



ALEXANDRIA TODAY OCTOBER 2017 EDITION

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Town Clerk/Tax Collector

NOTICE TO ALEXANDRIA RESIDENTS REGARDING VEHICLE TITLE AND REGISTRATION

The new driver licensing system (Vision) will be implemented in the month of October. During implementation of the new system, there will be a period of time when Department of Motor Vehicles will be unavailable to the public. This will affect our ability to process motor vehicle registrations as well.

This transition will take place between Friday, October 6th and Tuesday, October 10th, with a tentative relaunch date of Wednesday, October 11th.

HOW WILL THIS IMPACT YOU?

DMV locations and Alexandria town offices will be closed on Monday, October 9th in observance of Columbus Day.

Alexandria Town Clerk's office will be **unable** to process motor vehicle transactions Tuesday, October 10th.

DMV locations will be closed on Tuesday, October 10th.

Thank you for your patience and understanding during this transition.

Francine Skiffington, Town Clerk/Tax Collector
Michele Cheney, Deputy Town Clerk/Tax Collector



Alexandria Recycling Committee 10/17

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



Money in our Pockets

In August, our recycling program again showed a savings. For the month, we showed a net savings of \$453. This savings includes \$681 in scrap metal revenue and a net glass savings of \$180. With the August revenue, our savings through the first 8 months of the year now stand at almost \$2500 – still not that impressive, but it keeps moving in the right direction. The 3rd Quarter has been somewhat disappointing, in that the summer months usually show a greater increase, but the markets are still fluctuating and prices remain unstable. We routinely 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 way in which we can modify our transfer station facilities to accommodate additional items, improve the efficiently in handling them, and increase the profitability realized when we sell them.

As some of you may know, at the September 26th Selectboard meeting a new 3-year lease agreement was signed to continue utilizing the space where the current transfer station is located. After careful consideration, it was deemed by the selectmen that renewing the lease for an additional 3 years was in the best interest of the town. Although we are somewhat limited by space constraints and limitations on structural additions on the property, there are still improvement that can be made which will allow us to expand our recycling efforts and enhance our revenue generating capabilities. We will keep you advised of our plans in future newsletters.



What's New at the Transfer Station?



As I've mentioned in previous articles, a large factor in determining how much we receive for our recyclable materials depends on how far the material must be hauled to the processing facility and how much work the facility must do to prepare the material before sending it on. Virtually every processing facility utilizes recycling balers, which allow them to compact the materials into cubes that are easily stored and efficiently transported. Before the materials can be 'baled', they must be sorted to eliminate any foreign objects that would 'contaminate' the cube, for example, tin mixed with aluminum. Next the material must be loaded into the baler, compressed, then the cube removed and transferred to a storage area. Obviously, if the processing facilities do not have to perform these operations, the less expensive it is for them and the more they can pay for the materials.

So where am I going with all this? We are trying to develop a long-range plan for expanding the capabilities of our transfer station, and installing a recycling baler is an option we are looking at. We feel that a baler could allow us to substantially increase the revenue received for our recyclable materials and reduce our hauling charges. A major factor in our evaluation will be the consideration of having to provide covered housing for the equipment and a dry place to store the cubes until hauled. Specific structural requirements are dependent on many things including the size of the baler and the amount of storage deemed necessary to hold the material after it is processed. Because we are currently leasing the property any expansion must take that into consideration, keeping in mind that whatever improvements are made must be easily relocatable. Additionally, we are committed to keeping our recycling program convenient for our residents to use; in the case of the addition of a baler, cardboard and paper could no longer be combined and we would need to create a separate collection station for cardboard; generally, our residents are currently 'breaking down' their cardboard boxes, so it wouldn't be an additional sort for them, they'd merely throw it in a different collection bin.



Everyone Does Make a Difference

It's been awhile since I've reminded people how the materials they recycle are used, so I thought in this edition, I'd include a few reminders to emphasize the importance not only to the environment, but also our economy.

Steel/Tin

People have been recycling steel for over 150 years. Recycling steel saves 75% of the energy that would be required to replace like items from raw material. Many people think of steel as heavy construction girders or frames from heavy equipment and automobiles, which by weight and volume does comprise a significant amount of the recycled steel. However, Americans use more than 100 million tin cans a day, and that equates to a lot of 'steel' that is easily recycled by every household.

Plastic

It is estimated that there are enough plastic bottles [not to mention; jars and jugs] thrown away each year to encircle the Earth four times - that's almost 100,000 miles of plastic bottles if placed end-to-end. It takes approximately 1,000 yrs. for a plastic bottle to decompose in a landfill. Five, 16oz. recycled plastic bottles can make a Polyester T-shirt, or enough fiberfill to stuff a ski jacket.

Aluminum

Aluminum is a durable and sustainable metal with thousands of uses, so much so that 2/3 of all the aluminum ever produced is still in use today. By recycling just one 12oz. aluminum can, you save enough energy to power a 100-watt light bulb for four hours or watch TV for an hour. A new can produced from recycled material using only 5% of the energy needed to produce a new can from raw material; and the can made from the recycled material can be on the shelves in less than 60 days.

