



ALEXANDRIA TODAY APRIL 2018 EDITION

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Alexandria Waste Management Committee 4/18

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



Money in our Pockets

HAPPY EASTER! Well spring finally made it; at least that's what the calendar says, but New Englanders know all too well heavy snows in April are not uncommon. The numbers for February show a net savings of \$4 [hey, at least it's a savings this month], which brings the yearly savings through February to (\$372), which includes a quarterly adjustment for glass of \$180. As I stated last month, a deficit for the first three months is not unusual as a major push is made in December to close out the year. Your continued use of your recycling program saves us money over the long haul and has a positive impact. If you haven't already done so, please take a minute and review the committee's year-end report in the Town's 2017 Annual Report.



What's New at the Transfer Station?

Although the calendar says it's spring, past experience has shown us not to believe everything we see or hear; I'm sure 'old man winter' is not done just yet. A reminder: a new sand storage facility behind the Municipal Building was completed 2/19 for residents use when the transfer station is not open. 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 residence. Residents may take five, 5gal. buckets per visit, and their transfer station sticker should be clearly visible [this restriction holds true at both locations]. 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 board 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.

Last month I told you that Tony was in contact with an individual who may be a market for Styrofoam. Unfortunately, this did not work out, as the expense to process the material proved to exceed the vendor's expectations; however, we will keep trying to find a way to again recycle Styrofoam. Please continue to throw waste Styrofoam in the compactor along with your non-recyclable household waste.



Everyone Does Make a Difference

In July 2017, China registered with the World Trade Organization (WTO) its intent to forbid 24 kinds of solid wastes by the end of 2017 and to lower acceptable contamination percentage thresholds. With 2018 in full swing, the ban is creating challenges within the waste and recycling industry. *China's ban on imported plastic waste may be boosting the bottom line for Southeast Asian recyclers, but the industry risks being overwhelmed if Western countries don't do more to address their throwaway habits.* That is the message from recyclers concerned that countries such as Indonesia, Vietnam and Malaysia are being asked to take on too much, too soon following China's ban. They say that if the issue is not addressed, these countries could be forced into following China's lead by implementing their own bans. When the ban was instituted on January 1st, recycling centers slowly began to overflow. The only option for our recyclable waste was to head to the landfill—negating any effort that was put forth by conscientious people to recycle this material. Our current system has made burying waste cheap, and there's often little accountability from our producers to consider the final destination of their product, which sadly is often ultimately the landfill – I've talked about this in previous newsletter articles.

To meet this challenge, both manufactures, and consumers need to ban together. The consumer-first, no matter the end impact, mindset of manufactures is no longer acceptable, nor is it the only consideration; they must evaluate their product with respect to its ultimate destination after it outlives its usefulness. Consumers need to think about their use of single use, disposable products, and consider items which can be reused rather than recycled. Recycling is good and elicits a positive response from people, but recycling is only one part of the solution; reducing the amount we consume has an equally positive impact. People get nervous about the idea of consuming less and may even feel they have the right to unlimited consumption, and that any cutbacks or restrictions would adversely impact their lives. However, the reality is that as a society, we can't continue our current ways. Through technology, we need to continue to develop new ways to recycle/reuse our waste materials more efficiently. Manufactures need to develop products that are multipurposed and

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are 100% recyclable, including the packaging. Together, we can rise to the challenge provided we all recognize our obligations and commit to do our fair share.

Source: Mar 2018 NRRA Newsletter, *Full of Scrap*; article by *Resty Woro Yuniar* – editorial modifications for this article



Here are some Easter recycling tips

- **Easter Baskets** – Plastic Easter baskets **cannot** be recycled. Save them for use again next year, try to find a second use for them around the house or consider donating them to a school or Day-Care facility. Baskets made from natural materials may be composted.
- **Plastic Eggs** – Plastic eggs **can** be recycled. If you can't donate or save them for use again next year, simply place cleaned and emptied eggs with your other mixed recyclables.
- **Artificial Grass** – Artificial grass is typically made of plastic or nylon and is **not** biodegradable or recyclable. If you use this decorative material, save it for use again next year or use it as packing material.
- **Eggshells and Food Scraps** – Eggshells and food scraps should be composted. Crushed eggshells break down more quickly and are very beneficial to healthy compost piles. Avoid composting eggshells that have been dyed or decorated with paints, stickers, or glitter – eggs should not be composted. *Hint:* chop compostable food scraps into small pieces to help them break down faster in colder winter and early spring temperatures.
- **Candy Wrappers** – Candy wrappers **cannot** be recycled. TerraCycle, a national mail-in recycling program, allows large organizations such as schools to collect and mail-in certain types of waste for points that can be redeemed to benefit non-profit organizations and schools. To learn more about candy wrapper recycling through TerraCycle, visit <http://www.terracycle.com/en-US/brigades/candy-wrapper-brigade-r.html>.



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.

Town Clerk/Tax Collector

Below are the voting results from March 2018. Full text of the warrant articles is available in the 2017 Annual Report; the report is available on our website at www.alexandrianh.com or a printed copy can be obtained at the Municipal Building.

