



ALEXANDRIA TODAY DECEMBER 2019 EDITION

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Alexandria Conservation Commission



The Alexandria Conservation Commission

The Alexandria Conservation Commission has had to abandon its annual photo contest and will not be offering a 2020 calendar this year. Unfortunately, this past year we failed to generate the necessary enthusiasm and participation and failed to receive enough photos. We considered the idea of using photos from previous years that had not appeared in earlier calendars to complete a calendar for 2020 but decided against that idea based on the

response to the photo contest.

The idea behind the photo contest was to generate awareness of some of the project in which the Conservation Commission is involved throughout the town, and to provide an event where folks can gather and discuss related issues. We are currently in the process of developing our projects and programs for 2020 and would like your input as to the types of events that would interest you. Some of the things under consideration are guided nature hikes, some type of scavenger hunt, a restoration or beatification project, we're always in need of help maintaining trails, or maybe something this spring on the correct way to tap maple trees and make syrup – just let us know what interests you. The Commission members would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone a safe and joyous holiday season, and a healthy and prosperous 2020. Thank you for your support and we look forward to continuing to protect those things that make Alexandria such a special place to call home.

Ernest Lamos, Chairman, Bob Piehler, Merry Ruggirello, Kim Sharp, Steve Whitman, and George Whittaker

TOWN CLERK/TAX COLLECTOR'S OFFICE

THE TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE NOW ACCEPTS OVER THE COUNTER CREDIT CARD PAYMENTS FOR CLERK TRANSACTIONS



(motor vehicle registrations, dog licensing, hunting/fishing licenses, OHRV registrations, and vital records)



INVOICE CLOUD WILL PROCESS YOUR ACTUAL PAYMENT.
TO COVER THE COST OF THE TRANSACTION, INVOICE CLOUD CHARGES A 2.95% SERVICE FEE
(\$1.95 MINIMUM SERVICE FEE).



SELECTMEN'S OFFICE

With winter fast approaching, we thought it might be beneficial to remind residents about our current winter sand availability policy and ordinance regarding plowing snow across road.

Snow Plowing Ordinance: Plowing of Snow into Roadways

To promote the safe and orderly passage of the motoring public on the Town's roads, free from obstructions and obstacles created by the removal or depositing of snow, the Town of Alexandria hereby adopted the following ordinance on February 5, 2019.

No person shall by himself or by his agent or agents throw, push or put any snow or ice into or across any and all Town roads, including Class V and Class VI, or to deposit snow within the traveled portions of Town roads.

Across any and all Town roads shall mean pushing snow from one side of the road to the other where snow would be deposited within the right-of-way of any road.

Traveled portion shall mean any part of the roadway in which vehicles would travel or within the shoulders of said roadway.

Any person who violates the provisions of the Snow Plowing Ordinance shall:

- Receive written warning for first offense
- Subsequent offenses shall be subject to a fine of \$25 for each occurrence

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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.

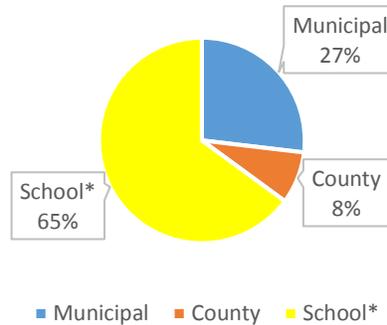
2019 Tax Rate Calculation

(2019 Tax Rates per \$1,000 valuation)

Municipal	\$6.46
County	\$1.97
School*	\$15.61
Total	\$24.04

*School tax rate is the local education and state education tax rate combined that goes to Newfound Area School District (SAU4)

2019 Tax Rate



Breakdown of the 2019 tax rate compared to previous years:

