



# ALEXANDRIA TODAY APRIL 2021 EDITION

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## Town Clerk/Tax Collector's Office

Below are the voting results from March 2021. Full text of the warrant articles is available in the *2020 Annual Report*; the report is available on our website at [www.alexandrianh.com](http://www.alexandrianh.com) or a printed copy can be obtained at the Municipal Building.

### VOTING RESULTS MARCH 2021:

Selectmen	George Tuthill	Article 5: 2017 Highway Truck Lease	Passed
Trustee of the Trust Funds	Suzanne Cheney	Article 6: 2019 Loader Lease	Passed
Trustee of the Cemeteries	Suzanne Cheney	Article 7: 2020 Highway Truck Lease	Passed
Town Clerk/Tax Collector	Francine Skiffington	Article 8: Fire Equip. Expend. Trust Fund	Passed
Road Agent	Paul Sirard	Article 9: Town Hall Expend. Trust Fund	Failed
Budget Committee	Edward Skroback	Article 10: Emergency Mgmt Trust Fund	Passed
Planning Board	Harold Platts Bryan Richardson	Article 11: Paving	Passed
Article 2: Budget	Passed	Article 12: Transfer Station Permitting & Design	Passed
Article 3: 2016 Highway Truck Lease	Passed	Article 13: Building Permit	Failed
Article 4: 2016 Backhoe Lease	Passed		

### DOG LICENSES



All Dog Licenses expire on April 30.

2021 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 30<sup>th</sup>. 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](http://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 <sup>st</sup> 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.

## 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 15<sup>th</sup> of the tax year.

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Alexandria Waste Management Committee 04/21



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

**Trivia Quiz Question for the Month:** What did Ancient Rome and Egypt have in common?  
(see bottom of newsletter article for correct answer)

## Money in our Pockets

It's a good thing we had a good January for revenue from recycling – February we had no revenue reported from recyclables. That's not totally unexpected, especially since January was such a good month. February is a short month and the weather also played a factor. There was no adjustment for glass credited in February. As reported last month, we have not yet set an objective for 2021; however, the markets appear to have stabilized somewhat and there is every reason to anticipate that saving will equal or exceed last year. As you know, in addition to saving us money, your efforts to recycle have a positive impact on our environment and preserve our natural resources for all to enjoy.

## What's New at the Transfer Station



TSSC meetings were not held in February. With the Deliberative Session being on 2/6, a 2/2 mtg. was not scheduled. The 2/16 mtg. was cancelled due to weather conditions and the 3/2 mtg. was not scheduled pending the outcome of the warrant vote on 3/9. The warrant authorizing an expenditure of up to \$50,000 was passed which cleared the way for continuing work on permitting and engineering design of the new facility. Thank you all for supporting the warrant article.

Prior to the meeting on the 16th, George circulated a questionnaire to committee members requesting input on some specific issues which needed to be resolved prior to finalizing the layout design and ascertaining the specific permits required. The meeting was devoted to discussion of the questionnaire. Several residents who are not members of the committee were present and they were asked to complete the questionnaire and participated in the discussion – Erin was not present at the meeting. George will summarize the consensus reached on the questionnaire and distribute to committee members. Our next meeting has not yet been scheduled. However, our next step is to finalize both our short-term implementation plan and prioritize each activity and develop a longer term plan based on anticipated growth, and potential opportunities. These two plans will determine how much long-term capital financing will be needed, which will enable us to negotiate the most favorable arrangement(s).

The newly elected Road Agent, Paul Sirard, will be asked to join the committee, and Jeff Cantara will continue on as a committee member.



In addition to offering Alexandria residents a convenient, easy-to-use recycling program, we try to provide a comprehensive service at our transfer station that allows for residents to properly dispose of household waste, and only charge for disposal of items for which we are charged a fee, such as tires. Any fees charged cover our costs only, there is no profit built into any of our fees. Last month, I discussed acceptable materials which could be disposed of at the transfer station; this month, I'm going to cover materials which are not acceptable under Section 6. Keep in mind, as with acceptable materials, not all materials are listed, and some items may be rejected at the discretion of transfer station staff.

## SECTION 6: UNACCEPTABLE WASTE

6.1 Specific wastes which are unacceptable solid wastes are listed in this section. If a waste is not listed as an acceptable waste in Section 5, the waste shall not be deposited at the facility (even if it is not specifically excluded under this section) unless the selectmen authorize deposit of the waste in writing. In most cases alternate means exist to dispose of unacceptable wastes.

6.2 Specifically enumerated unacceptable wastes include:

- (a) Asbestos materials including siding, floor tile, pipe insulation, fire-resistant board, etc. with substantial asbestos content.
- (b) Infectious wastes including wound and skin isolation wastes, pathology wastes, laboratory wastes, used syringes, animal carcasses, etc.
- (c) Automobile and machinery fluids such as engine oil, antifreeze and the like.
- (d) Household hazardous wastes including, but not limited to:

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- (1) Kerosene, gasoline, turpentine, solvents, and other products which burn easily.
- (2) Gun powder and other explosives
- (3) Drain and oven cleaners, metal polish and other corrosive products.
- (4) Sludge or septic waste from septic tanks, wastewater or water treatment, earth materials from spent leach fields, etc.
- (5) Ash residue from household woodstoves, incinerators, or waste-to-energy facilities.

6.3 Other: Any other materials which, in the opinion of the facility supervisor, and the selectmen, constitute a serious hazard to the other users of the facility, or to property, or which is prohibited by federal or state statute or regulation.

Your cooperation and compliance with this ordinance are most appreciated. We look forward to continuing to serve you.



