



ALEXANDRIA TODAY AUGUST 2021 EDITION

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Selectmen's Office

PROPERTY ASSESSMENT UPDATES

For tax year 2021, all property values will be updated to market value as April 1, 2021. Alexandria property owners should have received their preliminary assessments in the mail. 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.

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.

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.

Town Clerk/Tax Collector's Office

WELLINGTON STATE PARK PASSES: Wellington State Park beach passes are available to be purchased through the Town Clerk/Tax Collector's Office. Wellington State Park is owned and run by the State of New Hampshire. Visitors can make a reservation before arriving at the park as parking is limited (*especially on nice weekends and holidays*). Visitors who do not make a reservation will be admitted on a first-come/first-serve basis. Reservations can be made prior to arrival and no later than 3pm on the day of your visit. Please plan ahead in the event the parking areas reach capacity. For more information or to make a reservation visit nhstateparks.org.

2021 Wellington State Park Beach Passes

Passes are in the Town Clerk's office and are available only to Alexandria residents and taxpayers.

Adults ages 12+:	\$6.00
Children ages 6 to 11:	Passes are required for each child but at no charge
Children ages 0 to 5:	Free, no passes needed
NH Residents over 65:	Free with a NH driver's license – no pass required

To purchase by mail, please send a self-addressed, stamped envelope with a list of names and ages with a check for the correct amount made payable to Town of Alexandria.



REMINDER: Payments for tax bills can be made online via electronic check or credit card by visiting our website at alexandrianh.com and clicking on the "Property Taxes Review/Pay Online" button.

Service Fee: We are using Invoice Cloud to process your actual payment. To cover the cost of the transaction, Invoice Cloud charges a service fee, the amount of which depends on the method by which you choose to pay and the costs to Invoice Cloud associated with processing that type of transaction. Electronic checks (ACH) are charged

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a flat fee of \$0.95 per transaction. Credit and debit cards are charged 2.95% of the amount being paid. For instance, if you are paying \$100 by credit card, the service fee will be \$2.95. **Making a Partial Payment?** Partial payments can be made by adjusting the Payment Amount on the Check Out Page.

Alexandria Conservation Commission



New Hampshire is home to 8 species of bats. All are "of conservation concern." Bats play an important role in our ecosystems and, although some may find them an annoyance, even frightening, they need to be protected. Of the 8 species found in New Hampshire, 6 are on the state endangered list.

If bats fly into the living spaces of your house, don't panic. They do not want to be there. Open any outside windows and doors to the room where the bat is, and leave the room, closing any interior doors behind you and turning off the lights. They will soon find their way outdoors. Do not touch a bat with your bare hands. If you touch a bat, you may be exposed to rabies. Call your doctor and the NH Department of Health and Human Services, Bureau of Infectious Disease Control, at (603) 271-4496 right away. In the summer, free the bat as soon as possible. In the winter, choose the warmest part of the day for the release. Bats found in buildings during the winter may not survive if released outside in below-freezing temperatures, high winds, or heavy rain. If you find a bat in any of these conditions, contact a licensed wildlife rehabilitator.

Bats like to roost in attics because they are hot, safe places to raise their young, called pups. Big brown bats may also use buildings for hibernation in the winter. Bats have their pups from mid-May to mid-August. The pups will begin to fly in July, but still need a safe place to roost for a few weeks. In mid-August, the bats generally leave to seek a safe place to spend the winter, so this is a good time to bat proof your home. During July, you can figure out how bats are getting into your attic by observing where the bats exit at dusk so you will know which holes you need to seal. Then in August, when the bats are ready to leave, you can seal off your structure. Use one-way doors to make sure the bats are out before you seal. This is a safe, effective, and humane way of evicting unwanted bats. You can either do this yourself or hire a licensed Wildlife Control Operator. If you seal up your attic before the pups are ready to leave, they either will be trapped and die, or will find their way into the living spaces in your house. The mother bats may also attempt to fly into your home living spaces, seeking a way back to their pups.

To recap; bats are important to our ecosystems and should be protected, do not touch bats with your bare hands, and avoid removing bats from attics, if possible, mid-May through mid-August. For more information on bats in New Hampshire, contact the Wildlife Division at wildlife@wildlife.nh.gov.

