



ALEXANDRIA TODAY MARCH 2020 EDITION

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TOWN VOTING DAY

When: Tuesday, March 10, 2020 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 2019 Annual Report will be available in the Selectmen's Office, online, and at the Transfer Station by Tuesday, March 3, 2020.

REMINDER: Town Clerk/Tax Collector's Office is closed on Voting Day, Tuesday, March 10th

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.

ABSENTEE BALLOT INFORMATION

If you are unable to vote on Election Day, Applications for Absentee Ballot Requests can be found on our website at alexandrianh.com under the Town Clerk/Tax Collector's Department, applications are also available in our office. If you do not have internet access or are unable to come into the office, an application can be mailed to you at your request. The Town Clerk's office will be open until 5:00 p.m. the Monday before an election.

Town/School Election - March 10, 2020 - 11:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.
State Primary Election - September 8, 2020 - 8:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.
State General Election - November 03, 2020 - 8:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact our office at 603-744-3288 or email us at alexctxcoll@metrocast.net.

TOWN CLERK/TAX COLLECTOR'S OFFICE

DOG LICENSES



All Dog Licenses expire on April 30.

2020 Dog Licenses are NOW AVAILABLE.

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.

Dog Fees are as follows:

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.

DOG LICENSES CAN NOW BE RENEWED ONLINE!

Visit our website for details. .

The Alexandria Fire Department will be hosting a rabies clinic in April. We will post the date as soon as it is available.

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Alexandria Waste Management Committee 03/20



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

Trivia Quiz Question for the Month: *What do a Polyester T-shirt and the fiberfill for a ski jacket have in common?* (see bottom of newsletter article for correct answer).

Money in our Pockets

Savings for the month of January were \$552. We had \$232 worth of aluminum cans and \$320 in tin and light metals. January is generally a slow month, so I'd consider this a good start to 2020.

Just a reminder; details of the 2019 yearly activities and the outlook for 2020 are recapped in the Annual Report; please look it over at your convenience. Our recycling program will remain unchanged for the most part; however, we will continue to monitor the recycling markets and adjust as needed to keep our program as efficient as possible. We will continue to maximize our savings given our current facilities at the present location and handle the disposal of non-recyclable materials as efficiently as possible, given the current conditions.

What's New at the Transfer Station

Since the warrant article (Article 11) was discussed at the deliberative session last month, not surprisingly, the prospect of purchasing 17 acres for town use is a hot topic at the transfer station and around town. The town has been looking for a place to relocate the transfer station for several years, and this looks like an opportunity that we shouldn't pass up. Beyond providing adequate space for our transfer station to expand to meet our needs for the foreseeable future, the property would be beneficial to the town for many other reasons that were discussed extensively at the deliberative session.

I've talked about the need for additional space to expand our transfer station facilities if we are to take advantage of the recycling opportunities available to us, and from that prospective the purchase of this property is most advantageous. Speaking strictly from the transfer station standpoint, the property offers several important advantages: conveniently located, will not require extensive road improvements to access the property, 3 phase power required for the equipment at the transfer station is readily available on rt. 104, the property is large enough to allow for expansion of the transfer station without adversely affecting the privacy of abutting properties, and will satisfy Alexandria's waste disposal needs for the foreseeable future. As an aside benefit, in addition to other benefits to the town, by purchasing the property, the town will have 100% control over the land and its use, and can protect it from exploitation by individuals who may not value the solitude and rural characteristics Alexandria provides its residents. Granted, this is a lot of money; however, it's money that we will gradually recover, provides us the independence to control our own destiny with respect to managing our trash disposal, and it is a positive investment in the future of our town.

Every Individual Can Contribute

Hats off to Amazon *



As online shopping has spiked in popularity, so has concern around packaging. More people have become aware that the ease of online shopping translates to overconsumption and increases the amount of harmful packaging. Amazon has already taken steps to make their packaging eco-friendlier by converting to 'paper tape' which is 100% recyclable and is taking steps to spread awareness on how to be a better consumer.

