



ALEXANDRIA TODAY JANUARY 2018 EDITION

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Selectmen's Office

REMINDER: Tuesday, January 9, 2018 is the last day for voters to petition selectmen to include an article in the town meeting warrant, provided that if a petitioned article proposed a bond governed by RSA 33:8-a, the deadline is the preceding Friday, January 5, 2018. [RSA 39:3; 40:13, II-a(b)]. The petition must have a minimum of 25 signatures from residents that are registered voters in Alexandria.

PUBLIC HEARING ON THE PROPOSED 2017 BUDGET

When: Tuesday, January 9, 2018 at 6:00 pm

Where: Municipal Building, 47 Washburn Road, Alexandria, NH

Copies of the proposed budget will be available at the meeting and on our website

FIRST DELIBERATIVE SESSION

When: Saturday, February 10, 2018 at 10:00 am

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

TOWN VOTING DAY (SECOND DELIBERATIVE SESSION)

When: Tuesday, March 13, 2018 polls open 11:00 am to 7:00 pm

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

Filing for Town Offices will begin Wednesday, January 24, 2018 through Friday, February 2, 2018 (Town Clerk's Office will be open from 3:00 pm to 5:00 pm on Friday, February 3, 2017)

Selectmen	(3 year term)	One (1) position	Town Clerk/Tax Collector	(3 year term)	One (1) position
Trustee of Trust Funds	(3 year term)	One (1) position	Planning Board	(3 year term)	Two (2) positions
Cemetery Trustee	(3 year term)	One (1) position	Budget Committee	(3 year term)	Two (2) positions
Town Moderator	(2 year term)	One (1) position	Budget Committee	(2 year term)	Two (2) positions
Road Agent	(3 year term)	One (1) position	Supervisor of Checklist	(6 year term)	One (1) position

Abatements: An abatement is a request to refund some of the taxes paid on a property. Abatement requests generally fall into two broad categories: physical description errors and valuation opinion differences. To receive a copy of your assessment record card that shows what is listed for the physical description of the property and property value, please contact the Selectmen's Office at alexandrianh@metrocast.net or 603-744-3220.

Annually, after receiving the final tax bill of the year, property owners may file a formal request to review their property's assessment. The request must be made in writing and must be filed by March 1, 2018. 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. More information about abatements can be found on our website at <http://alexandrianh.com/departments/selectmens-office/abatements/>.

New Transfer Station stickers are available for 2018.

Stickers are available at the transfer station, please be sure to stop and request one the next time you are there.



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Are you having difficulty paying your property taxes by the due date? You can make partial payments on your property taxes at any time. Some property owners make monthly payments to prepay their estimated taxes; others make monthly or quarterly payments on a current balance. We highly encourage property owners to privately discuss their finances to determine what they can pay and when. Making smaller, more frequent payments reduces the interest you will pay and helps ensure your current tax does not become a lien. Keep in mind, the interest rate accrues at 12% annually and begins the day after the due date noted on your bill.

PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED BUILDING PERMIT ORDINANCE

Tuesday, January 16, 2018 at 6:30 pm in the Conference Room at the Municipal Building

There will be a warrant article on the ballot for 2018 that includes a proposed building permit ordinance. The building permit ordinance was originally voted in place without holding the proper public hearings before hand. The purpose of the warrant article in 2017 was to correct that oversight. As a result of the warrant article for the building permit ordinance failing in 2017, the Town is left without any building permit requirements.

The Building Permit Ordinance being proposed only includes minor changes from the one that was in place prior to voting day in 2017. Those changes are shown below in red and include removing "or the NH State Building Code" from #2 and adding item 2(c) that required inspection of new boilers or furnaces.

If you have questions or concerns about the Building Permit Ordinance, you are encouraged to attend the public hearing on January 16th at 6:30 pm, email alexandrianh@metrocast.net or write a letter to the Selectmen.

