



Selectmen's Office

Vegetation Control Services

NH Electric Co-op has contracted with Vegetation Control Services, Inc. to selectively apply herbicides to vegetation growing within power line rights of way corridors located in Alexandria. If you have questions, comments or concerns about the herbicide treatment program, call 603-325-3227 during the hours of 8 am and 4 pm, Monday thru Friday.

More information, including maps of the impacted area, are available at alexandrianh.com and in the Selectmen's Office.

Low & Moderate Income Homeowners Property Tax Relief Program:

Applications for the Low & Moderate Income Homeowners Property Tax Relief Form (DP-8) should be **available after May 1, 2021**. The Low & Moderate Income Homeowners Property Tax Relief program was designed to lessen the economic burden of the State Education Property Tax on certain at-risk taxpayers.

An eligible applicant for the Low and Moderate Income Homeowners Property Tax Relief is a person who is:

- Single with adjusted gross income equal to or less than \$20,000; or
- Married or head of NH household with adjusted gross income less than or equal to \$40,000; and
- Owns a homestead subject to the State Education Property Tax; and
- Has resided in that homestead on April 1 of the year for which the claim is made.

Applications for the Low and Moderate Income Homeowners Property Tax Relief are accepted only during the statutory filing period - after May 1, but no later than June 30. The law allows 120 days for processing from the date of receipt of your completed application. For more information, visit <http://www.revenue.nh.gov/assistance/low-moderate.htm>.

If you need help completing the forms, please contact the Selectmen's Office at 603-744-3220 or alexandrianh@metrocat.net to schedule an appointment.

Town of Alexandria Property Revaluation Process 2021

For tax year 2021, all property values will be updated to market value as of April 1, 2021. With the real estate market fluctuating over the past few years, many property owners may see values increase; however, some may see them decrease. Just because some values increase or decrease, DOES NOT NECESSARILY mean that your taxes will increase or decrease.

Taxes are based on the combined budgets for the Town, school and county. The tax rate is determined by taking the total of those budgets divided by the overall value of the Town to arrive at a tax rate to "pay the bills". Unfortunately, there is no way to determine the impact of the update until after the values are finalized and until after the NH Department of Revenue Administration (DRA) calculates the total amount of money needed to "pay the bills". That process takes place in the fall, usually in October, with the Town's tax rate the end result.

Enough about taxes, let's get back to the update. As part of this process, Avitar assessing staff members have attempted to visit every property to verify that the physical data is accurate. This is especially important for the sale properties as they become the basis for the new values. Once we analyze the sales and develop preliminary values, there will be a field review of the entire town, which is just a drive-by parcel by parcel of every property to verify location, site characteristics, quality and so forth to be consistent as possible. Please know the cycled inspection process has been done over the prior period and there was an attempt to measure and list every property during that time.

Once the preliminary process is complete notices with the new preliminary values will be mailed to every property owner. That notice will include information so that you can schedule a phone appointment to speak with an Avitar representative to discuss your assessment, should you have any questions. Also included in the notice are instructions to access the online database and review the information about your property and every other property in town, including the sale properties that were used to help establish the new values.

As part of this process, the DRA has some oversight responsibilities, which includes visiting a sampling of those properties to verify data accuracy, and monitoring the hearing process. Once the update has been completed, Avitar will deliver to the Town a manual which describes the process in detail. The DRA will also review that manual for compliance with applicable state law.

If, at the end of the process, you have any further questions or concerns, they should be addressed through the abatement process once you have received your tax bill in the fall.



Grafton County Broadband Committee

The Grafton County Broadband Committee is surveying households and businesses to determine the feasibility of providing a backbone network through population centers through a combination of building new fiber optic cable where there are obvious gaps and optimizing existing infrastructure. The backbone would be available for municipalities to then tap into that network and run additional fiber optic cable through their municipalities. This type of survey is a critical first step in the planning process of a new broadband internet network and will be used to guide the Committee's work in facilitating the creation of a network that better serves the region's needs

The survey is meant to establish a baseline of what speed and quality of internet service is available in the Grafton County region and where, and whether improved service would be desired by Grafton County residents. Understanding this information is a critical step in determining the feasibility of a fiber network in the area.

