



ALEXANDRIA TODAY NOVEMBER 2020 EDITION

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Alexandria Waste Management Committee 11/20



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

Trivia Quiz Question for the Month: What takes 95% less energy to produce from recycled material rather than virgin material? (see bottom of newsletter article for correct answer)

Money in our Pockets

We continue to save money by recycling. In September, we had revenue of \$572 from metal and light metals. That brings our year-to-date savings to \$4,960. We are still behind last year at this time by about \$2,000 but can still net a year end savings of well over \$5,000 if we all continue our recycling efforts. It's been a tough year for recycling, but thanks to you, unlike many other communities, we have been able to continue our program and continue to save money. Remember that in addition to saving us money, your efforts to recycle have a positive impact on our environment and preserve our natural resources. Thank you all.

What's New at the Transfer Station



The Siting Committee met on September 29th, October 6th, and October 20th. The meeting on the 29th focused on the general design of the new facility and the need to plan for future expansion based on the needs of the town and any future role the facility may play regionally. The need for an environmental assessment was also discussed along with Right Angle Engineering's estimate to perform to assessment. The meeting on the 6th was a continuation of the environmental assessment discussion, with further emphasis place on its importance to protect the town from possible future liability. The assessment will include a questionnaire concerning hazardous waste materials. It was decided to move forward with the assessment. Our meeting on the 20th also focused primarily on the environment assessment. Based on initial findings, it was felt that some additional sampling would be prudent to establish a 'baseline' because we are moving a transfer station facility onto the site, which does have the potential to cause contamination. Deeper test holes will be drilled in specific locations to further test soil samples and temporary monitoring wells established to monitor water quality. Results of these additional tests are expected to be available by mid-November.

A big THANKS to all of you who have taken the time to complete our survey questionnaire – all your comments will be taken into consideration as we move forward. If you have not filled out a survey yet, it's not too late. You can pick one up at the municipal building, the transfer station, or complete one on-line – your input is important to us. We know that some of you are anxious to see some physical activity on the site, as are we; however, there is a great deal of preliminary work that needs to be done in the way of site design, permitting, and arranging for long term financing before we can move forward. The development of this site is one of the town's top priorities, and we are making good progress; in fact, the initial, preliminary design plans have been completed by Right Angle Engineering and are now being reviewed by the TSSC. We appreciate your understanding and continued support. A reminder; copies of the committee meeting minutes may be viewed on the town's website under the Commission/Committee topic heading [all minutes are subject to approval by committee members at the next scheduled TSSC meeting and are subject to change until that time]. You are encouraged to attend meetings and reference the minutes for more detailed information. This section of the newsletter is not intended to replace the minutes, but rather to give residents a status overview as we move forward.

In recognition of Veterans Day, the transfer station will be closed on 11 November. Remember; beginning 1 November, the Wednesday hours of operation for the transfer station will be 8:00am to 4:00pm. Please note that the entrance gate will close at 3:45 to allow the staff to close the facility in a timely manner.

To repeat the note in last month's newsletter article; sand w/o salt is no longer available at the transfer station; however, sand w/o salt, it is available 24/7 behind the Municipal Building. Restrictions of five 5 gal. buckets apply and sand is for residents use only. Please see the town website for a complete list of regulations and non-compliance fines.

We continue to do our best to keep the recycling process as simple as possible for our residents, but things change, and we have no alternative but to go along with the changes. Please understand that the staff at the transfer station are not trying to give you a hard time when they stop you from putting something that doesn't

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belong in a recycling bin or question you about not displaying a sticker, it's their job and they are merely trying to save the town money.



Everyone Can Contribute

All of us are painfully aware of the tightening world markets for recyclable material and the impact it is having on keeping recycling as a viable alternative to landfills. Many of our neighboring communities have drastically curtailed or eliminated their programs. While this is true for the materials that we are used to recycling such as paper, plastics, glass, and metals, what is often overlooked is the technology being developed to generate new uses for materials not previously recyclable or having only limited reuse value. Examples would be tires, glass, and expanded uses for recycled plastics including Styrofoam. Companies throughout the world are finding new ways to replace the need to use non-renewable resources.