Amazon created **Second Chance** to educate shoppers with an array of related sustainable topics, from how to recycle your packaging to looking for an easy and reliable way to purchase secondhand items.

"Pass it on, trade it on, give it a second life" is the tagline, and from the looks of it, they're practicing what they're preaching.

First, there's a forum on how to recycle your packaging. After you click on the category, a drop-down menu of specific materials comes up, grouped into "Amazon.com Packaging" and "Amazon Grocery Delivery Packaging." Clicking on each photo of a packaging material brings you a brief yet efficient description of how to treat it once it's arrived. For example, for "bubble-lined plastic bag," they suggest looking into whether your city offers curbside recycling, and if not to use a designated drop-off location where plastic film is accepted. Don't know where that might be? They have a drop-off location finder.

Next, they tackle items that you no longer want. Whether it's an item you just purchased from Amazon or a video game that you haven't played for years, methods on how to go about recycling items (and getting money in return!) are listed

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here. If it's the opposite problem, and you're looking to buy or rent an item that isn't necessarily new, Amazon provides you with four places to look that you might not have known existed: **Amazon Rentals**, **Amazon Warehouse**, **Amazon Renewed**, and **Certified Refurbished Amazon Devices**.

How about when you buy something that doesn't work like it should? To reduce waste and help get the most out of your products, Amazon suggests heading to **Amazon Product Support** where they mention they offer "free set-up, troubleshooting, and replacement part services." In the event you decide that you don't want the item, simple go to **Amazon** and you'll find easy instruction for returning the product.

Amazon is doing its part to help folks learn about recycling and making it easier for them to recycle those items which can be difficult. Please take the time to research ways to recycle the items you no longer need; chances are that someone can use them.



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 can be made from 5 recycled plastic bottles. Plastic bottles thrown in a landfill can take up to 500 years to disintegrate. Americans use over 50 billion plastic bottles/year and only about 25% of those are recycled – that's over **7 billion** potential T-shirts or fill for ski jackets sitting in a landfill (the ocean or beside the road) somewhere!

Alexandria Conservation Commission



The Alexandria Conservation Commission

Permits are designed to protect our resources and maintain property values. While some may view them as an inconvenience, or just more 'red tap' to generate revenue; the fact is, that without regulations on certain types of activities controlled by the permitting process, our land values, natural resources, and environment are at risk. Permits ensure that certain activities in sensitive areas are completed in a manner that does not degrade or otherwise adversely impact abutting properties or the welfare of the public. Once a permit(s) is secured and posted, compliance with the terms and conditions specified in the permit application are monitored by the issuing authority, either directly or through an agent designated to act on their behalf, until the activity is completed.

When are permits required; how to apply for a permit; and if you are denied a permit, what recourse do you have? These are all questions that can be answered by the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Service (DES). Before you begin a project, contact the NHDES by calling (603) 271-3306, emailing them at: info@des.nh.gov, or visiting their website at: <http://des.nh.gov/contactus/email.htm>. Obtaining a permit is not difficult, but to help you navigate the environmental permitting process, the DES has created the Public Information and Permitting (PIP) Unit. Through this unit, you can obtain information, and arrange a "pre-application meeting" for you to meet with a representative(s) of the specific permit program(s) necessary for your project. If you're not sure what permits you need, just complete the pre-application meeting request form and the DES will arrange to bring together the appropriate permit staff from DES, as well as officials from other federal, state, and local agencies, if needed. This service is free of charge, and can save you time, frustration and money in the long run – take advantage of it. Do the right thing; get a permit (if required) before you begin working.