Source: wildlife.state.nh.us/nongame/bats-homeowners.html



Alexandria Waste Management Committee 08/21



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

Trivia Quiz Question for the Month: What percent of Americans are unsure of how local recycling programs work? (see bottom of newsletter article for correct answer)

Money in our Pockets

In June, our total revenue received from recyclables was \$976, generated by \$261 from aluminum cans and \$582 from light tin and misc. metal. There was a net adjustment for glass credited in June of \$131. Through June 2021, we have realized a net savings of \$4,368. Based on our 6-month numbers, I've set our objective for 2021 at \$10,000, which will be a stretch, but is attainable. 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

Normally, the TSSC meetings are on the 1st and 3rd Tuesday of the month, immediately following the Select Board meeting (approximately 6:30pm), and residents are always welcome to attend.

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However, in some instances it becomes necessary to cancel or reschedule meeting pending receipt of information from sources beyond the town’s control (DES for example). The town posts updated meeting schedule information on the town website whenever possible, and it is suggested that residents interesting in attending these meetings check the website prior to setting out for the meeting.

There was a TSSC meeting held on the 20th of July. Erin Darrow was able to attend remotely and presented the committee with a new layout design based on information developed during a site visit in May. Based on this visit to the site, it appears that substantial earth work and cost can be avoided by placing the whole transfer station to the south of the access drive off Cass Mill Rd. A complete, conceptional layout design is required before permits for the gravel pit can be submitted. Several suggestions were taken under consideration, including where to place the scale (a future enhancement) which Erin will include when fine tuning the layout. There was some discussion regarding terrain alteration, but in general the committee approved the layout design and the discussion moved to aesthetic design features such as protection berms and landscaping to protect the abutting neighbors. It was also concluded that a 6-foot security fence enclosing the property would be needed. Erin is following up with Eversource regarding the utility right-of-way reportedly traversing the property. Additional site meetings may be required to confirm findings and assumptions as we move forward, however, none have been scheduled at this time.



The staff has asked that I again remind residents, especially returning summer residents who may not be aware of some of the recent changes, to be especially mindful of throwing material into the correct bins. The compactor is for household waste and loose paper only; all other waste goes into specifically designated containers. Also, please remember to break-down your cardboard boxes before throwing them into the container. Keith advises me that we have 4 new *Helpsy* containers for the collection of used clothing. *Helpsy* is a non-profit organization that collects and distributes clothing to those in need. If you have unwanted, **usable clothing**, please consider donating it by using these containers – no receipts are provided. There will also be a collection container for recycling old books and magazines. **This container is for books and magazines only**; all other paper continues to go into the compactor, and cardboard in with the construction demo material. If you have question, please ask one of the attendants for help.

A reminder, Hazardous Waste Day this year it will be held on 7 August 8:30 – 12:00 at the Bristol Newfound School. Detailed information can be found on the Lakes Region website at www.lakesrpc.org/serviceshw.asp. Please consult the website for information about what types of materials are and are NOT accepted and any special handling needed.



Every Individual Can Contribute

Single Use to Reuse has changed its name to **America’s Plastic Makers®**. America’s Plastic Makers® are the leading U.S. producers of modern plastic materials used to make products that are addressing society’s greatest challenges, including the global threat of a changing climate, clean water infrastructure, and investments to improve food security across the globe. Their materials enable innovations that improve our lives by protecting our environment, lowering greenhouse gas emissions, using fewer resources, and contributing to nearly every sector of our economy. They are promoting, advocating, and building towards a more sustainable future for our planet while also innovating new technologies and infrastructure to reduce waste. The company believes that building a circular economy for plastic is essential to reducing plastic waste. In the United States, the company has set two goals:

- 100% of plastics packaging is **recyclable or recoverable** by 2030.
- 100% of plastics packaging is **re-used, recycled, or recovered** by 2040.

