



# ALEXANDRIA TODAY APRIL 2019 EDITION

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## Town Clerk/Tax Collector's Office

Below are the voting results from March 2019. Full text of the warrant articles is available in the 2017 Annual Report; the report is available on our website at [www.alexandrianh.com](http://www.alexandrianh.com) or a printed copy can be obtained at the Municipal Building.

### VOTING RESULTS MARCH 2019:

Selectmen	Robert Piehler		Article #6: New Loader Lease	Passed
Treasurer	Melanie Marzola		Article #7: Equipment for Loader	Passed
Trustee of Trust Funds	Susan Hunt		Article #8: New Dump Truck Lease	Failed
Trustee of the Cemeteries	Susan Hunt		Article #9: New Sand Shed-Highway Dept	Failed
Planning Board	Karen Demers		Article #10: Paving Town Roads	Passed
Planning Board	Ian MacInnis		Article #11: Fowler River Rd. Box Culvert	Passed
Budget Committee (3yr term)	Ian MacInnis		Article #12: SCBA Lease Fire Dept	Passed
Budget Committee (3yr term)	Michael Provost		Article #13: Town Hall Exp. Trust Fund	Passed
Budget Committee (2yr term)	Donald Paiva		Article #14: Fire Dept Exp Trust Fund	Passed
Article #2: Operating Budget	Passed		Article #15: Emergency Mgt Exp Tr Fund	Passed
Article #3: 2016 Truck Lease	Passed		Article #16: Transfer Station Shed	Failed
Article #4: 2016 Backhoe Lease	Passed		Article #17: Restore/Preserve Town Records	Passed
Article #5: 2017 Dump Truck Lease	Passed			
Article #6: New Loader Lease	Passed			

### DOG LICENSES



All Dog Licenses expire on April 30.

2019 Dog Licenses are NOW AVAILABLE.

Dog Fees are as follows:

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 30<sup>th</sup>. If you wish to license your dog by mail, visit our website to download the form on the Town Clerk/Tax Collector's page at alexandrianh.com.

Puppy (Up to Seven Months)	\$6.50
Spayed or Neutered	\$6.50
Unaltered Male/Female	\$9.00
Senior(Dog owned by Senior Citizen, 1 <sup>st</sup> dog only)	\$2.00
Group (5 dog minimum)	\$20.00

**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.

**The Alexandria Fire Department will be hosting a rabies clinic on Tuesday, April 9, 2019 from 6:00 to 7:00 pm at the Alexandria Fire Station.**



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### **Payments for tax bills can now be made online via electronic check or credit card by visiting our website at [alexandrianh.com](http://alexandrianh.com) and clicking on the "Property Taxes Review/Pay Online" button.**

**Service Fee:** We are using Invoice Cloud to process your actual payment. To cover the cost of the transaction, Invoice Cloud charges a service fee, the amount of which depends on the method by which you choose to pay and the costs to Invoice Cloud associated with processing that type of transaction. Electronic checks (ACH) are charged a flat fee of \$0.95 per transaction. Credit and debit cards are charged 2.95% of the amount being paid. For instance, if you are paying \$100 by credit card, the service fee will be \$2.95.

**Making a Partial Payment?** Partial payments can be made by adjusting the Payment Amount on the Check Out Page.

#### Selectmen's Office

#### **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 15<sup>th</sup> of the tax year.*

#### Town Hall Preservation Committee

Many thanks to all who supported our efforts either by baking, buying, or in many cases, both, during Town Meeting Day and the Deliberative Session #1. We have a wonderfully supportive group in town.

After submitting a grant request to the state to help with funding for an assessment study of the town hall building we have been notified that we were successful and have received a \$4000 grant. This will be combined with the \$4000 approved in the establishment of the town hall trust via warrant article in March. In early April, Misiaszek Turpin will begin their formal study. This will allow us to understand the building priorities from a planning / stabilization perspective, which will then lead to an Intent to Apply for a 2019 LCHIP grant being submitted in May for the most critical items.

The windows are coming along nicely and are expected to be completed within the next few weeks. And, if you've been in the town hall recently you noticed that we've stepped up the "keep the cold out" game. Tension rods now hold the draperies in place rather than cutlery. But what an innovative approach by Jennifer and Fran!! A "little birdie" has told me that new draperies may be on the horizon. Stay tuned~

As always if you'd like to become involved with the preservation effort please notify Nancy Whitman - [njswhit@hotmail.com](mailto:njswhit@hotmail.com). You can follow us on Facebook @ Alexandria NH Town Hall Preservation Society.