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Other Local Events/Organizations



BLOOD DRIVES

Friday, March 6, 2020 12:00 pm to 5:00 pm
Newfound Regional High School, 150 Newfound Road, Bristol, NH

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, March 3, 2020: Selectmen's Meeting at 6:00 pm
Tuesday, March 10, 2020: Town Voting Day – polls open 11 am to 7 pm
Tuesday, March 17, 2020: Selectmen's Meeting at 6:00 pm
Wednesday, March 18, 2020: Planning Board Meeting at 6:00 pm
Wednesday, March 25, 2020: Conservation Commission Meeting at 6:30 pm
Tuesday, March 31, 2020: Selectmen's Meeting at 6 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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Selectmen's Office closed March 23 through March 27, 2020 while staff is on vacation.

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TOWN OF ALEXANDRIA

2020 VOTING GUIDE

This Guide has been prepared to provide you additional information for your voting decisions prior to entering the voting booth on Tuesday March 10, 2020. The Guide contains all of the articles as they were amended at Deliberative Session, some brief descriptions with additional information, and their estimated impact on the tax rate. Tax impact information listed has been provided to give voters an idea of what the individual items will cost, if approved by voters. The tax impact information is simply an estimate based on a current snapshot in time using information and revenue projections that are available today. However, the actual tax rate is not set until September or October by the NH Department of Revenue Administration (NHRA).

The Town's Annual Report contains additional information including the proposed 2020 budget and revenues as well as finances and activities of the Town during the past year. The 2019 Annual Report is available in the Selectmen's Office, at the Transfer Station and online.

If you have specific questions that might be answered before Voting Day, please feel free to call our office at 603-744-3220 or send an email to alexandrianh@metrocast.net.

George Tuthill

Chet Caron

Robert Piehler

Alexandria Board of Selectmen

Second Session of Annual Meeting (Official Ballot Voting)

Date: Tuesday, March 10, 2020

Time: 11:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Location: Alexandria Town Hall, 45 Washburn Road, Alexandria, NH

Details: Voting Session to act on all Warrant Articles as amended, including the proposed budget, as a result of the action of the "FIRST SESSION".

****It's not too late to register to vote! You may do so at the polls before you vote. Please remember to bring photo identification.****

ABSENTEE BALLOTS: Applications for Absentee Ballots are available at the Town Clerk's Office. Absentee ballots must be received and accepted prior to 5:00 pm on Tuesday, March 3, 2020. *Absentee ballots cannot be delivered to the election polling place.* Questions about Absentee Ballots should be addressed to the Town Clerk's Office at 744-3288 or via email at alexctxcoll@metrocast.net.

Article 1: Election of Public Officials

Election of Public Officials, Newfound Area School District Items and other Articles appearing on the warrant as may be required by state law.

List of town positions:

Selectmen (vote for one)	Chet Caron	3 year term (2023)
Trustee of Trust Funds (vote for one)	Douglas Benton	3 year term (2023)
Trustee of the Cemeteries	Douglas Benton	3 year term (2023)
Moderator (vote for one)	Dennis Ford	2 year term (2022)
Supervisor of Checklist (vote for one)	Suzanne Cheney	6 year term (2026)
Budget Committee (vote for three)	Douglas Benton	3 year term (2023)
Budget Committee (vote for three)	Donald Paiva	3 year term (2023)
Planning Board (vote for one)		1 year term (2021)
Planning Board (vote for two)		3 year term (2023)

Article 2: Budget of the Town

Shall the Town raise and appropriate as an operating budget, not including appropriations by special warrant articles and other appropriations voted separately, the amounts set forth on the budget posted with the warrant or as amended by vote of the first session, for the purposes set forth therein, totaling \$1,877,454 (as recommended by the Budget Committee)? Should this article be defeated, the default budget shall be \$1,836,132, which is the same as last year, with certain adjustments required by previous action of the Town or by law; or the governing body may hold one special meeting, in accordance with RSA 40:13, X and XVI, to take up the issue of a revised operating budget only. Note: This operating budget warrant article does not include appropriations contained in ANY other warrant articles. Estimated tax impact \$6.30 per thousand based on the Budget Committee's recommended budget before revenues.

NOTE: The Budget Committee proposes a budget of \$1,877,454. A "yes" vote would approve the operating budget of \$1,877,454. A "no" vote would pass the default budget of \$1,836,132. The operating budget warrant article does not include appropriations contained in any other warrant articles.

