



ALEXANDRIA TODAY OCTOBER 2021 EDITION

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Selectmen's Office

BROADBAND COMMITTEE

The Selectmen recognize broadband services are critical for the town's development, businesses, emergency services, students and our residents' quality of life. The Selectmen are establishing a Broadband Committee as an advisory committee to the Select Board to research, evaluate, and report of technologies and infrastructure improvements that bring a high standard of broadband internet service throughout Alexandria at competitive costs. The committee will work with regional, state, and national agencies to foster a unified approach to future broadband development.

The Selectmen are looking for volunteers to serve on the committee. If you are interested in serving on the committee, please email a letter of intent with qualifications to alexandrianh@metrocast.net or to Selectmen's Office, Town of Alexandria, 47 Washburn Road, Alexandria, NH 03222.

BUDGET COMMITTEE MEETING NOTICE

Below is the schedule for Budget Committee meetings with Department Heads for preparation of the 2022 budget. All meetings will take place at the Town Hall, 45 Washburn Road. The Selectmen will also be in attendance at the meetings. These are public meetings; residents and taxpayers are encouraged to attend.

Tuesday, October 12, 2021 at 6:00 pm	Highway Department
Tuesday, October 26, 2021 at 6:00 pm	Police Department Fire Department Emergency Management
Tuesday, November 9, 2021 at 6:00 pm	Planning Board Treasurer Cemeteries Supervisors of the Checklist Trustees of Trust Funds Conservation Commission
Tuesday, November 23, 2021 at 6:00 pm	Town Clerk/Tax Collector Transfer Station Health Department
Tuesday, November 30, 2021 at 6:00 pm	Review all other budget lines



Alexandria Waste Management Committee 10/21



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

Trivia Quiz Question for the Month: On average, how much of the purchase price you pay for a product is attributed to packaging the product? (answer at the end of article)

Money in our Pockets

In August, our total revenue received from recyclables was \$2409 generated by \$252 from aluminum cans and \$1857 from light tin and misc. metal. Through August 2021, we have realized a net savings of \$7,729. Based on our 6-month numbers, I've set our objective for 2021 at \$10,000, which will still be a stretch, but is attainable – keep up the good work. 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.

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What's New at the Transfer Station



The TSSC held a meeting on 8/31 with Erin joining us remotely. The main purpose of the meeting was to review the final details of the permit-by-notification application before Erin submitting it to the Select Board for signature. Some of the attendees were 'first timers' and considerable time was spent reviewing issues previously discussed. There were two new issues that did get raised; how to make sure there is space for entering trucks to park temporarily outside the gate while unlocking it during roll-off pick-up/drop-off and trying to add a median or lane separator at the entrance, so that entering and exiting vehicles don't get in each other's way like they do at the current transfer station. These issues will be addressed by Erin in the final layout design.

There were no TSSC meetings held in September; however, there was constant communication with Erin and other team members regarding specific issues. A shoreline permit application dealing with the development of the gravel pit area has been signed by the Select Board and sent to DES for approval. However, the 'alteration of terrain' permit(s) is still pending approval of the final layout plans for the transfer station site. The next tentatively scheduled TSSC mtg. is 10/5 immediately following the BOS regular scheduled mtg., but please consult the town website for confirmation. Meanwhile, the committee continues reviewing building and equipment requirements needed for the initial opening of both the transfer station and the gravel pit. The objective is to be able to develop a dollar amount needed for the transfer station to relocate and to become functional for consideration by residents on a 2022 warrant article.



I have been remiss in failing to welcome "PK" as the newest member of the staff at the transfer station – welcome aboard! "PK" and all the staff are there to answer your questions and assist you in any way they can. Ken has asked that I continue to remind residents 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. Construction demo materials can be difficult as it is often commingled with recyclables. For example, beverage containers, both aluminum and glass are often thrown with sheetrock, wood scraps, and insulation. We don't expect contractors to cull through their trash before disposal; however, you may want to consider setting up a disposal spot for recyclable materials at the construction site. Thank you, your cooperation saves our town money and helps protect non-renewable resources. Remember to stop at the office BEFORE disposing of construction demo materials as there may be a disposal fee depending on the load content. Also, everyone, please remember to break-down your cardboard boxes before throwing them into the container.

A follow-up from last month's newsletter; there are now 2 new collection containers for recycling old books and magazines. **These containers are for books and magazines only**; all other paper continues to go into the compactor. If you have a question, please ask one of the attendants for help. Additionally, if you missed hazardous waste day, information about local area disposal sites can be found on the Lakes Region website www.lakesrpc.org/services/hw.asp. Please consult the website for information about alternate locations and what types of materials are and are NOT accepted and any special handling needed.