Link to the survey can be found on the following website: <https://www.co.grafton.nh.us/broadband-committee/>

If you have any questions about this survey or the project as a whole, please contact Carina Park at toc.cp@camptonnh.org. For more information about this project, visit <https://www.co.grafton.nh.us/>



Alexandria Waste Management Committee 05/21



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

Trivia Quiz Question for the Month: How many plastic bags are used daily in the U.S.?
(see bottom of newsletter article for correct answer)

Money in our Pockets

In March our total revenue received from recyclables was only \$264 generated from aluminum cans – the good news is that we have received \$717 for light tin on 4/1, which will be reported in next month's numbers. There was no adjustment for glass credited in March. Through March 2021, we have realized a net savings of \$994. That is about \$250 behind last year at this time; however, last year's March figures included a 1st quarter adjustment for glass of \$354 (which we have not yet received for 2021) and \$173 for light tin. 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

The 6 April TSSC meeting was devoted to discussing the summary of responses received as the result of the questionnaire. Further discussion is required as to specifics, but general agreement was reached on what items will be included in the initial phase of the relocation and this information was given to Erin. Initial permitting will allow the development of the gravel excavation process, which will require only minimal construction efforts outside of an access road. Initial permitting will also allow the 'alteration of terrain'

needed to prepare the layout area and begin work for the transfer station facility. Details of the exact layout design and the specifics of the build designs still need to be finalized; however, agreement as to what is needed has been reached and we are in the process investigating various options to meet these needs, including "lease to purchase" options available for large ticket items such as compactors and balers.

There was no formal meeting held on 20 April. Prior to the regular scheduled mtg. George spoke with Erin for an update and was told that things were basically the same as on April 6th, so the meeting was postponed. Erin is moving ahead with the permitting process for the alteration of terrain; however, the layout for the transfer station facility needs to be finalized. It was decided that our next meeting will depend on progress Erin is able to make on providing a layout design for our review. Meanwhile, work on the gravel pit portion of the land development continues. Several residents showed up unaware the meeting had been postponed and George updated them on the progress to date. The next tentatively scheduled meeting is 4 May, but that is subject to change depending on progress realized on the layout design.

Paul Sirard has joined the TSSC team.



Over the last several months I've been discussing various sections of the Solid Waste Ordinance which governs the operation of the facility. This month's discussion will cover Section 8 (Compliance) and Section 9 (Amendment) and will conclude the Ordinance review. Residents are encouraged to visit the Transfer Station webpage and familiarize themselves with the complete Solid Waste Ordinance document. Provisions in this document will apply to the new facility when it becomes operational.

SECTION 8: COMPLIANCE: ADMINISTRATION/ENFORCEMENT

8.1 Authority of Supervisor. The facility Supervisor may refuse the use of the facility to any person who misuses the facility, violates this Ordinance, or does not have the proper permit. The Supervisor may reject any solid waste or recyclable material brought into the facility. Alexandria Transfer Station Town of Alexandria, New Hampshire Solid Waste District Ordinance 7.

8.2 Selectmen's Authority. The selectmen may adopt additional regulations as appropriate to administer the day-to-day operations of the facility to further implement this Ordinance or to carry out the purpose specified in Section 1.

8.3 Compliance required. No person shall use the facility in violation of this Ordinance, or any regulations promulgated by the selectmen under the authority hereof. Violation of any such regulations shall be deemed to be a violation of this Ordinance.

8.4 Penalties. Any person who violates this Ordinance or a regulation adopted by the selectmen under this ordinance shall be subject to a penalty not to exceed \$500.00 for each day of the violation, with each day constituting a separate violation. The selectmen, as enforcing officials, may utilize summons and notice of fine procedures as authorized by New Hampshire RSA 149-M:13 and RSA 502-A: 19-b.

SECTION 9: AMENDMENT This ordinance may be amended or rescinded by a majority vote of the Board Selectmen following a public hearing, notice of which shall be posted in two public places and published in one newspaper of general circulation.

The Solid Waste Ordinance ensures that our facility operates under the guidelines established by the state, county, and the town. It is designed to protect the environment and the safety of the citizens of Alexandria. Please abide by these guidelines and appreciate that the staff at the transfer station is only doing their job by enforcing them.



The crew at the transfer station has asked me to remind our residents to break-down your boxes before throwing them into the container. You may not realize it, but on average a flattened box takes up <10% of the space as a non-flattened one. So, what does that mean? It means that a staff member at the transfer station has to compact non-flattened cardboard 9 times more often, which cost us money in terms of time and fuel expense. Please take a moment to break down your boxes before throwing them into the container. Thank you.



Everyone Can Contribute

Where the Plastic Meets the Road - MacRebur, a Scottish startup company has developed a method for supplementing conventional bitumen asphalt with rice sized grains of recycled plastic, producing a stronger and more durable pavement. The company describes MR6 as a high-performance asphalt binder additive that reduces the amount of bitumen needed to make asphalt, simultaneously reducing the amount of oil going into pavement and finding a use for the millions of pounds of waste plastic that now go into landfills every year. According to the company, pavement made with the material has higher tensile strength than conventional asphalt, better cohesion and adhesion and much better resistance to rutting and cracking. As a result, roads last longer and cost less to maintain. "MR6 can be added into every ton of asphalt produced without any modifications being required by the asphalt manufacturing plants," the company website says. Greg White, a paving engineer at Australia's University of the Sunshine Coast, who has studied products from the Scottish company MacRebur, added: "For those properties we can test, there's absolutely no doubt that if you put the right plastic in the asphalt, you can improve the properties of the surface."

