



ALEXANDRIA TODAY APRIL 2022 EDITION

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TOWN CLERK/TAX COLLECTOR'S OFFICE

Below are the voting results from March 2022. Full text of the warrant articles is available in the *2020 Annual Report*; the report is available on our website at www.alexandrianh.com or a printed copy can be obtained at the Municipal Building.

VOTING RESULTS MARCH 2022:

Selectmen	Robert Piehler	Article 7: 2020 Truck Lease	Passed
Trustee of the Trust Funds	Sue Hunt	Article 8: Fire Dept Exp. Trust Fund	Passed
Trustee of the Cemeteries	Sue Hunt	Article 9: Town Hall Exp. Trust Fund	Passed
Treasurer	Melanie Marzola	Article 10: Emerg. Mgmt. Exp Tr Fund	Passed
Moderator	Vincenzo Governanti	Article 11: Paving	Passed
Budget Committee	Cynthia Williams Kerry Rockwell Danielle Reed	Article 12: Shem Valley Bridge	Passed
Supervisor of the Checklist	George Whittaker	Article 13: New Grader Lease	Passed
Planning Board	David Lheureux Merry Ruggirello	Article 14: Windows Fire Dept.	Passed
Article 2: Operating Budget	Passed	Article 15: Town Forest Map 418 Lot 55	Passed
Article 3: 2016 Truck Lease	Passed	Article 16: Modify Elderly Exemption	Passed
Article 4: 2016 Backhoe Lease	Passed	Article 17: Police Department Merger	Passed*
Article 5: 2017 Truck Lease	Passed	Article 18: Gravel Pit on Town Property	Passed
Article 6: 2019 Loader Lease	Passed	Article 19: Accept Adams Road as Class V	Failed

*Article 17 moving forward was contingent on Danbury passing a similar warrant article. The warrant article in Danbury failed.

DOG LICENSES



All Dog Licenses expire on April 30.

2022 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.

DOG LICENSES CAN NOW BE RENEWED ONLINE!

Visit our website for details. .

At this time, we are unsure if a rabies clinic will be held in town. We will post the date if one gets scheduled.

Selectmen's Office

Tax Exemptions & Credits

There are several forms of tax relief available to qualifying tax payers that are residents of Alexandria:

Tax Exemptions: An exemption is an amount to be deducted from the assessed valuation, for property tax purposes, of real property (applies only to property in which you reside). The amount of the exemption varies by the type of exemption. Exemptions available include an exemption for the elderly and an exemption for those with a physical handicap (both of those exemptions have income and asset limits) and an exemption for those that are legally blind.

Veteran's Tax Credits: A tax credit is defined as the amount of money to be deducted from the person's tax bill. It reduced the tax due, not the assessed value of the property itself. The amount of the tax credit varies depending on the credit for which you qualify.

For more information about exemptions and credits, please visit our website or contact the Selectmen's Office at 603-744-3220. Applications are due by April 15th of the tax year.

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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 role did the Rittenhouse Mill in Philadelphia play in introducing recycling in the New World?*

Money in our Pockets

Welcome Spring! March not only welcomes in spring but is really the first month we have an opportunity to evaluate the previous year and begin to make projections for the new year. During the months of January and February, we realized revenue of \$390 for aluminum cans. Scrap metal was delivered to Gilpatric; however, the invoice has not yet been received, so next month's figures will include that amount. Cardboard recycling has proven to be a big savings so far, and if the market holds firm the savings should continue. Each week we process about $\frac{3}{4}$ of a ton of cardboard which is delivered to Bristol for processing vs. putting it in with our construction waste. Disposal of construction waste costs us \$128/ton, which equates to about \$350/mo. savings when we exclude cardboard. These savings are based on 1st Quarter volume and will be reevaluated at the end of June. There has been no adjustment for glass to date. So, with all that said, our savings through February 2022 are \$1,090. If you haven't already done so, please read the Waste Management Committee Report in the 2021 Alexandria Annual Report for a recap of activities last year.

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.



What's New at the Transfer Station

There was a TSSC meetings on 16 March 2022. At the meeting, George updated us on Erin's progress with the submission of the permits for the gravel pit. Erin has promised to have the permits submitted the week of 3/22 – apparently the delay was caused, in part, by the presence of an endangered hawk species in the area and it had to be determined that development of the gravel pit/transfer station would not encroach on the hawk's territory. The impact study showed that work could continue leaving only the "right-of-way" easement held by Eversource to be resolved. It was brought up and agreed to that we should begin to ask for RFPs (request for proposals) from local contractors, so we are ready to go as soon as the permits are received. To date no specific individual(s) have been specifically tasked to investigate specific individuals and formally request RFPs.

Committee members (and attending guests) were asked to participate in a brainstorming session aimed at developing ideas regarding the relocation of the new transfer station facility. Ideas ranged from the physical design of the facility to tasks which needed to be resolved so the project could move forward. The session was designed to surface ideas regarding costs, ultimate design, a logical implementation process including outstanding issues that need to be addressed before we can move forward and during the implementation process, and issues regarding future expansion and ongoing maintenance. Ideas will be consolidated for future discussion and incorporated into an action plan for approval by the TSSC. 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 meeting minutes posted on the town website.



Avoid Being Locked Out, Gates Close at 3:45pm, Transfer Station Time – Their Facility, Their Clock

Thank you all for picking up your 2022 transfer station stickers. Please display them in clear view in the lower left corner of the windshield. For those of you who have not yet gotten your stickers, they 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. 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.