We all have a part to play to create a sustainable, circular economy for plastic. It will require ongoing and expanded cooperation among plastic producers, manufacturers, brands and retailers, recyclers, and waste haulers, as well as citizens, communities, non-profits and policymakers. We must come together to advance the solutions and infrastructure to solve the plastic waste issue



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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: 62% of Americans feel that a lack of knowledge is causing them to recycle incorrectly. According to the findings, these concerns stem from an absence of recycling information and a general misunderstanding of what **can** and **can't** be recycled. Please visit our town website for recycling details for Alexandria or ask a staff member at the transfer station. Thank You.

Alexandria Fire Department



CodeRED is the FREE community notification system available to Alexandria residents that will send you alerts concerning time-sensitive and/or emergency information that may impact your area via phone calls, text messages, emails, and social media. AVFD encourages you to actively participate in emergency preparedness by remaining informed.

Uses The CodeRED® system will be used to send critical communications, from evacuation notices to missing child alerts.

Caller ID When you see the following displayed, you will know the call is from us. If you would like to hear the last message delivered to your phone, simply dial the number back.

- Emergency Notifications 1-866-419-5000 or Emergency Comm
- General Notifications 1-855-969-4636 or General Comm

Privacy Your contact information remains private and will only be used for community notifications.
Join Our Database To make sure you receive notifications, please register at <http://www.alexandrianh.com> or visit [facebook.com/Alexandria Fire Department@AlexandriaFD01](https://facebook.com/AlexandriaFireDepartment@AlexandriaFD01) and click the sign-up button.

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Other Local Events/Organizations



BLOOD DRIVES

Tuesday, August 31, 2021 from 12:30 pm to 5:00 pm

Marian Center, 17 West Shore Road, Bristol, NH

The following events are posted through Newfound Lake Region Association. For more information on these events please visit newfoundlake.org/events

Guided Exploration with Watershed Steward Tenzing Syelneon

August 5, Time and Location TBD

Join Watershed Steward Tenzing Syelneon for guided exploration in the Newfound watershed! Details to come.

NLRA Annual Meeting and Membership Gathering

August 7, 9am

Grey Rocks Conservation Area, 178 N Shore Rd Hebron, NH

Join us at Grey Rocks Conservation Area to connect with fellow lake lovers, learn more about our latest projects, and vote for officers. This event is open to the public, all are encouraged attend!

Fireside Chat with Executive Director Rebecca Hanson

August 10, 6pm

Slim Baker Area, 301 New Chester Mountain Rd

Join NLRA Executive Director Rebecca Hanson around the campfire at the Slim Baker Area to chat about about state of Newfound Lake and local conservation. To register, please email: Events@SlimBaker.org

Guided Exploration with Watershed Steward Karen Candia

August 19, 9am, Location TBD

Join Watershed Steward Karen Candia for guided exploration in the Newfound watershed! Details to come.

NLRA Volunteer Day

August 26, 10am-12pm, Location TBD

From planting pollinator-friendly gardens to maintaining trails or restoring shorelines, this monthly, all-ages volunteer event is a great way to dip your toes in the work of conserving the watershed. More details to come!



Alexandria Town Wide Yard Sale

August 14, 2021 from 9 am to 3 pm

\$10 to be on map/\$20 for in-town spot

For more information, contact Merry at 603-744-5383



Alexandria Village Church Craft Fair

August 14, 2021

9 am to 3 pm

For more information, contact Deb at 603-393-9376

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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.
Office Hours:
Tuesday & Wednesday 8 am to 2 pm

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, August 3, 2021: Selectmen's Meeting at 6:00 pm
Tuesday, August 17, 2021: Selectmen's Meeting at 6:00 pm
Wednesday, August 18, 2021: Planning Board Meeting at 6:00 pm
Wednesday, August 25, 2021: Conservation Commission Meeting at 6:30 pm at Alexandria Village School, 44 Mount Cardigan Road
Tuesday, August 31, 2021: Selectmen's 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.



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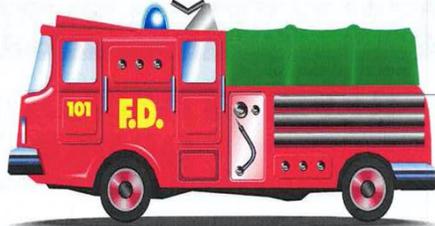


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