



# ALEXANDRIA TODAY JANUARY 2022 EDITION

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## Selectmen's Office

**REMINDER: Tuesday, January 11, 2022 is the last day for voters to petition selectmen to include an article in the town meeting warrant**, provided that if a petitioned article proposed a bond governed by RSA 33:8-a, the deadline is the preceding Friday, January 10, 2020. [RSA 39:3; 40:13, II-a(b)]. The petition must have a minimum of 25 signatures from residents that are registered voters in Alexandria.

### PUBLIC HEARING ON THE PROPOSED 2022 BUDGET

When: Tuesday, January 18, 2022 at 6:00 pm

Where: Municipal Building, 47 Washburn Road, Alexandria, NH

Copies of the proposed budget will be available at the meeting and on our website

### FIRST DELIBERATIVE SESSION

When: Saturday, February 12, 2022 at 10:00 am

Where: Town Hall, 45 Washburn Road, Alexandria, NH

### TOWN VOTING DAY (SECOND DELIBERATIVE SESSION)

When: Tuesday, March 8, 2022 polls open 11:00 am to 7:00 pm

Where: Town Hall, 45 Washburn Road, Alexandria, NH

### Filing for Town Offices will begin Wednesday, January 19, 2022 through Friday, January 28, 2022

(Town Clerk's Office will be open from 3:00 pm to 5:00 pm on Friday, January 28, 2022)

<b>Selectmen</b>	<i>(3 year term)</i>	One (1) position	<b>Planning Board</b>	<i>(3 year term)</i>	Two (2) positions
<b>Trustee of Trust Funds</b>	<i>(3 year term)</i>	One (1) position	<b>Budget Committee</b>	<i>(3 year term)</i>	Two (2) positions
<b>Cemetery Trustee</b>	<i>(3 year term)</i>	One (1) position	<b>Budget Committee</b>	<i>Remainder of term (2 years)</i>	One (1) position
<b>Town Moderator</b>	<i>(2 year term)</i>	One (1) position	<b>Supervisor of Checklist</b>	<i>(6 year term)</i>	One (1) position
<b>Town Treasurer</b>	<i>(3 year term)</i>	One (1) position			

**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. Property assessment information is also available on our website at alexandrianh.com. Abatements can be submitted after you receive your second issue tax bill but must be received in the Selectmen's Office by March 1<sup>st</sup>.



The Alexandria and Danbury Selectboards will each be hosting public meetings for community input on merging the Police Departments. These meetings will allow for the public to provide input and ask questions about the possibility of merging the Danbury and Alexandria police departments.

Tuesday, December 28, 2021 at 7:00 PM at Danbury Town Hall, 23 High Street, Danbury

Tuesday, January 11, 2022 at 7:00 PM at Alexandria Town Hall, 45 Washburn Road, Alexandria

Residents/taxpayers from both communities are welcome to attend either/both meetings. If you are unable to make a meeting, please email your questions, concerns, or comments in writing to the Board of Selectmen at either danbury\_selectmen@comcast.net or alexandrianh@metrocast.net.

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With winter here and the snow starting to cover the ground, we thought it might be beneficial to remind residents about our current winter sand availability policy and ordinance regarding plowing snow across road.



### **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

### **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.



Alexandria Waste Management Committee



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

**Trivia Quiz Question for the Month: 2 legs of the recycling triangle are “reduce” and “reuse”; how do these 2 legs support the objectives of recycling?** (answer at the end of article)

### **Money in our Pockets**

December is always a very busy month for everyone and 2021 was no exception. Unfortunately, I have not had the opportunity to calculate our net savings for November, so I am unable to provide an update at this time. I am currently working on the yearend report which will recap the Waste Management Team's accomplishments in 2021. From a money saved standpoint, I reported last month that we had exceeded our 2021 objective of \$10,000 as of the end of November. In spite of some minor changes to the program, we had a good year revenue wise and could exceed savings of over \$12,000. Thank you all for your support. 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.



