



ALEXANDRIA TODAY FEBRUARY 2019 EDITION

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Selectmen's Office

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

Alexandria adopted the Official Ballot Referenda (SB2) in 2010. Official Ballot Referenda is a form of town meeting that has two sessions. The first session (deliberative session) is for explanation, discussion, debate and amendments to the proposed operating budget and warrant articles (see NH RSA 40:13, IV below). The second session (voting session) allows voters to cast an official ballot to pass/fail proposed articles. The Town Warrant and Budget will be posted online and available at the Municipal Building by January 28, 2019.

Per NH RSA 40:13, IV

IV. The first session of the meeting, governed by the provisions of RSA 40:4, 40:4-a, 40:4-b, 40:4-f, and 40:6-40:10, shall consist of explanation, discussion, and debate of each warrant article, including warrant articles pertaining to the operating budget and the default budget. A vote to restrict reconsideration shall be deemed to prohibit any further action on the restricted article until the second session, and RSA 40:10, II shall not apply. Warrant articles may be amended at the first session, subject to the following limitations:

(a) Warrant articles whose wording is prescribed by law shall not be amended.

(b) Warrant articles that are amended shall be placed on the official ballot for a final vote on the main motion, as amended.

(c) No warrant article shall be amended to eliminate the subject matter of the article. An amendment that changes the dollar amount of an appropriation in a warrant article shall not be deemed to violate this subparagraph.

Newfound Area School District

The Newfound Area School District also holds a First Deliberative Session to review the Newfound Area School District's warrant and proposed budget.

February 2, 2019 – Newfound Area School District's First Deliberative Session at Newfound Regional High school at 10 am

February 4, 2019 – Snow date for Deliberative Session @ NRHS at 6:30 pm

More information is available online at www.sau4.org.

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 or 603-744-3220.

Annually, after receiving the final tax bill of the year, property owners may file a formal request to review their property's assessment. **The request must be made in writing and must be filed by March 1, 2019.** If you wish to file an application for abatement, you may obtain the form from the selectmen's office during regular hours. Abatement forms are also available online at www.alexandrianh.com. More information about abatements can be found on our website at <http://alexandrianh.com/departments/selectmens-office/abatements/>.

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Town Clerk/Tax Collector's Office

Payments for tax bills can now be made online via electronic check or credit card by visiting our website at 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.

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 30th. 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 st 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 in April. We will post the date as soon as it is available.



Alexandria Waste Management Committee 2/19



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

Money in our Pockets

I apologize for the brevity of the newsletter article this month; however, I've been out of commission since the middle of January, having had surgery to correct a heart valve problem. I've spoken with Tony and he advises that thing continue to go well with respects to the modified recycling program – thank you all for your cooperation – because of you, it's working. As I mentioned last month, the year-end report contained in the annual town report provides a summary of the recycling activities in 2018, and you all are encouraged to read it. 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.

What's New at the Transfer Station?



Tony and the crew are well prepared for the winter season. Tony ask me to thank you all for complying with the "no plastic bags in any of the recycling containers" restriction. 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. During the winter months, it is more difficult for the staff to remove contaminates from the containers as the ice and snow often covers them and removal is hindered by freezing temperatures that freeze the materials together. A reminder that while plastic bags are not recyclable at the transfer station, they can be

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recycled at many grocery and department store which are setup specifically to handle these bags. We encourage you to take you plastic bags to one of the participating stores in our area.

One problem that has come up is that because household waste, cardboard, and construction demo debris can now be combined, some people are throwing household garbage into the open bins rather than putting it in the compactor. This practice means that garbage is susceptible to scavenging by animals, which creates pollution and sanitation issues around the transfer station. Please continue to put **all** household garbage in the compactor where it is secure from animals. As a continuing reminder, 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



A lot has been going on as the result of China's tightening import restrictions on recyclable materials. Other countries are increasing their capacity to process recyclable materials, and new technology in product development and recycling techniques are emerging. It is too soon to know the impact this new technology will have, and at what cost; however, if nothing else, it has highlighted the problem and people have begun to respond. Over the coming months, I'll try to zero in on some specifics which have a direct impact on Alexandria. In the meantime, you can view a pretty good recap of the history of recycling at <https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Recycling>.



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 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.

DON'T FORGET THE 1ST DELIBERATIVE SESSION IS SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 9TH AT 10:00 AM AT THE TOWN HALL – YOUR OPINION DOES MATTER

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, 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 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: 3rd 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.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

UPCOMING MEETINGS:

Please check website for up-to-date meeting schedule

Tuesday, February 5, 2019: Selectmen's Meeting at 6:00 pm
Saturday, February 9, 2019: First Deliberative Session at the Old Town Hall, 45 Washburn Road, at 10:00 am
Monday, February 18, 2019: Town Offices Closed in Observance of President's Day
Tuesday, February 19, 2019: Selectmen's Meeting at 6:00 pm
Wednesday, February 20, 2019: Planning Board Meeting at 6:00 pm
Wednesday, February 27, 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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