Year	Tax Rate	Town	School	State School	County	Net Assessed Valuation	Property Tax Commitment
2019	\$24.04	\$6.46	\$13.44	\$2.17	\$1.97	\$197,038,051	\$4,698,649
2018	\$22.78	\$6.13	\$12.63	\$2.21	\$1.81	\$197,218,893	\$4,452,848
2017	\$25.17	\$7.16	\$14.03	\$2.22	\$1.76	\$196,640,493	\$4,872,832
2016	\$21.00	\$5.45	\$11.71	\$2.18	\$1.66	\$199,478,140	\$4,106,066
2015	\$21.00	\$5.09	\$12.12	\$2.32	\$1.47	\$204,496,891	\$4,215,494
2014	\$21.00	\$4.83	\$12.17	\$2.47	\$1.53	\$202,685,462	\$4,177,558

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. Abatements can be submitted after you receive your second issue tax bill but must be received in the Selectmen's Office by March 1st.



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PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

The Selectmen will be holding a public hearing after their meeting at 6:00 pm on Tuesday, December 17, 2019 to review a proposed building notification form. The following note is at the top of the building notification form and describes its purpose:

***PLEASE NOTE: This application is to notify the Town of any new construction/addition/upgrades only. It is the property owner's sole responsibility to determine whether his/her project meets any State requirements for: driveways, septic systems and/or wells, set-backs, shoreline regulations, wiring, plumbing, fire code, etc. Acknowledgement of this notification by the Board of Selectmen in no way guarantees that a building project meets any applicable State requirements. The Town of Alexandria does not issue a Certificate of Occupancy. Owner/builder acknowledges that by submitting this document to the Selectmen of the Town, he/she is granting permission for the Town's assessor(s) to enter the property, upon prior notification, to inspect any new construction and/or additions/upgrades in order to update the property assessment records.**

A copy of the form will be available on the Town's website under "News & Notices" at <http://alexandrianh.com/news-notices/>. The public hearing is being held to obtain public input on the proposed building notification form.



Alexandria Waste Management Committee 12/19



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

Trivia Quiz Question for the Month: How much trash does the average person generate each day and how much is recyclable? (see bottom of newsletter article for correct answer).



On behalf of the Waste Management Committee and the entire crew at the transfer station, I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a safe and joyous holiday season. We've enjoyed having the opportunity of serving you over the past year and look forward to continuing to work with you all in the upcoming year.



Money in our Pockets

Net savings through October 2019 are \$7129. There was no revenue reported for copper in October; scrap metal and iron netted us \$204 and aluminum cans \$135. Tony held back some copper with the expectation that the price would increase. We need to average a little over \$1500 each of the 2 remaining months of 2019 to reach our objective; let's all make a concentrated effort to recycle everything we can in December. With luck and your continued support, savings for the year will exceed \$10,000. We continue to maximize 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 conditions.

What's New at the Transfer Station

The crew at the transfer station is ready for the winter months ahead. As a follow-up to last month's comment about removing caps from glass bottles and jars, I'd like to remind folks that if caps [metal or plastic] are not removed and the bottle is rejected, that bottle is considered a 'contaminate'. Loads with a contaminate level >10% can be rejected by the processing facility and result in a fine plus the cost of hauling to a landfill facility and a tipping fee. By the way, the >10% contamination rule applies all recyclables, including plastics, contaminated with non-recyclable materials. That said; please be sure to properly sort your recyclable materials and remove caps before throwing them into the respective bins [if it's not pictured on the sign next to the bin, don't throw it into the bin]. Winter is an especially difficult time to keep contaminates out of the bins as the material in the bins is often covered with snow or frozen in ice and impossible to remove. Thanks for your help – it saves the staff time and the town money.

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Every Individual Can Contribute Wave of the Future?

As you all know, Styrofoam poses a major problem from a recycling standpoint. Single-use items, such as cups, plates, food trays, and the like, are especially bothersome because of number of items involved. There has recently been a countrywide effort to ban the use of single-use Styrofoam and plastic items like food containers, shopping bags and straws. Portsmouth is the first municipality in New Hampshire to ban the use of single-use Styrofoam cups. The council voted to ban Styrofoam cups and containers during a recent meeting in October. The new ordinances will go into effect at the end of 2020. The City Council also voted to regulate single-use disposables on all city-owned property and at official city events; also, to become effective at the end of 2020. It gives folks over a year to get ready for the new ordinances.