Proposed Building Permit Ordinance

In order to protect the health, safety and welfare of the citizens of the Town of Alexandria, the following ordinance was adopted:

1. *No building (including mobile homes) intended as a dwelling place or structure intended for commercial use shall be erected or moved into the Town of Alexandria without first obtaining a building permit from the selectmen or their designee.*
2. *All applicants for a building permit shall be accompanied by an approved driveway construction permit, a state-approved septic system design, if applicable, and any other requirements mandated by a higher level of government, including but not limited to Public Utilities Commission, NH Wetlands Board, NH Dept. of Environmental Services, ~~or the NH State Building Code.~~*
 - a. *Commercial buildings and/or commercial structures intended or designed to be used for any industrial, commercial or other use shall be no more than fifty (50) feet high and shall provide noncombustible walls and partitions between their component parts as necessary. Additionally, all plans for a commercial building must be reviewed by the NH State Fire Marshall or his designee for compliance with the NH State Building Code.*
 - b. *No building intended or designed for any public use or congregation of people shall be erected, altered or used for any purpose which does not provide adequate exits as provided in Chapters 155 and 156 New Hampshire Revised Statutes, Annotated, 1995, and any supplements, and in regulations of New Hampshire Fire Marshall's Office and NH State Building Code.*
 - c. *Any new boiler or furnace shall be inspected by the Town Fire Chief or their designee prior to occupancy.*
3. *Permits shall be approved or denied within thirty (30) days after application is submitted.*
4. *Each application shall be accompanied by the appropriate fee as stated on the application.*
5. *Permits shall be void if the structure is not weatherized within one year after approval.*
6. *Penalties: Upon any well-founded information that this ordinance is being violated, the selectmen or their designee shall take immediate steps to enforce the provisions of this ordinance by seeking an injunction in the Superior Court or by any other appropriate legal action. Whoever violates any of the above regulations may be punished upon conviction by a fine not exceeding \$100 per day for each violation, plus all legal costs in connection with settling the issue.*
7. *The intent of the above ordinance is to maintain the health, welfare and safety of all citizens of the Town of Alexandria.*
8. *This ordinance shall take effect upon its adoption and shall supersede the ordinance passed in March of 1979 and any other previous versions.*
9. *Adopted March 15, 2007 and amended at the Second Session of the Annual Meeting on March 10, 2015.*

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Alexandria Waste Management Committee 1/18

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



The Waste Management Committee would like to wish you all a safe and prosperous 2018

Money in our Pockets

In October, our recycling program again showed a savings. For the month, we showed a net savings of \$458. With the November revenue, our savings through the first 11 months of the year is just under \$3700 – it keeps moving in the right direction albeit at a slow rate. The Chinese markets continues to influence the price of recyclable materials worldwide and keep prices unstable. The demand for a more refined breakdown of mixes of a higher quality continues; the good news is that the processing fees, after increasing increase significantly, seemed to have stabilized somewhat. As I remind you every month, we continuously monitor prices being paid for recycled materials, and we will continue to do so and work with our vendors to obtain the most favorable arrangements. We are actively looking at ways in which we can modify our transfer station facilities to accommodate additional items, improve the efficiency in handling, and increase the profitability realized when we sell them.



What's New at the Transfer Station?

The cold weather has arrived along with ice and snow. Tony and the crew are well prepared for the winter season. During the winter months, it is more difficult for the staff to remove contaminates from the containers as the snow often covers them and removal is hindered by freezing temperatures that freeze the materials together. Thank you all for your continued cooperation with the plastic bag issue, and please make a special effort to keep other contaminates out of all the recycling containers to maintain the "quality" of the recyclable material, which has a direct bearing on its market price. A reminder that while plastic bags are not recyclable at the transfer station, they can be recycled at many grocery and department store which are setup specifically to handle these bags. We encourage you to take you plastic bags to one of the participating stores in our area.

Sand is available at the transfer station during normal transfer station hours. This sand is for the use of residents of Alexandria for their private use; contractors and commercial interests are excluded except for use at their business location or private residents. Residents may take five 5gal. buckets per visit, and their transfer station sticker should be clearly visible. If you don't have a current sticker, please get one from the transfer station office – there is no fee for the sticker.



Everyone Does Make a Difference

As I mentioned in the December newsletter article, the internet is full of sites where you can obtain information on recycling holiday items ranging from old Christmas lights and decorations to Christmas cards and wrapping paper. Please take the time to access some of these sites and repurpose or reuse items you no longer need. As for the Christmas tree itself, it is 100% biodegradable and has many beneficial uses. Many towns and organizations grind up the trees and use the chips for mulch or as bedding for trails in public areas – check the local newspapers for local areas accepting trees for recycling. If you've got a chipper [or want to rent one, maybe with a group of neighbors] you can make your own mulch for use in your garden or flower beds. Added to a brush pile at the edge of a field, the discarded Christmas tree can provide excellent protection and habitat for wildlife; or simply stick it in a snow bank with some suet or fruit hanging from the branches and enjoy the birds as they feed.



A word of caution: dry Christmas trees are extremely flammable. **Do Not** burn in a wood stove or fire place as they can cause a chimney fire or, at the very least, will create significant creosote buildup. When ignited, they tend to 'flare-up' quickly, and can burn unsuspecting individuals standing too close.

