



ALEXANDRIA TODAY FEBRUARY 2022 EDITION

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Selectmen's Office

FIRST SESSION OF THE TOWN MEETING (Deliberative Session)

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

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

SECOND SESSION OF THE TOWN MEETING (Voting Day)

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

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

Alexandria adopted the Official Ballot Referenda (SB2) in 2010. Official Ballot Referenda is a form of town meeting that has two sessions. The first session (deliberative session) is for explanation, discussion, debate and amendments to the proposed operating budget and warrant articles (see NH RSA 40:13, IV below). The second session (voting session) allows voters to cast an official ballot to pass/fail proposed articles. The Town Warrant and Budget will be posted online and available at the Municipal Building by January 31, 2022.

Per NH RSA 40:13, IV

IV. The first session of the meeting, governed by the provisions of RSA 40:4, 40:4-a, 40:4-b, 40:4-f, and 40:6-40:10, shall consist of explanation, discussion, and debate of each warrant article, including warrant articles pertaining to the operating budget and the default budget. A vote to restrict reconsideration shall be deemed to prohibit any further action on the restricted article until the second session, and RSA 40:10, II shall not apply. Warrant articles may be amended at the first session, subject to the following limitations:

(a) Warrant articles whose wording is prescribed by law shall not be amended.

(b) Warrant articles that are amended shall be placed on the official ballot for a final vote on the main motion, as amended.

(c) No warrant article shall be amended to eliminate the subject matter of the article. An amendment that changes the dollar amount of an appropriation in a warrant article shall not be deemed to violate this subparagraph.

Annual Reports will be available no later than Tuesday, March 1, 2022 and will include the final budget and ballot questions. (NH RSA 40:13, II).

ABSENTEE BALLOT INFORMATION

If you are unable to vote on Election Day, Applications for Absentee Ballot Requests will be available on our website at alexandrianh.com under the Town Clerk/Tax Collector's Department, applications will also be available in our office. If you do not have internet access or are unable to come into the office, an application can be mailed to you at your request. The Town Clerk's office will be open until 5:00 p.m. the Monday before an election.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact our office at 603-744-3288 or email us at alexctcoll@metrocast.net

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 1st.



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Alexandria Waste Management Committee



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

Trivia Quiz Question for the Month: What do the North Pole, Mount Everest, and the South Pole all have in common other than the ice and snow?

Money in our Pockets

In November and December 2021, we realized a total revenue of \$559 for aluminum cans and \$3,339 from light tin and misc. metal. Yearend savings for 2021 were \$12,120, \$2,120 over our projected savings. Congratulations one and all, you made it happen . As you know, in addition to saving us money, your efforts to recycle and support your recycling program have a positive impact on our environment and preserve our natural resources for all to enjoy. This year we anticipate continuing with our recycling of corrugated cardboard and will be making some adjustments in the way we calculate our saving for glass, both of which will have a positive impact on our net savings. Depending on world markets, we may be in a position to further expand the list of materials we can accept for recycling – stay tuned.

What's New at the Transfer Station



There were two TSSC meetings in January. One on 1/13 at which we discussed the estimates provided to the committee by Erin Darrow for costs and specifications for specific buildings at the new facility. The TSSC reduced Erin's estimates by almost \$1,000,000 by eliminating some items such as the separate building specifically used for recycling and the paving of the area, and adjusting other estimates, which the committee felt were too high. It should be pointed out here that these were estimates only and the town will seek additional estimates before deciding on vendors and contractors. The second meeting, which was a public hearing held 1/20 to explain to our residents the warrant article they would be asked to vote on in March and explain the reasons supporting the cost estimates. After discussion with residents at the meeting, it was obvious, that the best approach would be to concentrate our efforts on the gravel pit portion of the project, as much of the work needed for the pit and the transfer station are interrelated. By delaying the warrant article request for financing for the transfer station until 2023, it will allow us more time to further evaluate our needs at the transfer station, while still moving forward with completion of some interrelated tasks such as site preparation including access road(s) and security. Gravel produced by the new pit can be used on site and will further reduce our costs. This change in strategy does not mean that we are delaying the relocation of the transfer station, it simply means that we are delaying submitting the warrant article requesting financing for the entire project for a year, until we have a more accurate cost projection. The committee will continue to meet on an as needed basis and monthly updates will be provided here in the town newsletter and in the meetings' minutes posted on the town website.



Time to get your 2022 Transfer Station Permit stickers. Stickers may be picked up free of charge from the office at the transfer station. Stickers are not available at the Municipal Building. Proof of residence and you license plate number are required. If you have more than one car in the family that will be using the facility, additional stickers for those vehicles are available, again at no cost, but individual license plate numbers are required. Stickers should be affixed in the lower left corner of the windshield and be clearly visible. A reminder to landlords, if you have short-term seasonal tenants who will be using the facility during their stay, please advise them that they may be asked for proof of their rental agreement in lieu of a sticker. Please remember that the requirement of stickers to use the transfer station facility is to prevent unauthorized use of our facility by non-residents.

Ken has asked that I again alert residents, that beginning the 1st of the year, some disposal fees have increased. 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.