MacRebur isn't the only company using plastic in road mix. The city of Vancouver has partnered with GreenMantra of Toronto and is paving its streets with asphalt containing a binder made from recycled plastic. The mix is said to flow at lower temperatures than conventional asphalt and doesn't look any different than ordinary pavement. The process adds 1% to 3% in costs but could get cheaper as its use becomes more widespread. A Dutch company is developing a way of producing hollow-core road sections from recycled plastics. The material reportedly lasts three times as long as conventional pavement. Techisoil Industries of California is also experimenting with "plastic roads" in California.



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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.

Answer to trivia question: We use over 380 billion plastic bags in the U.S. annually; that's over 1 billion plastic bags per day, and <5% of these bags are recycled. Plastic bags are recyclable, but they do require special handling. Many grocery stores accept plastic bags for recycling. Please find one near you and recycle.

Supervisors of the Checklist

Verification of the Checklist

N.H. law requires that the Supervisors of the Checklist verify the checklist every ten years. Any person on the checklist who has not voted in the past four years must re-register to remain on the checklist. The Supervisors are sending letters of notification to these voters at the address they provided when they registered.

The Supervisors of the Checklist will hold sessions for re-registering voters who have not voted since April 2017, also accepting applications for new voter registration, requests for the correction of the checklist, and change of political party affiliation.

These sessions will be held from 11 am to 2 pm at Town Hall, 45 Washburn Road, Alexandria on the following Dates:
Saturday, May 1, 2021 Saturday, June 26, 2021 Saturday, July 24, 2021

Voters may also re-register at the Town Clerk's office during the Town Clerk's regular hours. Voters may check party affiliation online at: <https://app.sos.nh.gov/public/partyinfo.aspx>.

Town Clerk/Tax Collector's Office

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 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.

WELLINGTON STATE PARK PASSES

Wellington State Park Beach passes are not yet available. We will update our website and Facebook page when they become available. Thank you for your patience.



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Alexandria Conservation Commission



Look around; spring really is here. New life is showing up everywhere in the plant and animal kingdom. This month the Conservation Commission would like to remind everyone not to 'rescue' young birds, turtles, snakes, or animals. Although they may appear to be abandoned or in need of help, chances are that they are fine, and their mother is keeping a close eye on them.

Our woodland friends are like humans and have to learn how to survive. Often youngsters are left "on their own" (but rarely out of mother's sight) to learn hunting skills and how to sense danger. Human intervention, no matter how well intended, is a deterrent to this learning process. In the state of New Hampshire, only licensed wildlife rehabilitators are permitted to keep wild animals in captivity. If you see an animal that appears to be in distress, contact a New Hampshire Conservation Officer or the New Hampshire Fish & Game; they are trained and qualified to properly handle the situation.

Another sign of spring is the increased yard and garden activity. Flower beds being cleaned out, shrubs being pruned back, gardens tilled, and lawns raked, rolled, and fertilized. Often the materials raked from the lawn and flower beds make ideal material for backyard compost piles; if you don't currently have one, now would be a good time to start one. If you choose to fertilize your lawn and gardens, the Conservation Commission recommends using natural, organic material; however, if you do use a commercial, non-organic compound, please be sure to follow the manufacturer's instructions regarding amounts and application – too much fertilizer can be harmful to plants and the run-off can pollute ground water. It's a good idea to have your soil tested before applying any fertilizer. DIY test kits can be purchased at local garden centers or you can contact the Cooperative Extension Service at UNH (603) 862-1520.

Enjoy the spring season and be mindful of all those things which make nature the wonder that it is.

Other Local Events/Organizations



BLOOD DRIVES

Wednesday, May 5, 2021 from 12:30 pm to 5:00 pm
Marian Center, 17 West Shore Road, Bristol, NH

Tuesday, May 18, 2021 from 12:30 pm to 5:00 pm
Marian Center, 17 West Shore Road, Bristol, NH



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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: 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

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 with any questions or concerns you would like included in the public meeting.

Tuesday, May 4, 2021: Selectmen's Meeting at 6:00 pm followed by Transfer Station Siting Committee Meeting
Tuesday, May 18, 2021: Selectmen's Meeting at 6:00 pm followed by Transfer Station Siting Committee Meeting
Wednesday, May 19, 2021: Planning Board Meeting at 6:00 pm
Wednesday, May 26, 2021: Conservation Commission Meeting at 6:30 pm at the Alexandria Village School, 44 Mount Cardigan Road
Monday, May 31, 2021: Town Offices & Transfer Station closed for Memorial Day

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.*