



## ALEXANDRIA TODAY DECEMBER 2018 EDITION

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Alexandria Waste Management Committee 12/18



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



The Waste Management Committee and the Staff at the Alexandria Transfer Station Would Like to Wish You All a Very Joyous and Safe Holiday Season.



### Money in our Pockets

Everything is continuing to go well with the modified recycling program. Thank you all for your support and understanding. We are still making slight adjustments to the process as we get a better feel for our servicing vendors' expectations as they also continue to modify their programs to comply with the new market demands and restrictions – the transition process is not easy for them either.

The new signage at the transfer station is up clearly indicating what goes where. We are no longer recycling mixed paper and cardboard; however, the bin for mixed paper and cardboard is still located in the same spot. Please continue to breakdown boxes. Plastic and glass recycling containers are also still in the same locations as in the past; however, the types of materials being recycled has changed – please refer to the pictures on the container signs and on the informational material available at the transfer station, the municipal building, or you can visit the transfer station webpage on the town website [<http://alexandrianh.com/departments/transfer-station/>]; if it's not pictured, don't throw it in the recycling bin. Also, please remember **NO PLASTIC BAGS IN ANY RECYCLING BIN**, throw them in with the mixed paper/cardboard or the construction demo debris. **Tip:** if you don't recycle your plastic bags, used plastic bags make good holding containers for newspapers, junk mail, and other miscellaneous paper; fill up the bag and throw the whole thing in the paper bin – this also helps keep loose paper from blowing out of the container. The tin/steel cans, formally included with the co-mingled plastics, now go with the scrap metal directly across from the construction debris container – aluminum cans still go to the 'shed' as usual. I can't stress enough the importance of putting **only** specifically designated material in the respective recycling bins; there are fines of up to \$150/ton if a load is deemed "contaminated" by the processor. Also, remember that the staff at the transfer station are there to help you; please ask for help if you have questions.

I don't have any savings updates for you this month and probably won't have anything before the year end Annual Report. As I've said in previous updates, 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 has not changed and will continue to compare the cost of sending our recyclables to a landfill vs. recycling them through a processing facility. We have a contract with Waste Management covering the cost of hauling non-recyclables, but there are some provisional clauses in the contract that will allow them to increase charges [about the built-in annual increase] should their expenses increase for reasons beyond their control. We anticipate that because we are redirecting formally recycled material into the compactor and construction demo bins, the frequency of hauling these containers will increase, but I don't have enough data yet to compile an accurate monthly average increase. 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 rather quickly in a landfill; the bad news is that more trees will need to be sacrificed to meet the demand for new paper products.

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 noted in last month's update, 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 couple of months, 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.

*Not related to the recycling program;* the sand shed at the transfer station has been filled with unsalted sand and residents can pick up five, 5 gal. buckets per visit for their personal use [your current transfer station sticker should be clearly visible, if you don't have yours yet, you can obtain it, free of charge, at the transfer station office]. Contractor are prohibited from taking sand for use on other than their personal property and are subject to the same limitations of five buckets per visit. Sand is available for pick up during normal transfer station business hours. Sand for residents use only is also available in a shed located at the rear of the municipal building – same restrictions apply.



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.

### Selectmen's Office

#### ***A Look Beyond the Curtains – An Open House and Presentation*** **January 6, 2019 2-4 at the Alexandria Town Hall**

Please join us on the 6<sup>th</sup> – snow date January 13 – for an open house, and rededication of the building. Dedicated on January 1, 1914 this will celebrate 105 years and 5 days of service.

In 2008/09 a group of town folks came together with the assistance of a team from Curtains Without Borders to stabilize the roll drop curtains in the Town Hall. Since that time work progressed *slowly* to gain approval from the state to list the building on the State Registry of Historic Buildings. With the help of the NH Preservation Alliance the application was finally made and we gained approval of our request this past summer. Hooray!!

Application was subsequently made for a Moose Plate Grant to assist with the repair and restoration of the windows. That request was approved this fall. Now we need to plan our next steps.

As we begin that process, we want to share with the community what has been accomplished, where we see ourselves going and how we might get there. We also would like to share some “behind the scenes” portions of the building that are not generally open for viewing as well as memorabilia of the building and its gatherings.

If you are unable to attend but would like additional information please contact Nancy Whitman ([njswhit@hotmail.com](mailto:njswhit@hotmail.com)), Liz Kingsley ([lizk@gmail.com](mailto:lizk@gmail.com)) or George Tuthill ([gftuthill@gmail.com](mailto:gftuthill@gmail.com)). We're always looking for others to join us.

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**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>**.



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## 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.

## 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**

**Tuesday, December 4, 2018 9:30 am to 3:30 pm**  
Freudenberg-NOK, 450 Pleasant Street, Bristol, NH

**Saturday, December 15, 2018 9:00 am to 2:00 pm**  
Danbury Community Center, 15 High Street, Danbury, NH



### TTCC 64<sup>th</sup> Annual Santa's Village & Craft Fair

Friday 12/7 6 pm to 8 pm  
Saturday 12/8 2 pm to 5 pm  
Sunday 12/9 2 pm to 5 pm

Free admission – one canned good item suggested for Bristol Community Services Food Pantry.  
*Join us for this magical annual event! Visit Santa's Elves as they work on toys & wrap presents, enjoy one of Mrs. Claus' famous cookies, check out the awesome North Pole train station and spend time with Santa! Visit the TTCC's biggest craft fair while you wait.*

## 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 – [sjrnett@roadrunner.com](mailto:sjrnett@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  
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.nhdfi.org/Community/Daily-Fire-Danger](http://www.nhdfi.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

## UPCOMING MEETINGS:

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

Tuesday, December 4, 2018: Selectmen's Meeting at 6:00 pm  
Tuesday, December 4, 2018: Budget Committee Meeting following the Selectmen's Meeting  
Tuesday, December 18, 2018: Selectmen's Meeting at 6:00 pm  
Wednesday, December 19, 2018: Planning Board Meeting at 6:00 pm  
Wednesday, December 26, 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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