The estimated tax impact accounting for revenues taken in by the town would be \$6.30 per thousand. This amount includes only the operating budget and does not include the cost of any of the other warrant articles, the county tax paid to Grafton County, the state school tax, or the local education tax paid to Newfound Area School District.

Article 3: Continuation of Highway Department Truck Lease

To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of \$28,305 for the fifth of seven yearly payments for the lease of the 2016 dump truck for the Highway Department. This lease agreement was approved at the 2016 Town Meeting and contains an escape clause. Recommended by the Selectmen 3-0. Recommended by the Budget Committee 5-1-1. (Estimated tax impact \$0.14 per thousand)

NOTE: A "yes" vote would authorize the expenditure of \$28,305 for the fifth of seven yearly lease payments for the 2016 dump truck used by the highway department. A "no" vote would terminate the lease agreement.

Article 4: Continuation of Highway Department Backhoe Lease

To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of \$19,996 for the fifth of seven yearly payments for the lease of the 2016 Backhoe for the Highway Department. This lease agreement was approved at the 2016 Town Meeting and contains an escape clause. Recommended by the Selectmen 3-0. Recommended by the Budget Committee 5-1-1. (Estimated tax impact \$0.10 per thousand)

NOTE: A "yes" vote would authorize the expenditure of \$19,996 for the fifth of seven yearly lease payments for the 2016 backhoe used by the highway department. A "no" vote would terminate the lease agreement.

Article 5: Continuation of Highway Department Truck Lease

To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of \$12,655 for the fourth of six yearly payments for the lease of the 2017 dump truck for the Highway Department. This lease agreement was approved at the 2017 Town Meeting and contains an escape clause. Recommended by the Selectmen 3-0. Recommended by the Budget Committee 5-1-1. (Estimated tax impact \$0.06 per thousand)

NOTE: A "yes" vote would authorize the expenditure of \$12,655 for the fourth of six yearly lease payments for the 2017 dump truck used by the highway department. A "no" vote would terminate the lease agreement.

Article 6: Continuations of Fire Department Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus Lease

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$28,040 for the fourth of four yearly payments for the lease of twelve self-contained breathing apparatus for the Fire Department. This lease agreement was approved at the 2017 Town Meeting and contains an escape clause. Recommended by the Selectmen 3-0. Recommended by the Budget Committee 5-1-1. (Estimated tax impact \$0.14 per thousand)

NOTE: A "yes" vote would authorize the expenditure of \$28,040 for the fourth of four yearly lease payments for twelve self-contained breathing apparatus for the Fire Department. A "no" vote would terminate the lease agreement.

Article 7: Continuation of Highway Department Loader Lease

To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of \$21,365 for the second of six yearly payments for the lease of the 2019 Loader for the Highway Department. This lease agreement was approved at the 2019 Town Meeting and contains an escape clause. Recommended by the Selectmen 3-0. Recommended by the Budget Committee 5-1-1. (Estimated tax impact \$0.11 per thousand)

NOTE: A "yes" vote would authorize the expenditure of \$21,365 for the second of six yearly lease payments for the 2019 loader used by the highway department. A "no" vote would terminate the lease agreement.

Article 8: Fire Department Maintenance Expendable Trust Fund

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$10,000 to be put into the Fire Department Maintenance Expendable Trust Fund. Recommended by the Selectmen 3-0. Recommended by the Budget Committee 5-1-1. (Estimated tax impact \$0.05 per thousand)

NOTE: A "yes" vote would authorize the deposit of \$10,000 into the Fire Department Maintenance Expendable Trust Fund. This fund is used to meet emergency needs of the Fire Department, such as failures of equipment critical to its mission. Expenditures out of this fund must be authorized by the Selectboard.