Highlights of the regulation of single-use disposables on city property include:

- Charging a 10-cent fee for every paper shopping bag issued that's more than 6 inches long.
- Allowing single-use plastic bags only to be used for transporting prepared foods, which will also come with a 10-cent fee.
- Charging a 10-cent fee for every single-use cup that is issued when a thermos, mug or reusable bottle could have been used instead.
- Any cup issued must be compostable and the seller must provide a composting bin on site.
- Allowing for straws to be distributed only following a request by a customer. Such straws must be compostable, and the seller must provide a composting bin on site.

This may be just the toehold needed in New Hampshire to spur on similar legislation in other municipalities. Stay tuned.

Source: October 2019 issue *Full of Scrap* published by NRRA.

E-Waste

Electronic waste (e-waste) is one of the fastest-growing waste streams in the world. However, according to the United Nations, only 20 % of global e-waste is recycled each year. The volume of e-waste is continually increasing and contains many valuable as well as hazardous materials that should be recovered and properly treated when items are discarded. Responsible hardware destruction in electronics has become a "hot topic," and in today's world, proper e-waste disposal and recycling is not only important from an environmental and public health standpoint, but data protection and cybersecurity have become major points of concern for government entities, corporations, and e-waste recyclers and processors.

While consumer awareness of how to dispose of e-waste correctly is improving, it is still a struggle to ensure that e-waste is collected and treated by organizations with the correct facilities and channels, thereby guaranteeing that this is done in a legitimate, safe and environmentally friendly way. Alexandria takes the recycling of electronics seriously and takes every precaution to ensure that products are disposed of properly while protecting your data and the environment. E-waste from Alexandria is processed by North Coastal Services LLC which is certified by the state of New Hampshire and services the entire northern New England region. Please continue to dispose of your electronics safely and securely at the transfer station.

Source: October 2019 issue *Full of Scrap* published by NRRA. Northern Coastal Services LLC ncoastllc.com/



Creative ideas for recycling, 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 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.

Ans. to trivia quiz: The average person generates about 4 lbs. of trash each day; 75% of which is reusable/recyclable. Think about what you threw away yesterday; how much of that could you have done without, reused/repurposed, or recycled? Why didn't you?

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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
Must arrive 15 minutes prior to posted closing time

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.*

Conservation Commission

To contact the Conservation Commission:
e-mail: alexandrianh@metrocast.net
Phone: 603-744-3220
Mail: 47 Washburn Road
Alexandria, NH 03222

UPCOMING MEETINGS:

Please check website for up-to-date meeting schedule

Tuesday, December 3, 2019: Selectmen's Meeting at 6:00 pm
Tuesday, December 10, 2019: Budget Committee Meeting at 6:00 pm
Selectmen will be in attendance at the Budget Committee Meeting
Tuesday, December 17, 2019: Selectmen's Meeting at 6:00 pm
Public Hearing on Proposed Building Notification Form
Wednesday, December 18, 2019: Planning Board 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.*

Planning Board: Items to be included on the agenda must be received 21 days prior to the meeting.

TOWN OFFICE HOLIDAY HOURS

Tuesday, December 24, 2019: Town Offices closing at 4:00 pm
Wednesday, December 25th Town Offices Closed



Tuesday, December 31, 2019: Town Offices closing at 4:00 pm
Wednesday, January 1, 2020: Town Offices Closed

PLEASE JOIN US FOR A

CHRISTMAS OPEN HOUSE

HOSTED BY

DAY AWAY

A SOCIAL PROGRAM FOR ADULTS WITH ALZHEIMERS

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 5, 2019

2:00PM - 4:00PM

OUR LADY OF GRACE CHAPEL

SIMARD HALL

2 WEST SHORE ROAD

BRISTOL, NH 03222

ENTERTAINMENT BY

"JUST BECAUSE"

TIS THE SEASON TO BE JOLLY!

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