



# ALEXANDRIA TODAY FEBRUARY 2018 EDITION

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## Selectmen's Office

### 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

Alexandria adopted the Official Ballot Referenda (SB2) in 2010. Official Ballot Referenda is a form of town meeting that has two sessions. The first session (deliberative session) is for explanation, discussion, debate and amendments to the proposed operating budget and warrant articles. The second session (voting session) allows voters to cast an official ballot to pass/fail proposed articles. The Town Warrant and Budget will be posted online and available at the Municipal Building by January 29, 2018.

**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](mailto: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](http://www.alexandrianh.com). More information about abatements can be found on our website at <http://alexandrianh.com/departments/selectmens-office/abatements/>.



Alexandria Waste Management Committee 1/18

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



### Money in our Pockets

December was basically a break-even month for recycling revenue even with the quarterly adjustment for glass of \$180. With the December revenue, our savings for 2017 total just slightly under \$4,000. Although this is somewhat disappointing, it's a much better than the \$1,500 savings in 2016; especially when you consider the decrease in \$/ton revenue, and the increase in the \$/ton processing fees. We've talked about the reason for the decline in revenues received for recyclable materials, and there is no need to go into that again. The good news is that the total tonnage of recyclable material collected during 2017 increased, which accounts for the some of the overall increase in revenue. I don't have the numbers for 2016 readily available; however, in 2017 we processed: almost 33 tons of glass, 33 tons of co-mingled plastic & tin cans, 93½ tons of cardboard & paper, 51¼ tons of tin & light iron, almost 2 tons of aluminum cans, and just shy of 1 ton of other metal such as copper and wiring. That's 214 tons of waste that you kept out of our compactor. THANK YOU!

As I remind you every month, we will continue to 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. Please take a minute and review the committee's year-end report in the Town's Annual Report.

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### What's New at the Transfer Station?

A reminder to our residents: 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.

As you know, several months ago we had to discontinue accepting Styrofoam in the co-mingle container as it was no longer being accepted by the processors. Currently this material is handled in the compactor as household waste. Tony is in contact with an individual who may be a market for Styrofoam; however, further investigation is needed before moving forward – it looks promising, and we will keep you all posted in future newsletter updates.

During the winter months, it is more difficult for the staff to remove contaminants 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; your use of the trash barrels next to the containers to throw your plastic bags is very much appreciated; and you're making a special effort to keep other contaminants out of all the recycling containers to maintain the "quality" of the recyclable material has a direct bearing on its market price. If you are not sure into which bin an item should go, please ask one of the staff for assistance; they are more than willing to help you, and it saves them work in the long run. 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 your plastic bags to one of the participating stores in our area.



### Everyone Does Make a Difference

A plastic is made up of individual molecules, which are linked together to form long chains called polymers. Each polymer has unique chemical properties, physical properties, and functions. Consumer plastics are largely made from seven different polymer resins, which are indicated by a number etched onto the surface. The number or resin codes are numbered from 1 to 7. The chemical composition and function code of each resin controls where and how the resin can be recycled. By taking advantage of the physical and chemical properties of polymers, new processes that eliminate the manual sorting step can be implemented. One such technology, developed at the Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, relies on a process known as selective dissolution, a more complex reclamation step compared to the one used in the current recycling process. The Rensselaer technology is a good short-term solution that can help reduce the amount of plastic that ends up in landfills, but other engineering technology is needed for long-term use.

Development of new materials like biodegradable polymers can be a long-term solution for eliminating plastics from landfills. Biodegradable polymers, as the name suggests, are meant to degrade upon disposal with the help of microorganisms. Biodegradable polymers, or BPs, can be made from a number of materials such as starch, cellulose, and polyesters. Starch and cellulose, called biopolymers because they are produced by plants, are extracted and blended with synthetic polymers to produce biodegradable polymers. By varying the amount of starch, cellulose, and synthetic polymers in the mixture, different plastic properties can be achieved. Another way to create BPs is the production of polyesters by the bacterial fermentation of sugars and lipids extracted from plants. These biodegradable polymers can be modified with synthetic or natural polymers like starch and cellulose to make other products.

Plastics are too important to be eliminated from consumer products, but their disposal is an environmental problem that cannot be overlooked. Current recycling rates are very low, because of the difficulty in separating the different resins. New plastic recycling techniques eliminate the need for a sorting step by exploiting the chemical properties of each resin. However, this process still requires a lot of energy and the use of other chemical solvents. Therefore, a long-term solution seeks to replace current plastics with biodegradable polymers that can be composted with other organic waste. New material of this type would stop dangerous leaching of landfill plastic compounds into drinking water and the release of toxins and carbon dioxide through combustion. Through process development and materials engineering, scientists and engineers are tackling the challenge of polymer disposal. With increased consumer awareness, corporate sponsorship, and government incentives, these technologies have the potential to create more sustainable lifestyles and a healthier planet.