Article 9: Town Hall Expendable Trust Fund

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$15,000 to be put into the Town Hall Expendable Trust Fund. Recommended by the Selectmen 3-0. Recommended by the Budget Committee 5-1-1. (Estimated tax impact \$0.08 per thousand)

NOTE: A "yes" vote would authorize the deposit of \$15,000 into the Town Hall Expendable Trust Fund. This fund is used to assist in the restoration and preservation of the original Town Hall structure. Expenditures out of this fund must be authorized by the Selectboard.

Article 10: Emergency Management Expendable Trust Fund

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$10,000 to be put into the Emergency Management Expendable Trust Fund. Recommended by the Selectmen 3-0. Recommended by the Budget Committee 5-1-1. (Estimated tax impact \$0.05 per thousand)

NOTE: A "yes" vote would authorize the deposit of \$10,000 into the Emergency Management Expendable Trust Fund. This fund is used for the repair of infrastructure damaged in a declared emergency. Expenditures out of this fund must be authorized by the Selectboard.

Article 11: Purchase of Land for Future Transfer Station

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$210,000 for the purchase of land (Tax Map 419 Lot 29) for the future development of a transfer station and potential source of gravel for the highway department? Recommended by the Selectmen 3-0. Recommended by the Budget Committee 6-0-1. (Estimated tax impact \$1.07 per thousand)

NOTE: A "yes" vote would authorize the expenditure of \$210,000 for the purchase of a 17-acre parcel of land near Cass Mill Road and Route 104, as a future location for the town's transfer station, which is presently located on leased property. Gravel from configuring of the site would be used by the Highway Department on town roads.

Article 12: Bridge on Bailey Road

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$175,000 to replace the bridge on Bailey Road. Recommended by the Selectmen 3-0. Recommended by the Budget Committee 5-1-1. (Estimated tax impact \$0.89 per thousand)

NOTE: A "yes" vote would authorize the expenditure of \$175,000 to replace the bridge over Bog Brook on Bailey Road. The bridge is currently red-listed by the NHDOT as being in need of replacement.

Article 13: Repairs to 2009 Highway Department Truck

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$60,000 for the repairs to the Highway Department's 2009 Sterling truck. Recommended by the Selectmen 3-0. Recommended by the Budget Committee 5-1-1. (Estimated tax impact \$0.30 per thousand).

NOTE: A "yes" vote would authorize the expenditure of \$60,000 for extensive work that will restore the Highway Department's 2009 Sterling truck to a safe, usable condition.

Article 14: New Highway Department Dump Truck Lease

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the selectboard to enter into a six year lease agreement for \$120,000 for the purpose of leasing a new dump truck for the Highway Department, and to raise and appropriate the sum of \$21,000 for the first year's payment for that purpose. The full cost of the vehicle is \$120,000. This lease agreement contains an escape clause. Recommended by the Selectmen 3-0. Recommended by the Budget Committee 5-1-1. (Estimated tax impact \$0.11)

NOTE: A "yes" vote would authorize the expenditure of \$21,000 for the first of six yearly lease payments for a dump truck for the Highway Department, to replace the 1997 Ford L8000 truck that has reached the end of its useful life. The lease agreement contains an escape clause.

Article 15: Chip Sealing on Paved Town Roads

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$50,000 for the purpose of chip sealing roadways. Recommended by the Selectmen 3- 0. Recommended by the Budget Committee 5-1- 1.(Estimated tax impact \$0.25 per thousand).

NOTE: A "yes" vote would authorize the expenditure of \$50,000 to apply chip seal on paved town roads, thereby reducing wear and extending the life of the paving.

Article 16: Extend Maintained Portion of Gale Road

Request to extend the town maintained section of the west Gale Road approximately 1/4 mile. Currently a class VI road with several upgrades. This would make it much easier for the town trucks to turn around. This article presented by petition.

NOTE: A "yes" vote would extend, by about ¼ mile, the portion of west Gale Road that the town now maintains. Presently this ¼ mile portion is designated as a Class VI road; such roads are public rights-of-way, but are not maintained by the town. Approval of this Article would change the designation of this ¼ mile portion of Gale Road to Class V.