**Alexandria Waste Management Committee 4/19**



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

#### **Money in our Pockets**

Net savings to date from scrap metal and glass are \$710. There has been no revenue reported for aluminum cans or s. copper in 2019. Because of modifications made last year to our recycling program, we should show a net positive saving on everything we are recycling. The savings for recycled materials will be greater than for last year because it was costing us money to recycle certain materials before we made the modifications in October 2018. However, the net cost of disposing of non-recyclable materials will increase because there is now more of it [formally recycled materials that are no longer recycled]. To try to quantify specifically the cost of adding the no longer recyclable materials to the bulk waste is virtually impossible, and frankly, of no value. The bottom-line takeaway is that under the modified recycling program we are maximizing our savings given our current facilities at the present location and we are handling the disposal of non-recyclable materials as efficiently as possible, given the current worldwide market condition

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## What's New at the Transfer Station

It seems like every other day we turn on the news or pick up a magazine and learn more about how recycling is doomed and being discontinued in more and more cities and towns across the country. I wish this weren't the case, but unfortunately it is. However, if you look beyond the headlines, you'll find that the majority of municipalities that have discontinued or temporarily suspended their programs are those using the "single-stream" methodology, which was widely touted as a way to increase recycling; it was convenient in that it allowed people to continue curbside pick-up, and basically the only sorting required was separating raw garbage from materials that could be recycled – everybody wins, right? Not so fast.

Last month I talked about the steps required in recycling. The breaking down and converting materials into a state which can be used to reproduce new products is by far the costliest and varies depending on the materials being processed, and what the intended end use is. Let's take glass as an example. If the glass is going to be used as fill around foundations or as a roadbed base, merely crushing it is enough and little or no additional sorting is required. If the glass will be used as a "sand substitute" it needs to be processed into a powdery granular texture, which requires additional processing. If the glass will be used to create new glassware, then an additional sort may be required to separate the glass by color. The same holds true for other recyclable materials; each has a specific sorting and processing procedure depending on the ultimate end use.

With sorting being a key factor from an expense prospective, obviously, the less sorting required, the lower the prep costs. The solution is to move the sorting function from the processor's responsibility to the responsibility of the initial collection point, which ultimately means the residents where the sort is done in the home and ultimately deposited in the proper collection bin at the transfer station. By transferring the sorting function, a major expense factor is removed, and the processors can pay more for the recyclable materials. If residents are not willing to assume this responsibility, then the recycling processing effort becomes more expensive [for several reasons], and eliminating the program is often the best solution given the current market conditions. Remember, many of the municipalities suspending their recycling programs are those previously operating on the 'single stream' concept, where the residents did virtually no sorting.

As mentioned in last month's article, Alexandria has chosen to modify our program rather than suspend it. Basically, our sort has remained the same although some previously recyclable materials are no longer treated as such, and now are included with the household trash or bulky waste. We have eliminated any materials that cannot be recycled at a net savings to us from the "recyclable materials" list. Our program is saving us money and is having a positive impact on the environment.

Future newsletter article on recycling will continue to report on savings generated by the program and any steps we are taking locally to improve our situation. I will also be highlighting articles about companies that are working to improve or develop recycling techniques and practices. More focus will be on how you and I can help by using the other two legs of the recycling triangle; "reuse" and "reduce." Your committee will continue to explore any and all viable alternatives and make recommendations where appropriate.



Creative ideas for recycling, reusing items, or interesting articles or websites offering recycling ideas are always welcome; as are comments and suggestions about the newsletter articles. Please submitted your comments 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.

## 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, April 2, 2019 9:30 am to 3:30 pm**

Freudenberg-NOK, 450 Pleasant Street, Bristol, NH



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## Office Hours

### Selectmen's Office – 744-3220

Monday: 8 am to 4 pm  
Tuesday: 8 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 4 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, April 2, 2019:

Selectmen's Meeting at 6:00 pm

Tuesday, April 16, 2019:

Selectmen's Meeting at 6:00 pm

Wednesday, April 17, 2019:

Planning Board Meeting at 6:00 pm

Wednesday, April 24, 2019:

Conservation Commission Meeting at 6:30 pm

Tuesday, April 30, 2019:

Selectmen's Meeting at 6:00 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.*

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