



ALEXANDRIA TODAY MARCH 2022 EDITION

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TOWN CLERK/TAX COLLECTOR'S OFFICE

TOWN VOTING DAY

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

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

The Town Warrant and Budget are available online at alexandrianh.com under "News & Notices". The 2021 Annual Report will be available in the Selectmen's Office, online, and at the Transfer Station by Tuesday, March 1, 2022.

REMINDER: Town Clerk/Tax Collector's Office is closed on Voting Day, Tuesday, March 8th

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.

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 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.

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.



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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 was Geoffrey Chaucer (1340 – 1400), author of *The Canterbury Tales*, tie to the recycling effort in England during the 14th century?

Money in our Pockets

February is a short month with only 28 days, plus it is a month which generates a lot of activity to close out the previous year, recap the various activities for the Town Report, and prepare for the Deliberative Session, followed closely by the March elections. With that said, I'm sorry to say that I don't have any revenue numbers for January as yet; however, I do plan to have this information available next month for both January and February. March is really the first month we have an opportunity to evaluate the previous year and begin to make projections for the new year. As I reported in last month's newsletter, 2021 was a good year both from a recycling standpoint and a revenue generating (saved) standpoint. We saved over \$12,000 (\$2,000 over our objective) while continuing to recycle as much material as possible under 'challenging' circumstances caused by World market demands and the pandemic. 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 further expand the list of materials we can accept for recycling.



What's New at the Transfer Station

There were no TSSC meetings in February. After discussion with residents at a previous meeting in January, it was obvious, that the best approach would be to concentrate our efforts on the gravel pit portion of the joint projects, as much of the work needed for the pit and the transfer station are interrelated. By deferring 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. With the change in strategy adopted by the TSSC, which I reported on last month, we are concentrating our efforts for the 1st Quarter of 2022 on finalizing plans to get the gravel pit up and functioning. Gravel produced by the new pit can be used on site and will further reduce our costs. This change in strategy simply means that we are delaying submitting the warrant article requesting financing for the entire transfer station 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 meeting 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.

We have begun to recycle corrugated cardboard again and our plan is to continue to accept corrugated cardboard **ONLY** for recycling. We now have a separate enclosed trailer dedicated to corrugated cardboard. Please breakdown your boxes and remove any waste material before placing them in the trailer – Remember, corrugated cardboard only – single sheet cardboard (cardboard used as packaging backing, compartment dividers such as in liquor boxes, cereal boxes and the like, pizza boxes, beer/soda packaging, etc.) are not recyclable and should be treated a loose paper. Another big PLUS, we are now recycling plastic 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 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 and loose paper is allowed in the compactor. 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

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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/serviceshw.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 where you got it, so it can be easily found by others who may need to use it. Generally smaller tools are secured by a light chain or cord. Please let an attendant know if you find a tool loose so the lanyard can be replaced - thank you. 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 and exit the facility no later than 4:00pm.



Every Individual Can Contribute

Electric cars are fast becoming the rage in the U.S., and in fact, throughout the World. Environmentalists have repeatedly raised the concern that once the batteries are no longer useable to power electric vehicles (EVs), they will end up in a landfill somewhere or simply deteriorate in a discarded vehicle. There is a market to recycle used EV batteries, and although this is an infant industry, it promises to offer at least a partial solution to the problem of recycling these types of materials.

The following are excerpts from an article published by Consumer Reports which you may find interesting: "What Happens to the Old Batteries in Electric Cars?"

The EV revolution is in full swing, and one question keeps popping up: What happens to the EV batteries once they wear out?

EV batteries will slowly lose capacity over time, with current EVs averaging around 2% of range loss per year. Over many years, the driving-range may be noticeably reduced. EV batteries can be serviced and individual cells inside the battery can be replaced if they go bad. But there's the risk after many years of service and several hundred thousand miles that the entire battery pack may need to be replaced if it has degraded too much. The worry for most environmentally conscious people is that there isn't a system in place to deal with these decommissioned parts. After all, lithium-ion battery packs often run the length of the car's wheelbase, weigh close to 1,000 pounds, and are made up of toxic elements. Can they easily be recycled or are they destined to pile up in landfills? "Electric car batteries aren't very difficult to get rid of because, even if they've outlasted the usefulness for an EV, they're still worth quite a lot to someone," says Jake Fisher, Consumer Reports' senior director of auto testing. "There's a strong demand for secondary-life batteries. It's not like when your gas-powered engine dies, and it goes to the scrapyard. Example, Nissan is using old batteries from their Leaf model EV to power mobile machines in its factories around the world. Nissan Leaf batteries are also being used to store energy on solar grids in California, Fisher says." Once solar panels capture energy from the sun, they need to be able to store that energy. The old EV batteries may no longer be optimal for driving but they're still capable of energy storage.