Glass

Glass is one of the most sustainable consumer materials since it never loses its integrity during the recycling process and is infinitely recyclable. In the United States, we dispose of enough glass every two weeks to fill a skyscraper larger than the Empire State building. Glass never decomposes which makes it a landfill's worst enemy. However, those very qualities make it ideal for certain applications with only minimal processing requirements. Crushed glass is becoming more and more popular for use as roadbeds and other landfill



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operations known as “landfill layering”. Crushed glass can also be mixed with surface topping materials for roads and parking lots or used a sandblasting grit. Crushed glass can be used for many things as a substitute for sand [beaches excluded].

Paper/Cardboard

Paper and cardboard are easily recycled, and generally reused in the same manner – cardboard is recycled into new cardboard products, and paper into new paper products. Both materials are degradable and will decompose in a relatively short period of time in landfills. The big benefit in recycling paper products is the impact on the natural resources of our planet. Although trees are a renewable resource, the reforestation efforts cannot keep up with the demand, not to mention the energy resources needed to harvest the trees and produce the end products.

As always, creative ideas for recycling items and interesting articles or websites offering recycling ideas are always welcome, as well as 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



In the Month of August 2017, The Alexandria Police Department stopped 76 cars, made 2 arrests, handled 3 motor vehicle accidents and handled 46 other miscellaneous calls for service. Crimes investigated included burglary, possession of drugs, possession of drugs with intent to distribute, criminal trespass, 2 counts of bail jumping and 3 counts of indirect criminal contempt of court.

Everyone wants to know what the answer to the opioid crisis is. I don't believe any ONE person has the answer. The answer is not eliminating Narcan. Narcan saves lives and isn't that what the ultimate goal is here? And no, we cannot "arrest our way" out of this problem. There are too many dealers out there for the Police to keep up, but that doesn't mean we don't keep trying.

The answer lies in EVERYONE working together. The courts need to take the crisis seriously and consider the danger of drug dealers when setting bail and during sentencing. Drug treatment programs need to be expanded and made more available. Legislators need to be looking at laws to fix the problem and not enable it. Doctors need to be better at not creating addicts. The Police need to focus on catching Dealers, and yes that often starts with arresting users. Finally, everyone needs to stand up and say that they are sick of seeing families ripped apart, sick of having their stuff stolen and sick of going to funerals.

The answer is we ALL need to work together. The Alexandria Police needs your help to uphold our part of the fight. If you see something or know something please tell us, even if it's seems insignificant, it may mean something to us. I'd like to thank and applaud those that have come forward since our last post, we have received some good information. Please keep calling and messaging.

Thank you,
Chief Sullivan

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Highway Department



The Highway Department has been busy with putting down shoulder gravel along the newly paved town roads. I'd like to thank the members of the highway department for taking the initiative and fabricating a way to more efficiently spread the gravel along the shoulder of the road by converting an old sander. Jeff Cantara, Road Agent



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

34th Annual TTCC Apple Festival & Craft Fair



Saturday, October 7th from 9am-2pm

Homemade Apple Pies & Baked Goods, Home Baked Beans & Fresh Bread, Fresh Apple Pie a-la-mode!

Pies can be pre-ordered by calling the TTCC at 744-2713 by 10/6. Order for the Holidays! HUGE CRAFT FAIR! The gym will be full of crafters for early Christmas Shopping! Craft Table Space still available – visit www.ttccrec.org for an application.

TTCC is looking for help on Friday, 10/6 from 9am-4pm to cut apples and prepare pies. Also looking for donations of Flour & Sugar!



TTCC Teen Council's HAUNTED BASEMENT

Tuesday, October 31st from 5 to 8pm Downstairs in the TTCC

Come take a chilling stroll through the Haunted Basement at the TTCC on Halloween Night! Our awesome Teen Council will set up several different & frightening scenes in the TTCC Basement that are sure to spook you! *No charge for this thrilling event!*



American Red Cross

Together, we can save a life

BLOOD DRIVES RED CROSS

Our Lady of Grace Chapel – 2 West Shore Road, Bristol, NH
Tuesday, October 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: 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.

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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.
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

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: 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 603-848-1852 Robert Duquette 603-744-9819

UPCOMING MEETINGS:

Please check website for up-to-date meeting schedule

Tuesday, October 3, 2017: Selectmen's Meeting at 6:00 pm
Thursday, October 12, 2017: Budget Committee Meeting at 7:00 pm
Tuesday, October 17, 2017: Selectmen's Meeting at 6:00 pm
Wednesday, October 18, 2017: Planning Board Meeting at 6:00 pm
Wednesday, October 25, 2017: Conservation Commission Meeting at 6:30 pm
Thursday, October 26, 2017: Budget Committee Meeting at 7:00 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.