One (1) position	<b>Planning Board</b>	(3 year term – 2020)	Two (2) position
<b>Cemetery Trustee</b>	(3 year term – 2020)	One (1) position	<b>Planning Board</b>	(balance of term ending 2018)	One (1) position
<b>Budget Committee</b>	(3 year term – 2020)	Three (3) positions	<b>Budget Committee</b>	(1 year term – 2018)	Two (2) positions
<b>Budget Committee</b>	(2 year term – 2019)	Two (2) positions			

## Police Department

Now that the process of setting the budget has been mostly completed, I'd like to thank all who came out to support the Police Department. The next step in the process is the Deliberative Session scheduled for Saturday February 11th at 10 AM I hope to see you there. The final step will be on voting day.

As discussed in some of the recent meetings, the Alexandria Police Department is going to start publishing generic statistics for the department on a monthly basis. I say generic because we will not be listing names of people arrested, it is not our intention to try to embarrass anyone. Due to the timing of this newsletter they will typically be posted about a month behind here. They will also be sent to the Record Enterprise, Newfound Landing and will be posted on our Facebook Page (Alexandria NH Police).

Given the modern world of Social Media, Facebook seems to be the most efficient way to get information out so I encourage you to "Like" our page if you have Facebook. If not we will continue to post information here as well as the local papers.

We are planning on holding a brief training session on "Civilian response to Active Shooter" in the near future. If this is something you may be interested in, please call the Office as 744-6651. The exact date and time is yet to be determined but I would like to get a feel on the amount of interest.

As always stay safe and report any suspicious activity to the Police at 744-6650.

Thank you,

Chief Sullivan

\*\*\*\*Legal Question of the Month\*\*\*\*\*

Do the Police Have to read you Miranda if you get arrested?

The answer is No, no matter what you see on TV.

The Miranda Warnings are in place to advise arrested individuals of their 5th amendment rights against self incrimination. These rights are always in place, whether you are arrested or not. If the Police wish to ask a suspect questions while they are in custody we are required to specifically explain these rights to the suspect before we illicit any incriminating statements from them. That means we only have to read an arrested person Miranda if we are going to ask them questions while they are in custody.



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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

### 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 .  
*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 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

**Town Offices Closed Monday, February 20, 2017 in observance of President's Day. Transfer Station will be open normal hours on that day.**

### UPCOMING MEETINGS:

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

Tuesday, February 7, 2017: Selectmen's Meeting at 6:00 pm  
Saturday, February 11, 2017: First Deliberative Session 10:00 am (Town Hall, 45 Washburn Rd)  
Wednesday, February 15, 2017: Planning Board Meeting at 6:00 pm  
Thursday, February 16, 2017: Highway Advisory Committee Meeting at 4:30 pm  
Tuesday, February 21, 2017: Selectmen's Meeting at 6:00 pm  
Wednesday, February 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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