Even as secondary-life batteries fully degrade after various uses, minerals and elements like cobalt, lithium, and nickel in them are also valuable and can be used to produce new EV batteries. With [EV technology](#) still in relative infancy, the only certainty is that recyclability needs to be built into the manufacturing process to ensure that EVs remain eco-friendly throughout the entire life cycle of the product."

Source: Consumer Reports, Updated February 23, 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 submit 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: Geoffrey Chaucer, "father of British literature" began work in the recycling sector after being appointed in 1389 as Clerk of the King's Works at the Tower of London and Westminster Palace. His job was to manage and keep accounts of the old metals and rags collected for recycling on the order of the King, Richard II. There is evidence suggesting that both the Chinese and Egyptians were recycling metals as early as 2550BC when copper chisels were thought to have been used to cut the blocks used to build the pyramids.

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Alexandria Conservation Commission

I'm sure all of you are familiar with the phrase: "Do wild bears poop in the woods?" The answer is obviously, "yes", as do racoons, wolves, fox, coyotes, and all other wild animals – it's nature's way, and there isn't a lot we can do to stop it. Our pets are a different story, and we can help the environment by cleaning up after them. The NLRA published the following reminder in their February 2022 newsletter, *Newfound Connection*, which reminds us all to do our part in helping to keep our woodlands, fields, and streams pollution free and pristine.

"Newfound's fresh white snow makes a beautiful canvas, giving your favorite vistas new personality and complimenting winter foliage and local landmarks. It also accentuates a different type of landmark: pet waste. Along with being unsightly, pet waste is a problem for water quality. Bacteria and nutrients from winter pet waste will eventually be washed by snow melt or spring rains into our waterways, lowering water quality and potentially even posing a threat to swimmers.

Picking up after your pets all year round is an important way to keep Newfound's waters clean. Here are some suggestions to make clean up duty a little easier:



Attach a waste bag dispenser to your leash. It's easy to forget the all-important bag. A leash attachment ensures you always leave the house prepared!



Try a portable pooper scooper. If the hand-in-a-bag technique makes you squeamish, portable scoopers put some distance between you and the task at hand while still getting the job done.



Pick it up right away. This should always be the case in public areas, but even in your own backyard, picking up pet waste before it's forgotten or frozen makes the task easier in the long run and is the best chance for keeping contaminants out of nearby waterways.



Be prepared to pack it out. Many trails and public access areas in the watershed are "Carry In, Carry Out" which means they do not have waste bins and recreators need to take their trash (including pet waste) home with them. Products like travel trash bins or "tailgate dumpsters" that attach to the exterior of your vehicle are a convenient way to haul it home without suffering the smell on the way."

Treat the woods and fields as you would any other public place and clean-up after your pet – it does make a difference and is appreciated by your fellow hikers and all those who enjoy all that New Hampshire has to offer. Thank you NRLA for reminding all of us to be responsible for our actions and our responsibility to those with whom we share we share nature's resources.

Other Community Events & Information



BLOOD DRIVES

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

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

Tuesday, March 22, 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.

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, March 1, 2022: Selectmen's Meeting at 6:00 pm
Tuesday, March 8, 2022: Town Voting Day, Polls open 11 am to 7 pm, Town Hall 45 Washburn Road
Tuesday, March 15, 2022: Selectmen's Meeting at 6:00 pm
Selectmen's Nonpublic meeting at 5:00 pm per NH RSA 91-A:3, II (c)
Wednesday, March 16, 2022: Planning Board Meeting at 6:00 pm
Tuesday, March 29, 2022: Selectmen's Meeting at 6:00 pm
Wednesday, March 30, 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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