



# ALEXANDRIA TODAY JUNE 2022 EDITION

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## Town Clerk/Tax Collector's Office

**WELLINGTON STATE PARK PASSES:** Wellington State Park beach passes are available to be purchased through the Town Clerk/Tax Collector's Office. Wellington State Park is owned and run by the State of New Hampshire. Visitors can make a reservation before arriving at the park as parking is limited (*especially on nice weekends and holidays*). Visitors who do not make a reservation will be admitted on a first-come/first-serve basis. Reservations can be made up to 30 days prior to arrival. Please plan ahead in the event the parking areas reach capacity. For more information or to make a reservation visit [nhstateparks.org](http://nhstateparks.org).

### 2022 Wellington State Park Beach Passes

Passes are in the Town Clerk's office and are available only to Alexandria residents and taxpayers.

Adults ages 12+:	\$6.00
Children ages 6 to 11:	Passes are required for each child but at no charge
Children ages 0 to 5:	Free, no passes needed
NH Residents over 65:	Free with a NH driver's license – no pass required

To purchase by mail, please send a self-addressed, stamped envelope with a list of names and ages with a check for the correct amount made payable to Town of Alexandria.



**The Town Clerk/Tax Collector's Office will be closed on June 8, 2022 while staff attends training.**

**REMINDER:** Payments for tax bills can be made online via electronic check or credit card by visiting our website at [alexandrianh.com](http://alexandrianh.com) and clicking on the "Property Taxes Review/Pay Online" button.

**Service Fee:** We are using Invoice Cloud to process your actual payment. To cover the cost of the transaction, Invoice Cloud charges a service fee, the amount of which depends on the method by which you choose to pay and the costs to Invoice Cloud associated with processing that type of transaction. Electronic checks (ACH) are charged a flat fee of \$0.95 per transaction. Credit and debit cards are charged 2.95% of the amount being paid. For instance, if you are paying \$100 by credit card, the service fee will be \$2.95. **Making a Partial Payment?** Partial payments can be made by adjusting the Payment Amount on the Check Out Page.

## Selectmen's Office

### 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)

### Low & Moderate Income Homeowners Property Tax Relief Program – FORMS DUE TO THE STATE BY JUNE 30<sup>TH</sup>

Applications for the Low & Moderate Income Homeowners Property Tax Relief Form (DP-8) should be **available after May 1, 2022**. The Low & Moderate Income Homeowners Property Tax Relief program was designed to lessen the economic burden of the State Education Property Tax on certain at-risk taxpayers.

An eligible applicant for the Low and Moderate Income Homeowners Property Tax Relief is a person who is:

- Single with adjusted gross income equal to or less than \$37,000; or
- Married or head of NH household with adjusted gross income less than or equal to \$47,000; and
- Owns a homestead subject to the State Education Property Tax; and
- Has resided in that homestead on April 1 of the year for which the claim is made.

Applications for the Low and Moderate Income Homeowners Property Tax Relief are accepted only during the statutory filing period - after May 1, but no later than June 30. The law allows 120 days for processing from the date of receipt of your completed application. For more information, visit <http://www.revenue.nh.gov/assistance/low-moderate.htm>.

If you need help completing the forms, please contact the NH Department of Revenue Administration at 603-230-5920 – press prompt 2, then prompt 2 again.

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

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## NH Homeowners Assistance Fund

There is a program run by the state that provides financial assistance for New Hampshire homeowners who cannot pay their home mortgage, utilities, home insurance, association fees, and/or property taxes during the pandemic. The program is expected to be available through at least 2022.

NH Homeowner Assistance Fund is a federally funded homeowner assistance program through the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 and the Governor's Office for Emergency Relief and Recovery (GOFERR). It is administered by New Hampshire Housing, who will be accepting and processing applications. Visit [homehelpnh.org](http://homehelpnh.org) or call 1-800-974-1377 ext. 1014 for information or assistance with the application, financial counseling, and other resources.