### **What's New at the Transfer Station**

There were no TSSC meetings in December; however, George and various committee members did talk with Erin regarding additional details in the design aspect of the project. The detail design features are still in the developmental phase. Tim Shaw a structural engineer is working with Erin, especially regarding the open-sided structure that would cover the area where household waste, recyclables, etc. would be dropped off. There are still two outstanding issues which Erin is working on: the Eversource easement running through the property, and the potential need for some additional studies concerning wildlife in the area. We are hopeful that the NRI completed in 2016 will suffice; however, that has not yet been confirmed. The committee hopes to present its recommendation to the BOS as to the content for a warrant article to be presented to our residents in March 2022 requesting the funding needed for the transfer station to relocate and to become functional, as well as establishing a functional gravel pit. The SB will need to schedule a hearing in January, if there is to be a warrant article in March.

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A reminder from last month: beginning the 1st of the year, some disposal fees will be increasing. Alexandria's fees are set to cover our costs to dispose of certain types of materials – we do not make a profit on any fees charged residents, and this continues to be our policy. You are all aware of the recent rise in the cost of everything, and trash disposal has not escaped this trend. Please know that we are doing everything possible to control our expenses, and we thank you for your understanding.

## New Fee Schedule:

<b>Tires:</b> Standard tire up to 19" off the rim.....\$3.00 Standard tire up to 19" on the rim.....\$4.00 Commercial tire 20" and up off the rim \$15.00 Commercial tire 20" and up on the rim \$16.00 Other tires including construction and farm equipment tires .....See Attendant for Price	<b>Appliances</b> Refrigerators, freezers ..... no charge Remove doors on refrigerators & freezers Air conditioners, dehumidifiers..... no charge Stoves, washers, dryers ..... no charge Dishwashers, water heaters ..... no charge Water tanks, furnaces..... no charge
<b>Electronics</b> Computer Monitor .....\$10.00 Portable/Compact TV 15" or under .....\$10.00 Console TV over 15" .....\$20.00 CPU/Computer Hard Drive.....no charge Keyboards, computer mouse .....no charge	<b>Construction/Bulky Waste</b> Compact pickup ..... \$25/load Vehicles with 6' bed ..... \$40/load Vehicles with 8' bed ..... \$50/load Partial load.....\$12/cubic yard
<b>Mattresses/</b> Twin and full .....\$10.00 Queen and King .....\$20.00 Chair .....\$5.00 Couch .....\$10.00 Couch with pull-out bed.....\$15.00 Sectional Couch .....\$20.00	<b>Propane Tanks</b> Under 1 #..... no charge Over 1# ..... \$2.00

We are now recycling CLEAN plastic bags. There is a separate barrel for them located with the recycle bins. We have begun to recycle corrugated cardboard again. We now have a separate enclosed trailer dedicated to corrugated cardboard only. Please breakdown your boxes before placing them in the trailer located on the east side of the facility – Remember; flattened, corrugated cardboard only. It has also come to our attention that hazardous waste and some construction debris are finding their way into the compactor. Only household waste and loose paper is allowed in the compactor. Please remember, waste disposal is, for the most part, controlled by the state not the towns and transfer station and landfill staff are merely complying with regulations.

One final reminder to our residents; the transfer station does not accept Christmas trees for disposal. Please recycle/reuse them if possible. Never burn trees or wrapping paper in stoves or fireplaces – they can cause significant creosol build-up and lead to chimney fire. Chemicals and dyes used in the coloring process for some gift-wrapping paper can also increase the possibility of chimney fires.



## Every Individual Can Contribute

As we begin a new year, rather than highlight companies that are trying to reduce waste and improve recycling and manufacturing techniques, I've chosen to take the opportunity to thank our residents for their understanding and support of our recycling efforts over the past decade. With your help, Alexandria has managed to provide an effective program that has saved the town money and helped to preserve our natural resources. Without your support and dedication, this would not have been possible – The Waste Management Committee, extend to you our sincere thanks and want you to know that your contributions are greatly appreciated and have not gone unnoticed. Wishing you all a safe and prosperous 2022.