Source: <http://illumin.usc.edu/printer/7/recycling-plastics-new-recycling-technology-and-biodegradable-polymer-development/>

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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](mailto: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.

## Transfer Station

We would like to thank the Town of Alexandria for being understanding for the past two weeks with the freeze ups and problems with the backhoe starter. We would like thank Jeff, Tom and the rest of the workers for getting us back in operation. They saved us again – best highway crew around.

We would like to thank all the people that recycle; however, please keep the plastic bags out of the recycle bin. There are containers provided next to the recycle bins for the plastic bags.

Styrofoam is no longer being recycled; Styrofoam items need to be put in the construction container.

The free shed has been cleaned out and ready to restart. Please, no televisions or electronics. Electronics go in the blue container; there is a fee for televisions and monitors. Please see attendant for details.

Thank you,  
Tony Brown, Supervisor

## Supervisors of the Checklist

I would like to urge all voters to attend the Alexandria Deliberative Session on February 10 at 10:00 a.m. at the Alexandria Town Hall.

Since we no longer have Town Meeting, the deliberative session is the place where you can hear the reasoning behind the warrant articles, hear the discussion, ask questions, and voice your opinions. This gives you the information you need when you are in the voting booth in March.

The voters at Deliberative Session can vote to amend the amounts of warrant articles, which can change the effect of the articles to be voted on at the Town Election. These decisions should be made by more than 50 people of the town.

Each year our attendance at Deliberative Session has increased by approximately 10 voters. Last year we had about 50 people in attendance. This number included the Selectmen, the Budget Committee, and election officials.

Please attend the Deliberative Session to gain knowledge and exercise your rights as voters.

Sue Cheney  
Supervisor of the Checklist

## Police Department

The Following are statistics for the year 2017 for the Alexandria Police

447 "no crime incidents" calls for service to include:

911 Hang up/open line	2	Animal Complaint	25
Assist Fire/EMS	79	Alarm Activation	4
Assist Other Agency	52	Assist Citizen	20
MV Check/Disabled Vehicle	10	Civil Matter	3
Civil Standby	8	Disturbance	6
Domestic Disturbance (non-criminal)	4	Found Hypodermic Needle	3
Fingerprint (employment)	2	Lost/Found Property	12

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Message Delivery/Service	2	Motor Vehicle Accident (non-reportable)	4
Motor Vehicle Complaint	12	Motor Vehicle Lockout	2
Neighbor Dispute	6	Noise Complaint	5
Drug Overdose	3	OHRV Complaint	3
Open Door/Window/Gate	3	Other	4
Police Information	13	Pistol Permit	31
Repossession	2	Return of Property	4
Road Hazard	7	Suspected Drug Activity	3
Service of Paperwork	21	Sex Offender Registry	17
Suspicious Vehicle	10	Suicide attempt/threat	3
Suspicious Intent	15	Search Warrant	1
Trees/Wires Down	9	Property/Vacation Check	13
VIN Verification	10	Welfare/Well-being Check	12
Wanted Person	1		

The following crimes were reported/investigated:

Simple Assault	1	Stalking	5
Tampering with Witness	2	Burglary	7
Theft	2	Forgery	1
Computer Related Crime;Fraud	1	Identity Fraud	1
Criminal Mischief (vandalism)	4	Possession of Controlled/Narcotic	13
Poss CD/Narc Drug w/ Intent to Dist	1	Aggravated Felonious Sexual Assault	2
Felonious Sexual Assault	1	Disorderly Conduct	1
Driving while Intoxicated	1	Driving while Intoxicated (2 <sup>nd</sup> Offense)	1
Driving or Operating Under the Influence	1	Alcoholism (Protective Custody)	3
Child Neglect	1	Endangering the Welfare of a Child	1
Criminal Trespass	5	Littering-Unlawful Activities	2
Violation of Protective Order	17	Woodland Fire Control – Permits	1
Disobeying an Officer	1	Transporting of Alcoholic Beverage	1
Bench Warrant	6	Default or Breach of Bail Conditions	10
Attempt to Commit Simple Assault	1	Domestic Violence – Assault	3
Reckless Conduct; Place Another	1	Unsworn Falsification	1
Resisting Arrest or Detention	1	Bail Jumping	2
Operation OHRV While Under Rev	1	Suspended Registration	2
False Inspection or Registration	2	Habitual Offender	3
Drivers License Prohibitions	1	Driving Without Giving Proof	5
Driving after Revocation or Suspension	9	Conduct After an Accident	1
Reckless Operation	1	Failure to Obey Inspection Req	4
Operation Boat after Suspension	1	Arrest on a Warrant	8

The Alexandria Police conducted 608 Motor vehicle stops, made 59 Arrests and responded to 10 Motor reportable Motor Vehicle Collisions for the year. As you can see, the majority of our crimes are either Drug Related or Domestic Violence related.