We have begun to recycle corrugated cardboard again. We now have a separate enclosed trailer dedicated to corrugated cardboard only. Please breakdown your boxes and remove any waste material before placing them in



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the trailer – Remember, corrugated cardboard only. Another big PLUS, we are now recycling plastic grocery bags. A container has been placed by the roll-offs for clean plastic bags. Please be sure the bags are empty and clean. We hope to be able to continue this service; however, it will depend on you doing your part by ensuring that only clean, plastic shopping bags are put in the container(s). It has also come to our attention that hazardous waste and some construction debris are finding their way into the compactor. Only household waste is allowed in the compactor. To help control improper disposal of certain materials, our Operating Plan, permit #DES-SW-90-034, dtd. 30 April 2012, Section III.5 charges the facility with inspecting all waste entering the facility to ensure compliance with the materials permitted for disposal at the facility as specified under Section II of the plan permit. Generally, at our facility, this is limited to a quick visual check of materials brought in by truck or trailer to direct the resident to the correct disposal area. Please remember, waste disposal is, for the most part, controlled by the state not the towns and transfer stations and landfills are merely complying with regulations stipulated in their permits.

One final reminder to our residents; to allow for the transfer station to be properly secured, the gate closes at 3:45pm. Anyone arriving after that time will not be allowed to enter. Those in the process of unloading trash are expected to complete unloading no later than 4:00pm.

Every Individual Can Contribute



There is an interesting article written by Reagan Bissonnette, Executive Director, Northeast Resource Recovery Association and published by The New Hampshire Municipal Association about the status of recycling in the state of New Hampshire since China tightened restrictions on importing recyclable materials. The State of Recycling

Markets in New Hampshire covers a multitude of topics including:

1. The Financial Value of Recycling over Disposal
2. Types of Recyclable Commodities
3. Source Separation versus Single Stream Recycling
4. Impact of China's National Sword Policy on Recycling Markets
5. Effects in New Hampshire

For those interested in the details of the article, click on this link: [The State of Recycling Markets in New Hampshire | New Hampshire Municipal Association \(nhmunicipal.org\)](http://www.nhmunicipal.org)



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: They all have toxic, plastic pollution called nanoplastics, which are particles of toxic plastic waste smaller than a micrometer, which cause damage to organisms including humans. These toxins are by-products generated as plastic waste disintegrates and are easily carried throughout the World by the winds and ocean currents.



Alexandria Conservation Commission

The Natural Resource Inventory done by Moosewood Ecological LLC in 2013 and completed in 2016 for the town of Alexandria identified three turtle species found in the Alexandria Bog, one species, the Wood Turtle, has been classified as a species of "conservation concern". Over the past couple years, the Conservation Commission has been working to improve the approximately 20 acers known as Barrett Park to make it more accessible for residents and guests to have better access to the area and enjoy the many natural features the bog has to offer.

As we began to formalize a restoration and management plan for the area, it was discovered that some area(s) were a significant nesting area for three species of turtles: the Wood Turtle, the Painted Turtle, and the Snapping turtle. The extent of the nesting was a significant discovery and provided Alexandria the opportunity to manage the



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area as a turtle sanctuary. By managing the area as a sanctuary, the natural nesting area(s) for the turtles will be protected and allow the turtles to live and reproduce undisturbed as well as providing a resource area for controlled studies by herpetologists. This is a unique opportunity for our town and our state.

This change in our management approach does impact how we develop the area to ensure the maximum benefits for the public, while protecting the sanctuary. Many of you were able to attend the public informational meeting the Conservation Commission held on Wednesday, 19 January to updated area residents on the changes being considered to develop a turtle preserve. It was explained the importance of our restricting access to specific nesting area(s), which will be clearly identified with signage, and we ask that you be respectful. The entire 20 acers will be restricted to foot traffic only and dogs will no longer be allowed to roam freely. During certain times of the year, May 1st – October 31st, the turtle nesting area(s) will be restricted, and you are asked to keep out of these designated arears of the park.

The Conservation Commission and the town are working as quickly as possible to place designation signage. Until then, we request that you adhere to the restrictions and not venture into the Barrett Park area. The kiosk formally located in the front area of the park has been relocated to the Town Forest as it was infringing on one of the nesting areas. It will now serve as an informational bulletin board at the Town Forest and be replaced at Barrett Park with a suitable commemorative plaque. Any suggestions you have as to the development of the sanctuary are most welcome and can be directed to any member of the Conservation Committee.

Other Community Events & Information



BLOOD DRIVES

Tuesday, February 8, 2022 from 12:00 pm to 5:00 pm

Marian Center, 17 West Shore Road, Bristol, NH

Wednesday, March 9, 2022 from 12:00 pm to 5:00 pm

Newfound Regional High School, 150 Newfound Road, Bristol, NH



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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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: 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.nhdf.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 info@alexandrianh.com with any questions or concerns you would like included in the public meeting.

Tuesday, February 1, 2022:	Selectmen's Meeting at 6:00 pm
Saturday, February 12, 2022:	Deliberative Session at 10:00 am
Tuesday, February 15, 2022:	Selectmen's Meeting at 6:00 pm
Wednesday, February 16, 2022:	Planning Board Meeting at 6:00 pm
Wednesday, February 23, 2022:	Conservation Commission Meeting at 6:30 pm at the Alexandria Village School, 44 Mount Cardigan Road, Alexandria

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

Meeting minutes, newsletters, alerts and other helpful information is updated on the Town's website on a regular basis.

Visit us at www.alexandrianh.com or find us on Facebook: <http://www.facebook.com/alexandrianh>