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As you can see from the comments in the “Money in Our Pockets” section above, the recycling of corrugated cardboard has proved very cost effective up to this point and our plan is to continue to accept corrugated cardboard **ONLY** for recycling. Please remove any waste material and breakdown your boxes before placing them in the trailer – remember, corrugated cardboard only. Another big PLUS, we are now recycling plastic bags. A container has been placed by the roll-offs for all **clean**, plastic bags. We take all types of plastic bags including plastic pellet bags, feed bags, and grocery 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 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 or other roll-off containers. Only household waste and loose paper is allowed in the compactor and **no containers holding any petroleum product or flammable gases are NOT ALLOWED IN ANY CONTAINER**. There is a separate area for used propane tanks, which now require, in addition to being completely empty, a disposal fee – please see office before disposal. To help control improper disposal of certain materials, our Operating Plan, dtd. 30 April 2012, charges the facility with inspecting all waste entering the facility to ensure compliance. 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.

The 2022 Hazzard Waste Day for Alexandria is Aug 6th at the Regional High School from 08:30 – 12:00. For a complete list of areas and a list of what is and isn't acceptable go to: lakesrpe.org/serviceshww.asp.

Ken has asked that I remind residents that tools such as rakes, shovels, saws, wire cutters, and box cutters are for use by residents while disposing of material at the transfer station. Please be sure to return any item you use at the transfer station to its original location, so it can be easily found by others who may need to use it.



Every Individual Can Contribute Here's a bit of news from Concord taken from the NRRRA March 2022 Newsletter, Full of Scrap:

House committee narrowly recommended advancing landfill siting bill. The bill would create a buffer between new landfills and water bodies, like Forest Lake in Dalton. A bill that would create a buffer between landfills and waterways was recommended by the House Environment and Agriculture Committee in a 10-9 vote in favor of advancing the legislation to the full House. This is one of several bills introduced this session addressing solid waste after legislation efforts to create a buffer between state parks and landfills in response to Casella's proposal to site New England's first new landfill in over a decade in Dalton failed last session.

House Bill 1454 takes up that same issue but focuses on water bodies instead of state parks and uses a different mechanism to determine an appropriate setback. The bill would create a buffer between new landfills and water bodies to prevent pollution from entering state waterways. The current buffer is 200 feet, and under this bill that would still be the minimum allowable distance. But siting would also have to factor in how quickly groundwater from the landfill could enter the nearby body of water, ensuring it would take at least five years. Committee members in favor of the bill argued this would be enough time to mediate potential contamination before it could enter a nearby waterbody. They said passage would provide some protection to citizens in the North Country and that the issue of water contamination was too urgent to put off any longer, as many areas within the state are struggling with water contamination.

Committee members who voted against the measure said the issue should be taken up in a study committee bill already passed by the committee – House Bill 1049.

Source: article by Amanda Gokee, 3/4/2022, March Full of Scrap, NRRRA Newsletter



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: Wilhelm Rittinghausen, later known as William Rittenhouse, moved to Amsterdam at a young age and then emigrated to the Colonies with his three children in 1687. William's descendants continued to be active in the paper making business, and in 1690 opened the Rittenhouse Paper Mill in Philadelphia. For twenty years, Rittenhouse Paper Mill was the only paper mill in the Colonies. The unique thing about the paper mill was that it began recycling old linen and cotton rags. The paper produced from these materials was sold to printers for use in Bibles and newspapers. Although individuals had been recycling medals for years, this was the first true recycling process where material was recycled and used to create a different product on a large scale.

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Alexandria Conservation Commission

It's spring and time to think about sprucing up the yard after the long winter and beginning to think about turning over the garden and getting it ready for planting. There is another important task you should consider, testing your well water. If you're a homeowner who gets their water from a private well, you'll know that regulations for public water supplies don't apply to you, and you need to periodically test your water. It is highly recommended that you test for coliform bacteria, nitrate, lead, arsenic, and other dangerous contaminants at least once a year. This is especially important if there has been new activity in the area such as construction or usage of property changes in the area.

It can be a little confusing sorting through and understanding all the information regarding the testing of well water. The guidelines for testing private wells fluctuate over time and by state, and certain contaminants require more regular testing for than others. There are dozens of DIY testing kit offered at home stores and on-line. I would suggest contacting a professional for advice before doing anything. Choose a local company, as they are likely to be familiar with the surrounding topography and any know problems in the immediate area. Most testing companies send their samples to professional labs for analysis, the same as you would do should you decide to do the sampling yourself. Another big advantage with using a company specializing in well water testing, is that they will be in a position to analyze the test results and offer corrective solutions to any problems found.

For the sake of your health, it's important to know exactly what's in your water supply, and whether you need to adjust your water treatment solutions or implement new means of treatment over time. Testing you well water is easy and should become a routine part of everybody's spring cleanup.

For more detailed information, visit: [How to Test Well Water \(2022 Ultimate Guide\) \(waterfilterguru.com\)](https://www.waterfilterguru.com)

Other Community Events & Information



BLOOD DRIVES

Thursday, April 28, 2022 from 2:00 pm to 7:00 pm

New Hampton School, 70 Main Street, New Hampton, NH

Tuesday, May 17, 2022 from 12:00 pm to 5:00 pm

Marian Center, 17 West Shore 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.

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

Selectmen's Office Closed April 4th through April 8th. Town Clerk/Tax Collector's Office will be open that week.

Tuesday, April 12, 2022: Selectmen's Meeting at 6:00 pm

Tuesday, April 19, 2022: Selectmen's Meeting at 6:00 pm

Wednesday, April 20, 2022: Planning Board Meeting at 6:00 pm

Wednesday, April 27, 2022: Conservation Commission Meeting at 6:30 pm at the Alexandria Village School, 44 Mount Cardigan Road, Alexandria, NH

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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