Recycling processing facilities are continually upgrading their equipment to keep up with the evolving technology, but this is expensive, and we are seeing a tendency toward more regional processing centers which can have an impact on transportation costs. However, as technology advances and more and more materials become recyclable, the demand will increase, prices will rebound, and new markets for different types of materials will emerge. So, to those of you who think recycling is a thing of the past, I respectfully disagree. I think that we are on the brink of learning how to live within our means and preserving our non-renewable resources by using them sparingly and wisely. The face of recycling may change as we know it today, but the concept will remain and mature as we move forward. Embrace the new technology and favor those products that include recycled materials in their manufacturing.



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. Visit the transfer station webpage [<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: 1 aluminum can. An aluminum can is recycled and back on the shelves in about 60 days. The average person will have the opportunity to recycle more than 25,000 aluminum cans in their lifetime – that's a lot of energy saved! Do your part and recycle your aluminum cans.

Town Clerk/Tax Collector's Office



GENERAL ELECTION

Tuesday, November 3, 2020

The General Election will be held at Alexandria Town Hall, 45 Washburn Road, Alexandria, NH. The polls will be open from 8:00 am to 7:00 pm.

The Town Clerk/Tax Collector's office will be closed on Tuesday, November 3, 2020 for the General Election. Please plan accordingly.

Absentee Ballot request is available on the town's website at <http://alexandrianh.com/departments/town-clerk-tax-collector/>, in the Town Clerk's office, or by calling the Town Clerk's office at 603-744-3288.

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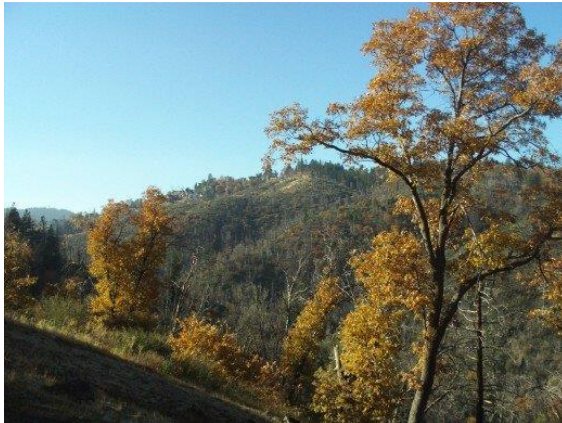
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Alexandria Conservation Commission



Our webpage has recently undergone a redesign to make it easier for you to learn more about your commission and the work which we are doing to preserve and improve Alexandria, our state, and the overall environment. Please take a moment to access the new webpage via the Town's website and let us know what you think.



Land managed to protect natural resources.



Natural ground cover removed allowing run-off to go unchecked.



WHICH WOULD YOU PREFER TO SEE FROM YOUR WINDOWS?

The Alexandria Conservation Commission needs your help to protect our town. Things don't get done unless someone is willing to roll up their sleeves and do them. The mission of your Conservation Commission is to protect natural resources and to ensure that development within our town respects and appreciates the importance of those resources, and understand how they impact our local economy and the contribution they make to the quality of daily life.

There are currently several vacancies on the Alexandria Conservation Commission. You have an opportunity to make a difference by becoming part of this group working to protect those things which make Alexandria such a special place. The Commission meets monthly on Wednesday evenings for approximately 1 ½ hrs. Other time commitments are dependent on the season and the current projects in which the commission is involved. To learn more about the Commission and the opportunities it offers, please visit our webpage on the town's website, contact any member of the Commission, or stop by the town office building and leave your name with Jennifer Dostie; a member of the commission will contact you. You are also encouraged to attend any of our monthly meeting held the last Wednesday of the month at 6:30pm in the Municipal Building conference room.

Selectmen's Office

Budget Committee meetings are open to the public and will be recorded and available for viewing online within a few days of the meeting. Copies of the proposed department budgets will be available at the meetings.

Tuesday, November 10, 2020 at 6:00 pm	Police Department Fire Department Emergency Management
Tuesday, November 24, 2020 at 6:00 pm	Planning Board Treasurer Cemeteries Supervisors of the Checklist Trustees of Trust Funds Conservation Commission
Tuesday, December 8, 2020 at 6:00 pm	Review all other budget lines

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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.

Policy Regarding Availability of Sand:

- Sand is available 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.