## **\*\*Safety Notice : Lead Acid Batteries\*\***

*It has come to our attention that there is a potential safety hazard when handling lead acid batteries.*

**Do not include Lithium or Nicad batteries with your lead acid batteries** whether you are transporting to a recycling processing center, the transfer station, or storing them at your home awaiting pick-up. There are screening processes in place to prevent co-mingling at processing facilities ; however, it is an extremely dangerous situation if these batteries get past the checkpoints and into the smelter. They can explode during recycling possibly injuring workers, contaminate the recycling process, as well as result in steep fines. Please heed this warning and keep those working to recycle these batteries safe. Thank you for your cooperation.



### **Everyone Can Contribute**

Although there are 7 classifications of plastics, there are only 2 categories: Thermoplastic and Thermosetting. The 7 classifications are assigned to help with the sorting process and are derived base on the bonding agents used to create the specific product. All plastic is recyclable; however, Thermosetting plastic cannot be melted down with heat and reformed, whereas Thermoplastic can be. Generally, classifications 1 – 6 fall into the Thermoplastics area and can be recycled by melting and reforming the molten material. Type 7 plastics contain other molecules used in the hardening process not found in categories 1 – 6 and are once hardened they cannot be reformatted and are considered Thermosetting plastics. These plastics can be recycled; however, the process involves reusing or modifying the material in its hardened state – for example: plastic kitchen utensils can be crushed and used for granular fill material but can't be melted down and reused to make a plastic bottle.

So, what does this all mean for Alexandria? We have three choices: 1) continue to separate out types 1 & 2 plastic as we are basically doing now; 2) refine our sort to separate further by category; or 3) eliminate recycling plastic. There is a 4th and that would be to “single stream” all plastics, but that would be expensive as we would end up paying the processing facility to do the sort (assuming we could find a market for mixed plastics).

Technology is working on solution to the problem on two fronts: find an efficient way to recycle Thermosetting plastics – Chalmers University of Technology in Sweden has found a way to use steam to break down organic molecules to their original state. Other research in being done in developing Thermoplastic that can replace Thermosetting plastics, but we're not there yet. Thermosetting plastics are used for a number of things such as automobile fenders and other body parts, tools, airplane wings and other parts, to name a few, and finding a suitable substitute is not easy.

**Source:** 3 Words: Recyclable Thermoset Plastics – Nanalyze



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](mailto: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.

Answer to trivia question: They both practiced recycling over 5000 yrs. ago. Whenever it was more advantageous to acquire material through recycling instead of finding new material, people were recycling (bronze for weapons and tools was a prime example). Today, nearly 80% of all stainless steel comes from recycled scrap metal.



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### Alexandria Conservation Commission



April is the first full month of the spring season; the days are longer, the sun warmer, and plants and animals awaken from the long winter and bring new life to the landscape. April recognizes this awakening with two special days dedicated to promoting awareness of conservation issues: Arbor Day and Earth Day.

Arbor Day was created by J. Sterling Morton, a Nebraskan who served as our 3rd Secretary of Agriculture under Grover Cleveland. He wanted to encourage people to plant trees in recognition of the importance trees play in our lives. For example: a single tree can absorb as much as 48 pounds of carbon dioxide per year and provide a day's supply of oxygen for up to four people. The first Arbor Day was held April 10th, 1872; and is now recognized nationally and celebrated on the last Friday in April.

Earth Day, celebrated on April 22nd, was conceived by Senator Gaylord Nelson after witnessing the devastation caused by the massive oil spill in Santa Barbara, CA in 1969. With the help of Congressman Peter McCloskey, he convinced Denis Hayes, an environmental activist, to act as national coordinator to promote the conservation effort. The idea was announced to the national media, and Earth Day became a reality. Hayes created the "Earth Day Network" through which he promoted this grassroots conservation effort. As a result, the first Earth Day, 22 April 1970, 20 million Americans took to the streets in massive coast-to-coast rallies to demonstrate for a healthy, sustainable environment, which led to the creation of the United States Environmental Protection Agency and the passage of the Clean Air, Clean Water, and Endangered Species Acts. The idea has spread to over 184 nations who actively participate to protect and conserve our planet's natural resources.

To learn more about Arbor Day, Earth Day, or any of the 3 Acts, simply click on the underlined link.

### Other Local Events/Organizations



#### **BLOOD DRIVES**

**Tuesday, April 6, 2021 from 12:30 pm to 5:00 pm**

Marian Center, 17 West Shore Road, Bristol, NH

**Wednesday, April 21, 2021 from 12:30 pm to 5:00 pm**

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## Office Hours

### Selectmen's Office – 744-3220

Monday: 8 am to 4 pm  
Tuesday: 8 am to 4 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 David Suckling  
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

Paul Sirard, Road Agent

### Planning Board – 744-8986

*Deliberative Meetings: 3<sup>rd</sup> 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](http://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

PHONE: (603) 530-2229

FAX: (603) 744-3165

Emergency: 911

fire@alexandrianh.com

## 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](mailto:alexandrianh@metrocast.net) with any questions or concerns you would like included in the public meeting.\**

Tuesday, April 6, 2021:

Selectmen's Meeting at 6:00 pm followed by Transfer Station Siting Committee Meeting

Tuesday, April 20, 2021:

Selectmen's Meeting at 6:00 pm followed by Transfer Station Siting Committee Meeting

Wednesday, April 21, 2021:

Planning Board Meeting at 6:00 pm

Wednesday, April 28, 2021:

Conservation Commission Meeting at 6:30 pm at the Alexandria Village School, 44 Mount Cardigan Road

*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.*

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