



ALEXANDRIA TODAY MARCH 2019 EDITION

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Town Clerk/Tax Collector's Office

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

The Town Warrant and Budget are available online at alexandrianh.com under "News & Notices". The 2018 Annual Report will be available in the Selectmen's Office, online, and at the Transfer Station by Tuesday, March 5, 2019.

ABSENTEE BALLOT INFORMATION

Qualifications for Absentee Ballot

Any registered voter who is absent from the town on the day of an election, who cannot appear in public because of an observance of a religious commitment, or who is unable to vote in person by reasons of a physical disability, may vote by absentee ballot. A person who is unable to appear at any time during polling hours at his or her polling place because of an employment obligation. For the purpose of this application, the term "employment" shall include the care of children and infirm adults, with or without compensation. (NH RSA 657:1) Effective January 1, 2019, law was changed to also include for use only on the Monday immediately prior to an election, that a voter cannot appear at their polling location place on election day because the National Weather Service has issued a winter storm warning, blizzard warning, or ice storm warning for election day applicable to Alexandria.

Request for Absentee Ballot

An Alexandria voter's request for an absentee ballot must be made in writing and mailed to the Clerk's Office, faxed to 603-744-8577 or scanned and emailed to alexctxcoll@metrocast.net. The request must be signed by the person requesting the ballot and needs to include that person's domicile residence (not a post office box) and an address where the voter would like to have the ballot mailed, if different. The applicant must sign the form to receive their absentee ballot. Any person who assists a voter with a disability in executing this form shall make a statement acknowledging assistance on the application form. If you qualify to vote by absentee ballot, please visit our website at alexandrianh.com to download the form or contact our office at 603-744-3288. Please note that this form is two pages and both sides need to be completed or your request will be rejected.

Allow Enough Time

Voters who wish to cast absentee ballots should allow enough time for the Clerk to receive the written request, for the post office to deliver the ballot, if the ballot is being mailed back to our office, time for the ballot to be returned to our office before the election. Sometimes mail has taken 3-4 business days to reach us, so please keep this in mind when requesting your ballot or mailing it back to us.

Important Information - Please Read

Make sure you carefully follow the instructions enclosed with your ballot. After marking your ballot, place it in the small envelope and seal said envelope, then sign the affidavit which fits your particular situation. You must sign this affidavit envelope. A person assisting a blind voter or a voter with a disability who needs assistance executing this affidavit shall make and sign a statement on the affidavit envelope acknowledging the assistance. If mailing, affix the proper postage and place in the mail. It has to be received, if in the mail, no later than 5:00 p.m. on election day. Please make sure you leave enough time for the post office to deliver.

- An absentee voter can deliver his or her own ballot in person to the Town Clerk, during regular business hours, until the day before an election.
- Absentee ballots cannot be placed in the Town Hall mailbox, in accordance with State Law.
- Hand-delivered ballots may be dropped off by the voter or delivered by the voter's spouse, parent, sibling or child to the Town Clerk from whom it was sent. The Town Clerk shall not accept an absentee ballot from a family member unless

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the family member completes a form, provided by the Secretary of State, and the family member presents a government issued photo identification or has his or her identity verified by the Town Clerk.

- Hand-delivered absentee ballots will not be accepted at the Town Clerk's Office on election day. If a ballot needs to be dropped off by a family member they should go to the voter's polling location and drop it off. The Town Clerk shall not accept an absentee ballot from a family member unless the family member completes a form, provided by the Secretary of State, and the family member presents a government issued photo identification or has his or her identity verified by the Town Clerk.
- Ballots received by mail after 5 p.m. on election day will not be counted (per RSA 657:22).

CANDIDATES ON THE BALLOT:

Selectmen – 3 year term <i>Vote for no more than one</i> Robert Piehler	Treasurer – 3 year term <i>Vote for no more than one</i> Melanie Marzola	Planning Board – 3 year term <i>Vote for two</i> Karen Demers Ian MacInnis
Trustee of Trust Funds–3 year term <i>Vote for no more than one</i> Susan Hunt	Trustee of Cemeteries–3 yr term <i>Vote for no more than one</i> Susan Hunt	Budget Committee – 3 year term <i>Vote for no more than two</i> Ian MacInnis Michael Provost
		Budget Committee – 1 year term <i>Vote for no more than one</i> Donald Paiva

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.

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.

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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 15th of the tax year.

Town Hall Preservation Committee

Town Hall Preservation - You may notice a few new things at the Town Hall: a sign saying "Thanks" for a Moose Plate grant to help with the preservation work, and a few windows are missing! Alexandria resident John Thompson of JLT Painting has been selected as the contractor to refurbish all of the original windows. So that work may be done during these cold months, John will use Mylar to create temporary windows moving them as windows are replaced and additional ones taken out for refurbishing. The windows will have broken panes replaced with wavy glass to match as closely as possible the original panes. Anything that isn't broken will remain in place. All windows will be re-glazed, painted on the outside and refinished on the inside (you may have noticed that there has been some water damage over time). We'll deal with the storms when work on the outside of the structure is undertaken. In the meantime, it is hoped that the new weather-stripping that John installs will minimize the drafts. Repairs will be made to allow the lower sashes to be raised. No more "don't open" signs; yay!!

"Thanks" to all of the residents who supported us during our bake sale at the Deliberative Session. You'll see us again on Town Meeting Day with a variety of baked goods sure to whet your palate. No prices; just donations. This money will be used to help offset less immediate preservation expenses. Note: "Thanks" to AVS for turning over the bake sale baton!

If you'd be willing to bake or would like to get involved with the preservation effort please contact Nancy Whitman, njswhit@hotmail.com.

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, March 8, 2019 12:00 pm to 5:00 pm

Newfound Regional High School, 150 Newfound Road, Bristol, NH

Tuesday, March 26, 2019 1:00 pm to 6:00 pm

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

Saturday, March 30, 2019 9:00 am to 2:00 pm

Danbury Community Center, 15 High Street, Danbury, NH

Newfound Area School District Meeting Schedules

Monday, March 11, 2019 @ 6:30 pm: School Board Meeting at NRHS
Monday, March 25, 2019 @ 6:30 pm: School Board Meeting at NRHS

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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.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, March 5, 2019: Selectmen's Meeting at 6:00 pm
Tuesday, March 12, 2019: Town Voting Day, 11:00 am to 7:00 pm at the Old Town Hall
Tuesday, March 19, 2019: Selectmen's Meeting at 6:00 pm
Wednesday, March 20, 2019: Planning Board Meeting at 6:00 pm
Wednesday, March 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.