## Police Department



*Dr. James C. Morse, President NHSAA; Mr. Frank Edelblurt, Commissioner of Education; Chief David Suckling; Mr. Christopher Ulrich, Assistant Principal NHRS; Pierre Couture, Superintendent of Schools, Newfound Area School District*

Chief Suckling received the 2022 Champions for Children- Lakes Region Award, presented by the New Hampshire School Administrators Association; Department of Education Commissioner Edelblurt; & NHSAA President Morse.

Chief Suckling was nominated by NRHS Assistant Principal Ulrich to Superintendent Couture, for his efforts to ensure that all students in the Newfound District are given the opportunity to go to school and feel safe while there.

There were 5 regional awards- Lakes, North Country, South Central, South East, & South West. The 5 recipients were presented their awards. From the 5, one State Champion for Children-- a huge congratulations to all 5 Regional award

recipients and to Megan Rheinhardt of the South West Region for winning the 2022 State NHSAA Champions for Children Award. Congratulations Chief Suckling!



Dog on the run? Cow walking down the road? Peacock on the loose? Moose on your porch... ask dispatch to transfer you to Fish & Game for that one, we only handle domestic animals.

The Police Department would like to remind you that, if you have an animal problem, to contact Animal Control by calling 603-744-6650. It is important that all calls for assistance go through dispatch.



Alexandria Waste Management Committee



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

**Trivia Quiz Question for the Month:** In addition to extreme versatility in use, what do aluminum and glass have in common?

## \$ Money in our Pockets \$

During the month of April, we realized revenue of \$1143 for aluminum cans, scrap metal revenue was \$2,007, and \$1194 in batteries. Cardboard we estimate at \$350. There was no adjustment for glass as yet for this year; however, we did ship about 10 tons of glass out in May, which will show up next month. So, with all that said, our savings through April 2022 are \$7,596 – May was an exceptionally good month.

Projecting that number forward, optimistically, we can adjust our goal to a savings of \$15,000 for the year – up 25% from previous projection. Keep up the good work.



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 were no TSSC meetings during the month of May. However, members of the TSSC continue to work with Erin on permit applications for the transfer station. Formal RFPs have not yet been requested from local contractors pending finalization and approval by the TSSC of the plans for the transfer station and the submission and approval of the permit applications, which are needed before quotes can be obtained. The specific layout plans have not yet been finalized by the TSSC; however, it has been decided that the plans drawn up by Right Angle Engineering in July 2021 are sufficient to satisfy the permit application requirements. A reminder: the plans represent our vision of the ultimate facility and do not mean that this is the initial layout which will be constructed during Phase 1 of the project – Phase 1 will consist of simply relocating the current facility to the new location and continue to provide the services it is currently providing. Members of the TSSC continue to investigate alternatives for building and equipment needs, and some local contractors have been contacted regarding interest in performing specific aspects of the projects. The committee is considering appointing (hiring) a General Contractor to oversee the entire project. In so doing, this will provide hands on, detailed management and ensure timely follow-up and coordination of tasks needing to be completed. Although there is still some preliminary work to be completed, the TSSC is confident that it can meet its objective of having a budget proposal for phase 1 of the relocation and opening of the new facility ready for a warrant article for voter approval in time for a March 2023 vote. 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.



## 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. If you have more than one vehicle that visits the transfer station, you need to sticker for **both** vehicles. 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.

Summer is here, which means that we normally see an increase in the number of used propane tanks recycled. Please remember that your tanks should be completely empty and that there is a \$2.00 fee for the disposal of tanks 20lbs. and over – pay at the office before leaving your tank in the designated drop-off area. We also generally see an increase in the number of aluminum and glass beverage containers. Please recycle all these types of containers in the appropriate containers. Thank you.

As mentioned in last month's article, many of us are taking advantage of the nicer weather to do some clean-up work both inside disposed of and around your property, in an effort to efficiently handle the additional waste, we ask that if you are going to make multiple trips to the transfer station in a single day, that you contact the transfer station in advance (603-744-6810) and let them know. This will allow them to compact the container(s) if necessary or activate a backup container. Thank you for your cooperation.

