



ALEXANDRIA TODAY MARCH 2018 EDITION

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Town Clerk/Tax Collector

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
Town Clerk/Tax Collector's Office is closed on voting day.

Copies of the 2018 Town Warrant, 2018 First Deliberative Session Minutes (showing amendments made to the warrant) are available online at www.alexandrianh.com and at the Municipal Building. Copies of the 2017 Annual Report will be available by March 6, 2018.

CANDIDATES ON THE BALLOT:

Selectmen – 3 year term <i>Vote for no more than one</i> George Tuthill	Town Clerk/Tax Collector - 3 year term <i>Vote for no more than one</i> Francine Skiffington	Budget Committee – 3 year term <i>Vote for no more than two</i> *
Trustee of Trust Funds–3 year term <i>Vote for no more than one</i> Suzanne Cheney	Trustee of Cemeteries–3 year term <i>Vote for no more than one</i> Suzanne Cheney	Budget Committee – 2 year term <i>Vote for no more than two</i> *
Road Agent – 3 year term <i>Vote for no more than one</i> Jeff Cantara Michael Corliss	Supervisor of the Checklist – 6 yr term <i>Vote for no more than one</i> Loretta Brouillard	Planning Board – 3 year term <i>Vote for no more than two</i> Janet Towse Karen Demers Merry Ruggirello
Moderator – 2 year term (2020) <i>Vote for no more than one</i> *	*No person signed up for Budget Committee or Moderator	

DOG LICENSES

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.



All Dog Licenses expire on April 30.
2018 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.

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Alexandria Waste Management Committee 3/18
Recycling is contagious; You set the example, and others will follow



I am pleased to announce that Ken Hall joined our committee last month. Ken has long been an advocate of recycling and very supportive of our town's recycling program. We are fortunate to have Ken on our team as we move forward to address waste management issues in the coming year.

Money in our Pockets

Well we're heading into our third month of 2018. The numbers for January show a deficit of \$376, which is not unusual, as a major push is made in December to close out the year. Historically, we don't begin to show a net saving until around March. I would urge you all to hang-in there, and continue supporting your recycling program – it is saving us money and having a positive impact. Please take a minute and review the committee's year-end report in the Town's Annual Report.



What's New at the Transfer Station?

A new sand storage facility behind the Municipal Building was completed 2/19 for residents use when the transfer station is closed. Town 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 (if located in Alexandria) or their private resident. Residents may take five 5-gallon 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. At the 2/20/2018 Selectmen's meeting, the sand policy was reviewed and made current. The policy may be viewed on the town website, and residents are urged to review this policy before availing themselves of town sand as violations are subject to fines up to \$100/violation.

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.

I hate to keep harping on our old nemesis, the plastic bag, but we are again starting to see an increase in these bags being thrown into the co-mingled and glass bins. Staff at the transfer station spend between 1 ½ to 2 hrs. per shift removing these [and other contaminants] from the bins. During the winter months, it is especially difficult for the staff to remove contaminants from the containers as the snow often covers them and removal is hindered by the materials freezing together. Please use of the trash barrels next to the containers to throw your plastic bags or recycle them at an area grocery or department store which is setup specifically to handle these bags. It is very much appreciated; and will have a direct bearing on the material's market value. If you are not sure into which bin an item should go, don't guess, please ask one of the staff for assistance; they are more than willing to help you, and it saves them work, and you money, in the long run.



Everyone Does Make a Difference

Unfortunately, despite Tom Brady setting a new Super Bowl record for yards passing [505] and the two teams setting a record for most combined points in a Super Bowl [74], the Pats failed to capture their 6th Super Bowl. However, the Philadelphia Eagles will have to share this year's Super Bowl LII victory with the "green sports movement". The green sports movement is an effort to significantly reduce waste at sporting [and other large stadium] events that is not recycled. All the numbers aren't in yet, but if all went according to plan, it was a "zero-waste" Super Bowl. A team of partners has laid the framework to divert more than 90% of potential waste generated on game day to reuse and recycling instead of the landfill. (Rates over 90% are generally considered "zero waste.")

Minneapolis' U.S. Bank Stadium has been working the entire season toward this goal, increasing the stadium's diversion rate by roughly 55%, reaching a high of 83% in January. An event like the Super Bowl can generate over 40 tons of waste.

