



## ALEXANDRIA TODAY NOVEMBER 2018 EDITION

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### Notices



#### GENERAL ELECTION

Tuesday, November 6, 2018

Polls are open 8:00 am to 7:00 pm

Voting is held at the town hall, 45 Washburn Road, Alexandria, NH



Alexandria Waste Management Committee 11/18



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

### Money in our Pockets

One month into the modified recycling program and so far everything is going well. Thank you all for your support and understanding; without your cooperation the transition would not have gone so well. We are still in the process of “tweaking” the process as we get a better feel for our servicing vendors’ expectations. New signage and informational pamphlets at the transfer station and the municipal building are designed to help you – this information is also available on the recycling page on the town’s website within the Transfer Station section [<http://alexandrianh.com/departments/transfer-station/>]. Also, please remember that the staff at the transfer station are there to help you; please ask for help if you have questions.

You will recall that in the September newsletter, I reported savings of almost \$9,000 through the month of July. With the modified program, we expect net savings realized from the program will continue, albeit at a slower rate. The method of calculating our savings will not change and will continue to compare the cost of sending our recyclables to a landfill vs. recycling them through a processing facility. We anticipate that savings from glass will go down as the types of glass now being accepted will reduce the tonnage being recycled, and glass was an area where we realized a net savings by recycling. Non-recyclable glass will now be sent to a landfill which will increase the hauling fee for that glass; plus, glass does not decompose which will shorten the life of the landfills. The fact that we are no longer recycling mixed paper will have a positive impact as new hauling and processing fees made recycling mixed paper considerably more expensive than sending it to a landfill – the good news here is that, unlike plastics and glass, paper will decompose in a landfill; the bad news is that more trees will need to be sacrificed to meet the demand for new paper products. The decision to reduce the types of plastics being recycled is still debatable – again, this was not Alexandria’s decision; it was driven by the processing vendors who determined that they could no longer profitably recycle certain types of plastics and excluded these undesirable plastic types from acceptable mixes. Unfortunately, the non-recyclable plastic that now will end up in a landfill will not decompose easily and will lead to landfills reaching capacity and having to close sooner. Additionally, raw materials needed to produce new plastics to meet demands will generate a higher demand for non-renewable resources such as petroleum. The hauling cost per ton to recycle plastic is high, as plastic is light weight and does not compact easily, so the fact that we are now recycling less plastic will transfer that expense to trash going to a landfill, and while reducing the total direct expense associated with hauling recyclable plastics, it will no doubt increase the expense of hauling the non-recyclables [less tonnage per haul means more hauls per year]. Technology is moving forward at a rapid rate in the recycling area, and hopefully new methods for recycling plastics of all types will soon make it possible to expand the types of plastics that can be recycled profitably.

It’s still too early to project the total impact the modified program will have on the total yearly cost to dispose of our trash. Early estimates project that expenses will go up for a variety of reasons; however, the modified recycling format will continue to save the town money overall. Tony and the committee will continue to monitor developments and make recommendations whenever prudent. Again, thank you all for your cooperation, and we look forward to your continued support.



As with any new program, we would like your input as to how we can improve what we are doing. Now that the new program has been in place for a month, please stop by the transfer station office or talk to any member of staff at the transfer station; let them know how you think we’re

doing. Or you can send me an email at the below address [please indicate “recycling comments” in the subject line]. We know that not everyone supports the program, but we’d like to know what drives this, and how we can improve the program so that you may be more supportive. To this end we would encourage you not only telling us what’s not working, but how you think we can correct the problem. We also would like to know from those who are supporting the

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program what we are doing right, and why that encourages you to follow the program. This is **YOUR** program and we really do want [and need] your input.



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, and will continue to work during this challenging period.



### Input from Your Neighbors

One of our younger readers has been learning about recycling at school, and she discovered a site on-line geared to younger folks concerned about environmental issues; here's the link:

[<https://www.cleaningservicenewyorkcity.com/clean-up-your-act-recycling.html>]. The site offers insights into recycling from a younger prospective. I am posting the link on our Waste Management

webpage, so that others can easily access the site. Thanks Katie for sharing this with us, and for caring about recycling and preserving our planet for future generations.

### Selectmen's Office

#### 2018 Property Tax Rate: \$22.78

*Below is a breakdown of the tax rate for 2018 as compared to previous years.*

	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014	2013	2012	2011
<b>Town</b>	\$6.13	\$7.16	\$5.45	\$5.09	\$4.83	\$4.23	\$4.28	\$5.57
<b>County</b>	\$1.81	\$1.76	\$1.66	\$1.47	\$1.53	\$1.56	\$1.56	\$1.50
<b>School</b>	\$12.63	\$14.03	\$11.71	\$12.12	\$12.17	\$13.01	\$11.60	\$12.70
<b>State Education</b>	\$2.21	\$2.22	\$2.18	\$2.32	\$2.47	\$2.45	\$2.52	\$2.60
<b>Total</b>	\$22.78	\$25.17	\$21.00	\$21.00	\$21.00	\$21.26	\$19.96	\$22.37

**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. Abatements can be submitted after you receive your second issue tax bill but must be received in the Selectmen's Office by March 1<sup>st</sup>.