## Fire Department

I hope that the holidays treated everyone well this year or at the very least left you at peace...I wanted to take a quick moment of your time to let you know what is happening within your fire department and recognize some folks and their accomplishments. Before I get started, I want to thank all of our members for their continued hard work and dedication.

As another year came to a close for the town, many new things began to happen within our department. Both our beloved Fire Chief Mark Chevalier as well as our Deputy Chief David Ogden respectfully resigned their responsibilities after many years of dedicated service. Both gave so much of themselves and their talents to our department over the years and I sincerely thank them for that. We would not be anywhere close to where we are as an agency if it wasn't for them. I can personally say that I would not be where I am in my Fire Service Career both as volunteer here in town and as a full-time



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career Firefighter and Paramedic if it wasn't for their countless hours of mentoring and guidance. From the bottom of my heart, thank you gentleman.

Jeff Cantara, whom many of you know as our faithful Road Agent, also recently resigned as a line officer of our fire department so that he could place more focus and effort on his primary responsibilities of taking care of our roads. Thank you Jeff for all that you have done for our agency and I know that our two departments will continue to work well together moving forward.

With endings there are always beginnings though! The Alexandria Fire Department ran its first ever Officer Promotional Exam and we are proud to announce our new officer staff as follows:

Thomas Moore, Deputy Chief of Operations  
Devin Decormier, Captain  
Joshua Cate, 1st Lieutenant/Training Officer

I want to thank the above noted individuals for the dedication and time they put into preparing for this process in order to promote professionalism within our department. Thank you also to the Bristol Fire Department for assisting us with the tactical portions of the testing.

Last, I want to take a moment to reintroduce myself for those who may not know me. My name is George Clayman and I am the one who recently assumed the roles and responsibilities of Chief Officer of your Fire Department. Although I was not born here, I did most of my growing up here and so do my best to convince folks I am a true native. I got my start as a fire explorer here in town and upon turning eighteen, I joined as a firefighter. Over the years, I have continued to increase my education and training both through the Fire Academy, the NH Technical Institute, as well as private schooling and mentoring in leadership and management. I hold multiple Level III certifications through the academy and I am also a certified Fire Officer and Fire Instructor. I received my Associates of Science in Paramedic Emergency Medicine in 2012 and have served as a full-time FF/Paramedic in the town of Bristol since around that time. Over the last year I was promoted to a position of Captain within that agency and also serve as the EMS training officer. Here in town, I will continue to serve as your Emergency Management Director and now also as your Fire Chief.

I want to personally thank every one of you who live here in town for supporting our Fire Department and choosing to help continue to fund our efforts to serve our community. With that said, if there is anything that you would like to see our department do (within reason, insert smiley face here) or just thoughts you would like to share, please don't hesitate to reach out to myself or any of our members. We are also always willing to take on new volunteers both for the department and/or the association so if you're interested, give us a call or stop by!

Best Regards,

George L. Clayman, Fire Chief  
Alexandria Fire Department



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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

New Hampton Fire Department  
26 Intervail Drive  
New Hampton, NH 03256  
Thursday, February 22, 2018  
12:30 pm to 5:30 pm

<b>Newfound Area School District</b> <b>2018-2019 School Budget Information</b>	<b>Newfound Area School District</b> 2018-2019 School Budget Information February 3, 2018 – Deliberative Session at Newfound Regional High school at 10 am <i>February 5, 2018 – Snow date for Deliberative Session @ NRHS at 6:30 pm</i> More information is available online at <a href="http://www.sau4.org">www.sau4.org</a> .
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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: 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 4<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:steve.whitman@metrocast.net) or call 744-3596. Thank you for recycling.

### UPCOMING MEETINGS:

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

February 6, 2018:	Selectmen's Meeting at 6:00 pm
February 10, 2018:	First Deliberative Session at 10:00 am at Old Town Hall, 45 Washburn Road, Alexandria
February 20, 2018:	Selectmen's Meeting at 6:00 pm
February 21, 2018:	Planning Board Meeting at 6:00 pm
February 28, 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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