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

Tax Bills: At the time of this newsletter, the tax rate had not yet been set. We expect the tax rate to be set soon so that we can send the tax bills out in November.

Abatements: If you receive your tax bill and disagree with the value of your property that is being taxed, you can file for an abatement. 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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Town Hall Preservation Committee



As we're running out of days that are warm enough for painting, we are hurrying to get as much completed as possible. As these pictures reveal work has been focused on the areas where the heaviest amount of peeling was evident - the front including the porch railing, behind the propane tanks, and the east side (gee, I guess that's about everything!). There is still work to be completed on the west side and all areas that are higher than can be reached with a six-foot ladder and two short painters, but this approach kept us in the safety-zone for lead paint. The new drip edges are helping with the splash-back to the lower clapboards and trim boards, however measures need to be put in to place to divert run-off from the roof which is damaging the clapboards between the restroom addition and the first window to the north of that, the south end of the east side porch and the portico in front where run off is both pooling and splashing on to the concrete affecting the clapboards and trim boards in that location. We will address this prior to the final coat of paint some time in 2021. So how much paint was scraped - 15+ pounds!! If you'd like to get involved please contact Nancy Whitman - njswhit@hotmail.com.

Other Local Events/Organizations



Stand Up Newfound

Are you impacted by the struggles facing our community with substance misuse? Stand Up Newfound is a small group of individuals trying to bring light onto a difficult subject, encourage prevention and education, and support those impacted by this difficult disease. Please join us the first Tuesday of each month, Minot Sleeper Library, 6:30 p.m.

Please contact us with any questions and check out our website for links to specific help sites:

www.standupnewfound.org
www.facebook.com/standupnewfound
standupnewfound@gmail.com



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**Communities for Alcohol-
and Drug-Free Youth**

PARENT ADVISORY COUNCIL (PAC)?

The Parent Advisory Council (PAC) represents the voice of central NH families who are dedicated to building healthy environments and promising futures for our children and youth. The ultimate goal of these efforts is to create an engaging, positive environment that encourages healthy behaviors that lead to significantly higher numbers of drug-free young people. This will not only help our children succeed in school and life, but will also contribute towards an improvement in the overall quality of life in our community.

The PAC will provide a regular forum for the exchange of ideas and information among our community.

For more information, to get involved or for meeting times, please contact Liz Brochu at 603-536-9793, ebrochu@cadyinc.org, or visit cadyinc.org.



BLOOD DRIVES

Tuesday, November 17, 2020 from 12:00 pm to 5:00 pm
Marian Center, 17 West Shore Road, Bristol, NH

Tuesday, December 1, 2020 from 12:00 pm to 5:00 pm
Marian Center, 17 West Shore Road, Bristol, NH

Office Hours

Selectmen's Office – 744-3220

Monday: 8 am to 4 pm
Tuesday: 8 am to 5 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: 8 am to 4 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

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 FIRE DEPARTMENT

158 Washburn Road, Alexandria, NH
PHONE: (603) 530-2229
FAX: (603) 744-3165
Emergency: 911
fire@alexandrianh.com

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UPCOMING MEETINGS:

Please check website for up-to-date meeting schedule – These meeting dates and time may change due to the ongoing concerns with COVID-19. Meetings will always be available to the public and we will be making efforts to have the meetings live streamed. Please also email alexandrianh@metrocast.net with any questions or concerns you would like included in the public meeting.

Wednesday, November 4, 2020: Selectmen's Meeting at 6:00 pm
Transfer Station Siting Committee immediately following Selectmen's Meeting

Tuesday, November 10, 2020: Budget Committee Meeting at 6:00 pm

Tuesday, November 17 2020: Selectmen's Meeting at 6:00 pm
Transfer Station Siting Committee immediately following Selectmen's Meeting

Wednesday, November 18, 2020: Planning Board Meeting at 6:00 pm

Tuesday, November 24, 2020: Budget Committee 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.

Selectmen's Meetings can be viewed on Atlantic Broadband Channel 24 on Mondays at 8pm, Wednesdays at 9 am, and Saturdays at 3 pm.



**Town Offices & Transfer Station will be closed on
Wednesday, November 11th in observance of Veterans' Day**

**Town Offices Closed Thursday, November 26th for
Thanksgiving.**

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