



ALEXANDRIA TODAY JANUARY 2020 EDITION

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SELECTMEN'S OFFICE

REMINDER: Tuesday, January 14, 2020 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 10, 2020. [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 2020 BUDGET

When: Tuesday, January 14, 2020 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 (alexandrianh.com)

Filing for Town Offices will begin Wednesday, January 22, 2020 through Friday, January 31, 2020 (Town Clerk's Office will be open from 3:00 pm to 5:00 pm on Friday, January 31, 2020)

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| Selectmen | <i>(3 year term)</i> | One (1) position | Planning Board | <i>(1 year term)</i> | One (1) position |
| Trustee of Trust Funds | <i>(3 year term)</i> | One (1) position | Planning Board | <i>(3 year term)</i> | Two (2) positions |
| Cemetery Trustee | <i>(3 year term)</i> | One (1) position | Budget Committee | <i>(3 year term)</i> | Three (3) positions |
| Town Moderator | <i>(2 year term)</i> | One (1) position | Supervisor of Checklist | <i>(6 year term)</i> | One (1) position |

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.

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, 2018. 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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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

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).



Alexandria Waste Management Committee 01/20



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

Trivia Quiz Question for the Month: *How much wrapping paper will be thrown away this Christmas?*
(see bottom of newsletter article for correct answer)



On behalf of the Waste Management Committee and the entire crew at the transfer station;
HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Money in our Pockets

Net savings through October 2019 are \$7129. The November numbers were not available; however, they will be combined with December's numbers and reported in next month's newsletter article and in the Annual Town Report. I anticipate that the final number will fall slightly short of our objective of \$10,000 for the year, but all-in-all it's been a good year for our program. Details of the 2019 yearly activities will be recapped in the Annual Report; please look it over at your convenience. 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.

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What's New at the Transfer Station

The crew at the transfer station is ready for the winter months ahead. Tony says that for the most part, folks are adhering to the sorting criteria and wanted me to pass on their appreciation. Plastic bags in the bins are still the biggest problem; please remember to empty the bags into the bin and place the empty bags in the trash barrel next to the contained. Winter is an especially difficult time to keep contaminants 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. Before disposing of **Construction Debris**, check in at the office; depending on the mix, there may be a charge. If you have questions as to where something should be thrown, ask a staff member. Tony also reminded me that my transfer station sticker needed to be updated for 2020. Stickers are available now, free of charge, at the transfer station; please bring proof of residency (car registration, utility bill, or valid NH driver's license). If you are a landlord, please remember to advise your tenant that proof of residency may be required before unloading is allowed.

Every Individual Can Contribute

The town's Annual Report will have a recap of recycling activities during 2019, and although we fell short of our monetary expectations for savings, it was a successful year and our program responded well to the abrupt market changes. As we begin the new year, I'd like to look ahead at the future of recycling in Alexandria. In October, I reported that the state had created a State Recycling Committee tasked to investigate recycling practices in New Hampshire and make recommendations as to how to help struggling municipalities cope with the changing world marketing conditions, and improve the state's approach to and management of recycling. Since forming, the committee has met 14 times and received testimonies from municipal facility operators, private landfill and incinerator operators, recycling organizations, composters, a plastic manufacturer and many other stakeholders. During their investigation, the committee highlighted several issues; one of the key findings of the study is that 50 percent of the solid waste disposed of in New Hampshire comes from out of state, contributing to an "evolving solid waste emergency" that the state is ill-prepared for. The report also found the DES' former Planning and Community Assistance Section, which assisted municipalities with solid waste management issues, prompted recycling and composting programs throughout the state and updated the state's solid waste management plan every six years, had been eliminated, except for the solid waste operator training coordinator. As a result, New Hampshire is "incapable of responding to various challenges that have arisen" in the industry and "many municipalities feel they receive inadequate state direction," according to the report's findings. There are a total of 39 findings in the committee's report, resulting in 23 specific recommendations, which I won't go into here; however, the bottom line is: New Hampshire's waste and recycling infrastructure is in need of significant and long overdue attention, according to a new report from state legislators.

The state has taken the first step in addressing the issues by establishing the committee. It's now the legislature's responsibility to address the recommendation and move forward. No doubt there will be changes in the coming year, and we will modify our program accordingly. Please remember, recycling's 3 objectives; **Reduce, Reuse, and Recycle** and continue to do your part to preserve our natural resources and protect our environment. Thank you all. To read the entire State Recycling Committee's report click here.

Source: <https://www.wastetodaymagazine.com/article/new-hampshire-state-recycling-challenges-opportunities/>
<https://www.wastedive.com/news/new-hampshire-legislators-call-for-major-recycling-changes/566763/>



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: Each year 226,800 miles of wrapping paper is thrown away at Christmas, which is enough to stretch 9 times around the world. Generally, wrapping paper is not recyclable because of chemical compounds used in the coloring process. Consider using alternative wrapping products such as recyclable gift bags or recyclable paper.

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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

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| Wednesday, January 1, 2020: | Town Offices Closed |
| Tuesday, January 7, 2020: | Selectmen's Meeting at 6:00 pm |
| Tuesday, January 14, 2020: | Public Hearing on the 2020 Proposed Budget |
| Wednesday, January 15, 2020: | Planning Board Meeting at 6:00 pm |
| Monday, January 20, 2020: | Town Offices Closed for Civil Rights Day |
| Tuesday, January 21, 2020: | Selectmen's Meeting at 6:00 pm |
| Wednesday, January 29, 2020: | 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.