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: Recycling has an objective of reducing the depletion of our natural resources by eliminating the need to use non-renewable resources such as fossil fuels and using advanced technology to reduce the impact the manufacturing of products has on the environment such as air pollution which can cause, among other things, acid rain, which not only kills vegetation, but deteriorates a wide array of building materials. These 2 legs encourage initially using less, and reusing an item over again either for the same purpose or an alternative use*

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## Alexandria Conservation Commission

This month's conservation article falls more into the recycling category; however, conservation does involve managing waste to promote reuse whenever possible and prevent depletion of natural resources. Every year millions of people purchase Christmas trees to add joy and meaning to the festive season. But what happens after the holidays are over and the tree has served its purpose? Disposal of Christmas trees is not a simple process in many areas – Alexandria being one of those areas. We do not accept trees at the transfer station, there is no convenient, central collection point in the area, and not everyone has a spot where they can compost their tree. You do have options. Some towns may collect trees for various uses and if they accept trees from non-residents, you can take your tree there, but the collection window is limited. Usually a city/town will only collect trees during the two weeks following Christmas. After that, you'll likely need to schedule bulky waste collection or drive it to a yard waste collection facility.

Assuming you didn't buy a 'balled' live tree which can be planted in the spring, spent Christmas trees have many uses. They can be chipped to make excellent mulch for gardens and flower beds or can be used for material on pathways like other types of chipped wood. Natural composition in a corner of your property will create a refuge for small animals and birds. If you have a pond on your property, submerging the tree into the pond will provide habitat and nutrients for fish – it is not recommended that trees be discarded into moving streams as they can move downstream and become detrimental to the water flow. Trees should never be disposed of on public or private land without the owner's permission. Alexandria, and like towns are prime candidates for group efforts where neighbors band together, pool resources and share the benefits – check with your neighbors.

There are some instances where spent Christmas trees cannot be recycled. Flocked trees are not recyclable. If you spray your tree to make it look covered in artificial snow (known as flocking), the tree will end up in a landfill. Artificial Christmas trees that have outlived their usefulness for you are not recyclable. Artificial trees are made of polyvinyl chloride (PVC), a difficult-to-recycle plastic. These trees are designed for reuse over multiple years, but not end-of-life. You can try to donate artificial trees to a secondhand store, but they will likely only be accepted in November so they can be resold.



**Seasonal Safety Note:** The Conservation Commission, Alexandria Fire Department, Alexandria Police Department, and transfer station staff would like to remind you to dispose of your Christmas tree soon after the holiday season ends – don't wait until it dries out. Trees can be recycled by chipping and using them for mulch (many towns accept trees for this purpose – Alexandria does not) or let them decompose in a corner of your yard (they make excellent protective cover for birds and small animals). Never burn Christmas trees in wood stoves or fireplaces, they are highly flammable and can cause chimney fires.

### Other Community Events & Information



**BLOOD DRIVES**  
**Tuesday, January 18, 2022 from 12:00 pm to 5:00 pm**  
Marian Center, 17 West Shore Road, Bristol, NH



***Newfound Nature Station – Winter Wands and Walking Sticks***

December 29, 12pm-2pm  
Grey Rocks Conservation Area  
178 N Shore Rd Hebron, NH  
Come to Grey Rocks to explore winter in the watershed! Try out snowshoes provided by the Tapply-Thompson Community Center, sip hot chocolate, and create a winter wand or walking stick with natural materials. Nature Station activities are designed for kids of all ages. This program is free and open to all.