Every Individual Can Contribute

Recycling is a great concept and plays a vital role in the preservation of non-renewable resources; but we also have a responsibility to manage our renewable resources to ensure that demand does not exceed supply. Our forests are an excellent example of a renewable resource and serve as a provider of source materials for numerous products. The other day I ran across a website that caught my attention: paperfornature.com/. Basically, the site is promoting the use of paper for innovative packaging and how new paper products can be recycled as source material for other products. However, the article also provides a basic insight into forest management and the impact reforestation has as the new plants grow to maturity. I thought as a change of pace this month, I'd direct your attention to an informational source rather than featuring a specific company. I'd be interested to get your feedback on this approach. Please drop me an email and let me have your thoughts.

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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: Packaging accounts for about 10% of the total cost of the products we buy and generates over 30% of the waste we create (by weight) or 50% of our waste by volume.



Alexandria Conservation Commission



It's that time of the year when the magnificent raptors begin their winter migration south. Two locations in New Hampshire offering excellent vantage points are Little Round Top, a conservation area, located in Bristol and the Pack Monadnock Raptor Observatory in Miller State Park in Peterborough, which has been collecting hawk migration data from the summit of Pack Monadnock since 2005. The fall hawk migration is one of the great wonders of the natural world and takes place annually in the northeast between mid-September to November. We are fortunate to have two of New England's best spots for

viewing the migration right here in our backyard.

Little Round Top is a smaller area offering limited bench seating for viewing or meditation. The Pack Monadnock Raptor Observatory offers a platform from which visitors can observe raptors as they pass overhead on their way to southern wintering grounds, Hawk Watch staff tally the birds as part of an international effort to monitor raptor population trends in the Americas. Each year, thousands of human visitors also come to the Observatory to witness the spectacle of the migration. Weather permitting, the Observatory is staffed every day from Sept. 1 through Nov. 20. Peak hawk migration runs from mid-September through mid-October, but raptors move through in the early and late season as well. The migration is most pronounced on northwest winds, especially on the several days following the passage of a cold front.

Visitors hoping to view the migration from Pack Monadnock should be aware that an online reservation system is now in place for Miller State Park, and that advance day-use reservations are strongly recommended for all visitors. For more information on fees and reservations, please visit the Miller State Park website.

More information is also available at:

<https://hawkcount.org/siteinfo.php?rsite=317> and
<https://hawkcount.org/siteinfo.php?rsite=320>

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BLOOD DRIVES

Tuesday, October 26, 2021 from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm
Marian Center, 17 West Shore Road, Bristol, NH

Saturday, October 30, 2021 from 12:00 pm to 5:00 pm
Danbury Community Center, 15 High Street, Danbury, NH 03230

37th Annual TTCC Apple Festival



Annual Fundraising Event
Supporting the Tapply-Thompson
Community Center Program

APPLE FESTIVAL!

Homemade Apple Pies & Baked Goods, Home Baked Beans & Fresh Bread, Apple Pie a-la-mode! Pies can be pre-ordered by calling 744-2713

AND CRAFT FAIR!

The gym will have a variety of crafters & vendors for early Christmas Shopping! Table Space still available.

WE ARE LOOKING FOR HELP on Friday, 10/8 from 9am-4pm to cut apples and prepare pies

Hannaford of Bristol presents:

The New Hampshire Marathon at Newfound Lake
Saturday, 10/2/21, 9am start all races

Register online now at nhmarathon.com for: Marathon, Half Marathon, 10K & Kids Race! Established in 1993, the New Hampshire Marathon has been described as one of the most beautiful races in New England! The course moves around Newfound Lake during our most spectacular season, peak foliage. Come experience the natural beauty of NH in a small, friendly and community-oriented event.

For more information call 744-2713 or email race@nhmarathon.com



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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, October 5, 2021: Selectmen's Meeting at 6:00 pm
Monday, October 11, 2021: Town Offices & Transfer Station Closed in observance of Columbus Day
Tuesday, October 12, 2021: Budget Committee Meeting at 6:00 pm at Town Hall, 45 Washburn Road
Tuesday, October 19, 2021: Selectmen's Meeting at 6:00 pm
Wednesday, October 20, 2021: Planning Board Meeting at 6:00 pm
Tuesday, October 26, 2021: Budget Committee Meeting at 6:00 pm at Town Hall, 45 Washburn Road
Wednesday, October 27, 2021: Conservation Commission Meeting at 6:30 pm at 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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