VOTING RESULTS MARCH 2018:

Selectmen	George Tuthill	Article #3: Lease of New Loader	Passed
Town Clerk/Tax Collector	Francine Skiffington	Article #4: Dump Truck Lease 2016	Passed
Trustee of Trust Funds	Suzanne Cheney	Article #5: Backhoe Lease Continue	Passed
Trustee of the Cemeteries	Suzanne Cheney	Article #6: Dump Truck Lease 2017	Passed
Planning Board	Janet Towse	Article #7: SCBA Lease Fire Dept.	Passed
Planning Board	Merry Ruggirello	Article #8: New Sand Shed	Passed
Budget Committee (3yr term)	Ed Skrobak	Article #9: Paving	Passed
Budget Committee (3yr term)	Ken Braley	Article #10: Fire Dept. Expendable Trust	Passed
Budget Committee (2yr term)	Doug Benton	Article #11: Building Permit Ordinance	Failed
Budget Committee (2yr term)	Janet Towse	Article #12: All Veterans' Tax Credit	Passed
Road Agent	Jeff Cantara	Article #13: New Comm/Industrial Exemption	Failed
Supervisor of the Checklist	Loretta Brouillard	Article #14: Day Away Program	Passed
Town Moderator	Dennis Ford	Article #15: Newfound Hills Road Seasonal Maint.	Failed
Article #2: Operating Budget	Passed		



DOG LICENSES



All Dog Licenses expire on April 30.
2018 Dog Licenses are NOW AVAILABLE.

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.

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.

Alexandria Fire Department /Emergency Management

By the time you read this spring is hopefully here and hopefully you're not stuck up to your knees in mud somewhere. Just a few quick updates from the fire department and Office of Emergency Management.

We will be receiving funds soon to reimburse our town from the flooding we sustained during the storm last fall. The FEMA reimbursement process takes quite a bit of time but we hope to be wrapping this up soon. Regarding emergency funding of this magnitude for possible future events, I would love to hear any input that folks may have to better prepare us for these types of occurrences. We have been working diligently on the Hazard Mitigation end of things to prevent as much of this as we can for future events. I want to thank both Jeff Cantara and Jennifer Dostie for being instrumental in the overall success of these processes as well as our supporting agencies and representatives from LRPC, HSEM and FEMA.

Speaking of natural disasters and other large scale inconveniences!!!!... We identified some communication issues in some areas of town both on the emergency service end of things as well as notification of our residents of what was going on. A few ideas have been brought up and I would like to share them with you just briefly.

Option one is a system that many of you may already be familiar with known as CodeRed. This is a fully supported system by a third party company that allows us to push out emergency notifications via landline, cell phone (including text), email and Facebook as well as a few other communication methods. This would allow us to communicate in a time of disaster with all of our residents regarding things like evacuation notices or the more common thing that seems to happen in town of some areas being completely cut off for a time due to flooding or other weather events.

Code Red also has a "non-emergency" mode that people can opt into for receiving notices such as upcoming town events(town meetings, hearings, etc). This option is voluntary and is only intended to keep you informed of things going on in the community that are non-emergent.

The other thing that was brought to my attention by a resident was the possible advantages of attempting to network some of our community members who have a skill set in alternative communications via amateur and citizen band radio. This option would be a cheap if not free way of using existing resources that already exist in the town(on a volunteer basis of course) to communicate in times of natural disaster. If you have any level of interest in this please feel free to reach out to me. People who have no experience with this but are interested please feel free to reach out as well!

Back to the Fire Department end of things, we will be undergoing some construction at the firehouse this spring to replace the existing front doors for one large door that will make it easier to get the trucks in and out(little snug to say the least right now). So if you're passing by and see us out working on stuff please feel free to stop by and say hello! Also remember that we are always looking for volunteers for both the department (actual firefighting and EMS) as well as for our association (more of a supportive role then actual firefighting)!

Please feel free to give me a call or stop by on Wednesday evenings at the firehouse if you have any questions.

Be safe out there!

George Clayman



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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

- Tuesday, April 10, 2018 from 8:30 am to 3:30 pm at Freudenberg-NOK, 459 Pleasant Street, Bristol, NH
- Wednesday, April 18, 2018 from 8:00 am to 1:00 pm at Tapply Thompson Community Center, 30 North Main Street, Bristol, NH
- Thursday, April 19, 2018 from 1:00 pm to 6:00 pm at Newfound Regional High School, 150 Newfound Road, Bristol, NH

NEWFOUND BABE RUTH FUNDRAISING BANQUET

APRIL 14TH AT KATHLEEN'S COTTAGE \$40 PER PERSON

Cocktail hour 5:00 to 6:00 (cash bar), Dinner at 6:00, Music, prizes & dancing until 10:00

Each paid ticket receives 2 complimentary raffle tickets

Child care provided by Teen Council at TTCC (1 child per each paid ticket, each additional child \$10.00)

MANY PRIZES TO BE WON!

Additional raffle tickets will be on sale the night of the banquet. \$2.00 each or 3 for \$5.00.

Prizes include:

- Kayak valued at \$249.99 (donated by Dick's Sporting Goods)
- 100 gallons of heating oil estimated value \$303.00 (donated by Dead River Company)
- Full auto detailing valued at \$100.00 (donated by Cantara Auto Body)
- 4 pack Fisher Cats tickets & \$100.00 gift card to Piche's (donated by Fisher Cats & Piche's)

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: CLOSED
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.

TOWN OF ALEXANDRIA - BURN 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 or have obtained your permit in the Selectmen's Office the previous year in order to get a permit for the current year.

All other burn permits are available from the following:

Alexandria Fire Department: 603-744-3165
Fire Warden: George Clayman 603-254-7345
Deputy Fire Wardens:
Thomas Moore 603-744-5386
Robert Duquette 603-744-9819
David Ogden 603-744-9056
Fred Platts 603-744-2190

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UPCOMING MEETINGS:

Please check website for up-to-date meeting schedule

- April 3, 2018: Selectmen's Meeting at 6:00 pm
- April 17, 2018: Selectmen's Meeting at 6:00 pm
- April 18, 2018: Planning Board Meeting at 6:00 pm
- April 25, 2018: Conservation Commission Meeting at 6:30 pm

Selectmen's Office will be closed from April 23rd through April 26th, 2018 while staff is on vacation.

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.