**DANBURY WINTER MARKET**

**FIRST SATURDAY OF THE MONTH NOVEMBER – MAY**

The Blazing Star Grange #71 of Danbury NH sponsors the [Danbury Winter Market](#) to help sustain our local area, strengthen our local economy, maintain our rural landscape thru saving small family farms that preserve our green space. Our market season runs the first Saturday of November thru May from 9 to noon. Two changes this season - the time! and we're going an extra month with our in person market. Blazing Star Grange encourages your support of our Danbury Winter Market Vendors. Local farms provide a strong anchor in the security of local food supply and they, along with our artisan, strengthen our region's economy. The online ordering system **opens on Saturday, October 23 at 7:00 AM**. *Market Location: Grange Hall, 15 North Road, Danbury NH, a stone's throw from the intersections of routes 4 & 104. For information contact Donna at 603-768-5579.*

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*For full list of TTCC offerings, please visit their website at [ttccrec.org](http://ttccrec.org).*

## DANCE CLASSES @ the TTCC!

*New sessions starting in January!!*

Classes on SATURDAY MORNINGS from 1/8/22-2/12/22

### **Ballet / Creative Movement, Fundamentals of Dance**

Ages 3-5 from 9-9:30am, \$50

Grades K-2 from 9:45-10:30am, \$75

### **Jazz / Hip-Hop**

Grades 3-6 from 10:45-11:30am, \$75

Instructor: Catie Roman

For class descriptions & instructor bio, visit: [https://ttccrec.org/youth\\_programs/dance/](https://ttccrec.org/youth_programs/dance/)

## Lil' Hoops & Kindergarten Basketball

- \$20 / player
- Both programs play at the TTCC on Saturday mornings from 1/8/22 through 2/19/22
- Schedule:
  - Lil' Hoops Group 1 - 9-9:45am
  - Lil' Hoops Group 2 - 10-10:45am
  - Kindergarten Basketball - 11am-12pm
- These programs are an intro to basketball skills and all about having fun, learning & playing fun basketball activities.
- Open to all kids interested from the Newfound Area!

## NEW Teen Yoga Classes!

### **Wildly Rooted Yoga Classes –**

- For ages 13-17
- Fridays, 6-7pm
- 1/14/22 – 2/18/22
- \$62 for 6 classes
- Mats are Included

This 1 hour vinyasa yoga class is for teens 14-17. In this class kids will practice yoga flows and sequencing, and they will learn basic yoga poses, partner poses and breathing techniques. This non-competitive environment will give kids a chance to work on building self-esteem, cope with stress and anxiety, and improve balance, self love, flexibility and coordination. Leave your socks and shoes at the door, and come play on the mat!

**Classes for ages 5-12 also available – [click here for youth yoga class info!](#)**

## **TEEN NIGHT ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**\*No teen nights in December! Programs will start back up week of 1/3/22!**

### Middle School! Teen Night

#### **Tuesdays 6-8pm**

Next Sessions:

- January session: 1/4 - 1/25
- February session: 2/1 - 2/22
- March session: 3/8 - 3/29
- \$20 per person / per session (includes dinner!)
- *Minimum 10 and max 20 - first come first serve!*

All participants must be pre-registered and paid ahead by signing up online (we will not take \$\$ "at the door"). We will provide dinner and lots of active / social time! Basketball, dodgeball, air hockey, pool, foosball, music & more.

### High School! Teen Night

#### **Thursdays, 6-8pm**

**DROP-IN Teen Night for High Schoolers!** Open to any High School students from the Newfound area. No cost to attend - just drop in to hang out with friends... We will provide dinner and lots of active / social time! Basketball, dodgeball, air hockey, pool, foosball, music & more.



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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: 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: [info@alexandrianh.com](mailto:info@alexandrianh.com)  
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](mailto: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 [info@alexandrianh.com](mailto:info@alexandrianh.com) with any questions or concerns you would like included in the public meeting.\**

Wednesday, December 29, 2021: Budget Committee Meeting at 6:00 pm  
Tuesday, January 4, 2022: Selectmen's Meeting at 6:00 pm  
Tuesday, January 11, 2022: Public Meeting on merging the Alexandria and Danbury Police Departments at Town Hal, 45 Washburn Road at 7:00 pm  
Tuesday, January 18, 2022: Public Hearing on the 2022 budget at 6:00 pm at Town Hall, 45 Washburn Road  
Wednesday, January 19, 2022: Planning Board Meeting at 6:00 pm  
Wednesday, January 26, 2022: 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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