



# ALEXANDRIA TODAY JANUARY 2019 EDITION

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## Selectmen's Office

**REMINDER: Tuesday, January 8, 2019 is the last day for voters to petition selectmen to include an article in the town meeting warrant**, provided that if a petitioned article proposed a bond governed by RSA 33:8-a, the deadline is the preceding Friday, January 4, 2019. [RSA 39:3; 40:13, II-a(b)]. The petition must have a minimum of 25 signatures from residents that are registered voters in Alexandria.

### **PUBLIC HEARING ON THE PROPOSED 2019 BUDGET**

When: Tuesday, January 8, 2019 following the Selectmen's Meeting at 6:00 pm  
Where: Municipal Building, 47 Washburn Road, Alexandria, NH  
Copies of the proposed budget will be available at the meeting and on our website

### **FIRST DELIBERATIVE SESSION**

When: Saturday, February 9, 2019 at 10:00 am  
Where: Town Hall, 45 Washburn Road, Alexandria, NH

### **TOWN VOTING DAY (SECOND DELIBERATIVE SESSION)**

When: Tuesday, March 12, 2019 polls open 11:00 am to 7:00 pm  
Where: Town Hall, 45 Washburn Road, Alexandria, NH

**Filing for Town Offices will begin Wednesday, January 23, 2019 through Friday, February 1, 2019** (Town Clerk's Office will be open from 3:00 pm to 5:00 pm on Friday, February 1, 2018)

*Positions to be filled this year:*

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|--------------------------|-------------|--------------------|-------------|
| • Selectman              | 3-year term | • Planning Board   | 3-year term |
| • Treasurer              | 3-year term | • Budget Committee | 3-year term |
| • Cemetery Trustee       | 3-year term | • Budget Committee | 3-year term |
| • Trustee of Trust Funds | 3-year term | • Budget Committee | 1-year term |
| • Planning Board         | 3-year term |                    |             |



### ***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.

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.

### **New Transfer Station stickers are available for 2019.**

Stickers are available at the transfer station, please be sure to stop and request one the next time you are there.



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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>**.



Alexandria Waste Management Committee 1/19



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

## Money in our Pockets

This is the beginning of our 12th year for the recycling program in Alexandria. It's been a rewarding eleven years and you should all be proud of your accomplishments. Everything is continuing to go well with the modified recycling program. The January newsletter is always a challenge to put together because essentially, it's covering the same information contained in the summary report appearing in the town's 2018 annual report. So, this year, I'm merely going to say that the program was again a success and we should end up with a net saving for the year of between \$12,000 and \$15,000. Because of the modifications made to our program October 1st, arriving at an exact figure is difficult as some of the savings from the recycling program were as the result of shifting the treatment of some formally recycled materials to processing them as "solid waste", which increased the cost of disposing of the solid waste. We are comfortable that the modified program we put in place October 1st will continue to save us money and continue to protect our natural resources and the environment. Please take a few minutes to read the 2018 Town's Annual Report for a more detailed discussion of the operation of your recycling program in 2018. Thank you all for your continued support and cooperation – because of you, it's working.



## What's New at the Transfer Station?

The cold weather has arrived along with ice and snow. Tony and the crew are well prepared for the winter season. 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. Plastic bags are the number 1 contaminate found in the recycling bins, and under the new restrictions enforced by our processing vendors, contaminated loads are subject to additional processing fees of \$150/ton. Please make a special effort to keep plastic bags and other contaminants out of all the recycling containers to maintain the "quality" of the recyclable material. The new signage at the transfer station is up and clearly indicates what goes where. 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.

As mentioned last month, unsalted 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 (in Alexandria) 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. Sand is also available in a covered area located behind the Municipal Building; the same restrictions apply.



## Everyone Does Make a Difference

As I've mentioned in other newsletter articles, the internet is full of sites where you can obtain information on recycling holiday items ranging from old Christmas lights and decorations to Christmas cards and wrapping paper. Please take the time to access some of these sites and repurpose or reuse items you no longer need. As for the Christmas tree itself, it is 100% biodegradable and has many beneficial uses. Many towns and organizations grind up the trees and use the chips for mulch or as bedding for trails in public areas – check the local newspapers for local areas accepting trees for recycling. If you've got a chipper [or want to rent one, maybe with a group of neighbors] you can make your own mulch for use in your garden or flower beds. Added to a brush pile at the edge of a field, the discarded Christmas tree can provide excellent protection and habitat for wildlife; or simply stick it in a snow bank with some suet or fruit hanging from the branches and enjoy the birds as they feed.

*Meeting minutes, newsletters, alerts and other helpful information is updated on the Town's website on a regular basis.*

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A word of caution: dry Christmas trees are extremely flammable. **Do Not** burn in a wood stove or fire place as they can cause a chimney fire or, at the very least, will create significant creosote buildup. When ignited, they tend to 'flare-up' quickly, and can burn unsuspecting individuals standing too close. While festive, live Christmas trees can pose a serious fire hazard once they begin to dry out and should be removed from your home shortly after the holiday season ends. Please dispose of them safely and recycle them if possible.



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 comments" in the subject. In some cases, with the author's permission, comments may be printed in subsequent issues. You can visit the transfer station webpage on the town website [<http://alexandrianh.com/departments/transfer-station/>] for more information about the transfer station as well as links to recycling information sites. Thank you all for your continued support; thanks to you our program is working and will continue to work during this challenging period.

## 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, January 15, 2019 1:00 pm to 6:00 pm

Our Lady of Grace Chapel, 2 West Shore Road, Bristol, NH

#### Tuesday, February 5, 2019 9:30 am to 3:30 pm

Freudenberg-NOK, 450 Pleasant Street, Bristol, NH

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

## UPCOMING MEETINGS:

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

Tuesday, January 8, 2019:	Selectmen's Meeting at 6:00 pm
Tuesday, January 8, 2019:	Public Hearing on 2019 Budget following the Selectmen's Meeting at 6:00 pm
Wednesday, January 16, 2019:	Planning Board Meeting at 6:00 pm
Tuesday, January 22, 2019:	Selectmen's meeting at 6:00 pm
Wednesday, January 30, 2019:	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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