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If the above looks familiar, it's because it's a repeat from last month's article. While festive, live Christmas trees can pose a serious fire hazard once they begin to dry out, and should be removed from your home shortly after the holiday season ends. Please dispose of them safely, and recycle them if possible.



As always, creative ideas for recycling or reusing items and interesting articles or websites offering recycling ideas are always welcome, as are comments and suggestions about the newsletter articles. Please submitted your comments via email to: steve.whitman@hotmail.com; be sure to state "recycling material" in the subject. In some cases, 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.

Police Department

As our battle with the opioid crisis continues we have come upon the opportunity to partnership with an addiction treatment center out of Nashua. The GateHouse is committed to helping the community and we are committed to learning everything we can do that we can better help people who are struggling with addiction

As part of this recent partnership between the Alexandria and Danbury Police Departments and GateHouse Treatment of New Hampshire. We are excited to announce a 30 day scholarship for their treatment center.

Given the incredible generosity of this gift, we are looking for someone who is at a point that they are serious about recovery.

Transportation to their location can be arranged.

If this is something you are interested in please message us privately through this page or call the Alexandria Police Department at 744-6651.

Highway Department

Policy Regarding Availability of Sand:

Sand is available for use by the citizens of Alexandria for Alexandria properties. Sand piles are located at the Transfer Station (29 Smith River Road) and behind the Municipal Building (47 Washburn Road)

- Residents of the Town of Alexandria are allowed to fill up five 5-gallon buckets with sand for use on their own property
- Sand available at the Transfer Station will be available only during regular business hours of the transfer station
- The filling of pick-ups or other trucks and use by contractors is prohibited.

The sand shed in behind the Municipal Building is still in construction. Until a roof can be constructed at that location, sand will continue to be available behind the old highway garage on Washburn Road.

The removal of sand from the Alexandria Highway Garage on Mundy Road is prohibited. Access to this facility is for employees only.



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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



American Red Cross Blood Drive

Our Lady of Grace Chapel
2 West Shore Road
West Shore Road and NH 3A
Bristol, NH 03222
Jan 23, 2018 | 01:00 PM- 06:00 PM

Note: Thank you for your support. All presenting donors will receive a \$5 Dunkin Donuts card!

Newfound Area Churches (NAC) will be holding their Week of Prayer for Christian Unity the week of January 15th through 19th. Each day there will be a worship service at 12 noon in the particular church and will be followed by a light lunch. The church rotation will be as follows:

- Monday (15th) @ Union Congregational Church of Hebron
 - Tuesday (16th) @ Our Lady of Grace Chapel
 - Wednesday (17th) @ New Hampton Community Church
 - Thursday (18th) @ Bristol United Church of Christ
 - Friday (19th) @ Alexandria United Methodist Church
- For more information, please call 744-3885.

Newfound Area School District 2018-2019 School Budget Information

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2018-2019 School Budget Information
January 12, 2018 – Budget Hearing at Newfound Regional High School at 6:30 pm
January 13, 2018 – Snow date for Budget Hearing @NRHS at 10 am
February 3, 2018 – Deliberative Session at Newfound Regional High school at 10 am
February 5, 2018 – Snow date for Deliberative Session @ NRHS at 6:30 pm
More information is available online at www.sau4.org.



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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: 3rd Wednesday of each month at 6pm
Open 1 hour prior to meeting.
Chair, Merry Ruggirello
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 4th Wednesday of the month at 6:30 pm in the conference room at the municipal building.

Recycling Committee

Please send your suggestions, tips, and comments to: steve.whitman@metrocast.net or call 744-3596. Thank you for recycling.

UPCOMING MEETINGS:

Please check website for up-to-date meeting schedule

Monday, January 1, 2018: Town Offices Closed for New Year's Day
Tuesday, January 2, 2018: Selectmen's Meeting at 6:00 pm
Tuesday, January 9, 2018: Public Hearing on 2018 Budget at 6:00 pm
Monday, January 15, 2018: Town Offices Closed in observance of Civil Rights Day
Tuesday, January 16, 2018: Selectmen's Meeting at 6:00 pm
Tuesday, January 16, 2018: Public Hearing on proposed Building Permit Ordinance.
Wednesday, January 17, 2018: Planning Board Meeting at 6:00 pm
Tuesday, January 30, 2018: Selectmen's Meeting at 6:00 pm
Wednesday, January 31, 2018: 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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