With winter fast approaching, we thought it might be beneficial to remind residents about our current winter sand availability policy.

#### Policy Regarding Availability of Sand:

- Sand is available 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 property.
- The filling of pick-ups or other trucks and use by contractors is prohibited.
- Removal of sand by residents at the Highway Garage on Mundy Road is prohibited.
- The fine for a violation of this policy is \$100 per incident.

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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



### BLOOD DRIVES

#### Friday, November 2, 2018 2:00 pm to 7:00 pm

New Hampton School, 10 Main Street, New Hampton, NH

#### Monday, November 26, 2018 8:00 am to 1:00 pm

Tapply Thompson Community Center, 30 North Main Street, Bristol, NH



### ONE STOP CHRISTMAS SHOP FOR KIDS

FOR: Kindergarten-8th Grade

WHEN: Tues, 11/20 & Fri, 11/23, 4-7pm

WHERE: TTCC Downstairs

This event is an opportunity for children to do their Christmas shopping for family & friends in one stop. Younger children are assigned a helper that will keep them within their budget. Many different items for parents, siblings, grandparents, teachers & friends. Items cost from 25 cents to \$5  
**THIS IS A KID ZONE ONLY!!** Parents must wait outside the room, no peeking!

### TTCC Jingle Mingle 5K Give the gift of Recreation

Saturday, December 1, 2018

**WHAT:** A Tapply-Thompson Community Center **5K Fun Run/Walk** to help us raise funds for 'Program Scholarships' for local youth.

**WHEN:** Saturday Dec. 1<sup>st</sup>

**TIME:** 9:30am Registration 10:00am Race Start

**WHERE:** Race will begin and end at the Tapply-Thompson Community Center – 30 North Main St Bristol

**COST:** \$20 pre-register by 11/30 – \$25 day of race ; Kids 15 & under are \$5  
(no shirt for kids – can be purchased separately for \$10)

**INFO or to REGISTER:** 744-2713, [tcc@metrocast.net](mailto:tcc@metrocast.net)

### DAY AWAY PROGRAM

*Social Program for Adults with Alzheimer's Disease or related Dementias*



Now in existence for five years, Day Away program is a social program for adults with early stages of Alzheimer's and related dementias. This program provides their caregivers a much-needed respite and relief from constant care and responsibility. Day Away provides a safe and comfortable atmosphere, we encourage socialization and help participants to maintain their independence, be mentally stimulated and remain active. Trained volunteers and a Registered Nurse, Director of program, provide 1-1 supervision for every participant.

Day Away is a non-profit program held on Thursdays from 9:00am to 3:00pm in Simard Hall at Our Lady of Grace Chapel in Bristol. Day Away is non-denominational and open to all families and caregivers in surrounding towns.

As each participant advances in their journey, and he or she is no longer eligible for this program, we know through conversations with their caregivers, we have made a positive difference in each of their lives and in the lives of their caregivers.

If you know of any person/family who can benefit from our program or if you would like to volunteer, please contact:

Sandra Coleman RN, BSN, Director of the Day Away Program

Email – [sjrhatt@roadrunner.com](mailto:sjrhatt@roadrunner.com) or

Telephone – 603-536-6304



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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 6:00 pm*  
Open 1 hour prior to meeting.  
*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 last Wednesday of the month in the conference room at the municipal building.

To contact the Conservation Commission:

e-mail: [alexandrianh@metrocast.net](mailto:alexandrianh@metrocast.net)

Phone: 603-744-3220

Mail: 47 Washburn Road  
Alexandria, NH 03222

### BURN PERMITS

**Burn permits can now be obtained online - <http://www.nhfirepermit.com/>**

All categories of burn permits are also available in the Selectmen's Office during normal business hours.

**Before burning, please check the daily predicted fire danger.**

Visit [www.nhdf.org/Community/Daily-Fire-Danger](http://www.nhdf.org/Community/Daily-Fire-Danger)

*The daily fire danger rating may also be obtained by calling the Division of Forests and Lands wildfire information line (toll free): 1-866-NH-FIRES (866-643-4737)*

### ALEXANDRIA VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

158 Washburn Road, Alexandria, NH

PHONE: (603) 530-2229

FAX: (603) 744-3165

Emergency: 911

[fire@alexandrianh.com](mailto:fire@alexandrianh.com)

## UPCOMING MEETINGS:

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

Tuesday, November 6, 2018:

General Election: polls open 8:00 am to 7:00 pm at the old town hall, 45 Washburn Road, Alexandria

Tuesday, November 13, 2018:

Selectmen's Meeting at 6:00 pm

Tuesday, November 13, 2018:

Budget Committee Meeting following the Selectmen's Meeting

Wednesday, November 14, 2018:

Planning Board Meeting at 6:00 pm

Tuesday, November 20, 2018:

Selectmen's Meeting at 6:00 pm

Tuesday, November 20, 2018:

Budget Committee Meeting following the Selectmen's Meeting

Thursday, November 22, 2018:

Town Offices Closed for Thanksgiving

Wednesday, November 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.*



**Monday, November 12th Veterans Day – Town Offices Closed**



**Thursday, November 22nd Thanksgiving Day – Town Offices Closed**

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