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One of the challenges of recycling and composting at public events is getting people to throw their waste into the right bins. At the game, green ambassadors will be on hand at the stadium's waste stations - with separate bins for recycling, composting and landfill - to help fans get their trash in the correct container. Standardized signage from Recycle Across America will be on all the bins to help guide fans. The stadium also uses a post-game waste sort to insure each waste stream is as contaminant-free as possible.

The effort will also take opportunities to repurpose items, like discarded handbags, signage and construction materials, through local community organizations. (Yes, large handbags that were surrendered at security used to be thrown away! Now they are donated to Dress for Success.) All the landfill-bound waste will be incinerated and converted to energy.

As part of the work leading up to the Super Bowl, Amarak, the main food service provider selected for the Super Bowl, converted more than 70 different service ware and other products to compostable versions. They've tried to minimize food waste in the kitchen by composting food trimmings, and unused bulk ingredients are donated through Second Harvest to local food banks and charities. Unserved, prepared food from Super Bowl events will be distributed to local shelters and community kitchens, as well. Founded in 1959 and headquartered in Philadelphia, PA, Amarak is an American food service, facilities, and uniform services provider to clients in fields including education, healthcare, business, corrections, and leisure.

The NFL, PepsiCo and other players are teaming up to deliver the first ever Super Bowl zero waste stadium legacy project dubbed "Rush2Recycle". The NFL has tapped Super Bowl XL MVP and Pittsburgh Steelers Legend Hines Ward to be the face of a social media campaign to educate fans about recycling and inspire them to tackle waste at home.

Source: January 2018 NRRRA Newsletter, *Full of Scrap*; article by Amy Leibrock



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.

Selectmen's Office

Policy Regarding Availability of Sand

The Alexandria Board of Selectmen has adopted the following policy with regard to the use of sand by residents of Alexandria.

1. Sand is available at the Transfer Station (29 Smith River Road) and behind the Municipal Building (47 Washburn Road).
2. Residents of the Town of Alexandria are allowed to fill up five 5-gallon buckets with sand for use on their own property.
3. The filling of pick-ups or other trucks and use by contractors is prohibited.
4. Removal of sand by residents at the Highway Garage on Mundy Road is prohibited.
5. The fine for violation of this policy is \$100.00 per incident.

This policy was adopted on February 20, 2018.

Tax Exemptions & Credits

There are several forms of tax relief available to qualifying tax payers that are residents of Alexandria:

Tax Exemptions: An exemption is an amount to be deducted from the assessed valuation, for property tax purposes, of real property (applies only to property in which you reside). The amount of the exemption varies by the type of exemption. Exemptions available include an exemption for the elderly and an exemption for those with a physical handicap (both of those exemptions have income and asset limits) and an exemption for those that are legally blind.

Veteran's Tax Credits: A tax credit is defined as the amount of money to be deducted from the person's tax bill. It reduced the tax due, not the assessed value of the property itself. The amount of the tax credit varies depending on the credit for which you qualify.

For more information about exemptions and credits, please visit our website or contact the Selectmen's Office at 603-744-3220. Applications are due by April 15th of the tax year.

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Building Permit Warrant Article

One of the items on the ballot this year pertains to adopting a building permit ordinance. The ballot question reads:

Article 11: *In order to protect the health, safety and welfare of the citizens of the Town of Alexandria, the Selectmen have proposed adopting a building permit ordinance. Are you in favor of the adoption of the building permit ordinance as proposed by the Board of Selectmen? Recommended by the Board of Selectmen.*

Below is the Building Permit Ordinance as proposed by the Selectmen:

Town of Alexandria 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, or NH Dept. of Environmental Services.
 - 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. This ordinance shall take effect upon its adoption and shall supersede the ordinance passed in March of 1979 and any other previous versions.

Adopted March 15, 2007 and amended at the Second Session of the Annual Meeting on March 10, 2015.

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, Bristol, NH
1:00 pm to 6:00 pm



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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

- March 6, 2018: Selectmen's Meeting at 6:00 pm
- March 13, 2018: Voting Day – polls open from 11:00 am to 7:00 pm at the Old Town Hall
- March 20, 2018: Selectmen's Meeting at 6:00 pm
- March 21, 2018: Planning Board Meeting at 6:00 pm
- March 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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