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](https://lakesrpe.org/serviceshww.asp).**

**Every Individual Can Contribute** Launched in 2015, AMP Robotics applies machine learning and robotics technology to the challenges of the recycling problem. Throughout the world, recycling operations are dependent on manual labor to sort material. At AMP, they are reimagining and actively modernizing the world's recycling infrastructure. The breakthrough of recycling solutions starts with their engineering and manufacturing principles and management philosophy. AMP Cortex™ is a high-speed robotic sorting system guided by AMP's groundbreaking artificial intelligence (AI) technology. Robots intelligently perform physical tasks of sorting, picking, and placing material to achieve up to 99% accuracy and up to 80 picks per minute to economically recover commodities reclaimed as raw materials for the global supply chain.

Headquartered and with manufacturing operations in Colorado, they build and deploy technology that solves many of the central challenges of recycling and shifts the economics of the industry to make it more efficient, cost-effective, scalable, and sustainable. With hundreds of systems installed across three continents, they're increasing the value that can be extracted from recyclable material through superior separation, purity enhancement, and identification of new end markets for recycling



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and reuse. They're always seeking ways to better our operations, raising the bar on innovation, and looking to collaborate and improve each day in what we do.



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: Both glass and aluminum can be recycled indefinitely with no degradation in quality, which means that both are a continuous raw resource as long as they are recycled.



### Alexandria Conservation Commission



#### Build a Bat House

This month I thought I'd deviate a little from the norm and help you used one of nature's natural mosquito control – bats. New Hampshire has eight species of bats, four of which are either federally or state classified as threatened/endangered. Although many people are scared by bats, they are normally not aggressive toward humans. The greatest danger from bats is diseases which they can carry, including rabies. To protect yourself, avoid any physical contact; be especially wary of bats that cannot fly or are flying in the winter (normally bats in NH will hibernate during the winter months) – notify a conservation officer/forest ranger.

OK with that said, why would you want to protect bats? The answer is that they play an important role in many ecosystems by eating harmful insects that threaten agricultural products and they love mosquitoes. One little brown bat can devour 60 medium-sized moths or more than 1,000 mosquito-sized insects in one night. They also play a key role in the pollination of plants.

You can attract bats to your property most successfully by providing shelter. Bats prefer "buildings" or dark caves, for living and reproducing. Barns, sheds, and attics are ideal. Generally, cohabitation with bats in your home is not what you're looking for and protecting your living spaces is important. Should you find that bats do occupy your home consult a professional for removal and securing your home from further invasion.

Bat houses replicate a building structure to the bats and can be easily constructed or purchased. There are numerous sites online where you can get instructions on how to build a bat house if you are handy, or you can purchase one. Do some research to determine the correct size needed depending on the bat you are trying to attract and pay attention to the placement of the bat house. Ideally you are looking for a place with lots of sun; at least 15 feet off the ground (to protect against predators); and ideally a water source nearby (so the mother bat doesn't have to leave her young for too long). Interestingly, bats are less attracted to bat houses mounted on trees. There're a few reasons for this: it's too easy for predators to get bats as they exit; the branches causing obstructions to exiting bats which drop down then up into flight; and it's too shady from branches above. Bat houses mounted on buildings retain heat better and are less accessible to predators. You can put them on a pole, making sure the 'approach path' is unobstructed.

Hopefully this article will inspire you to build a bat house of your own. If you do, please sent me a picture for publication in an upcoming newsletter.





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## Other Community Events & Information



**American  
Red Cross**

### BLOOD DRIVES

**Tuesday, June 21, 2022 from 12:00 pm to 5:00 pm**

Marian Center, 17 West Shore Road, Bristol, NH



### Registration for the New Hampshire Marathon is now Open

Register for any of the races now at [nhmarathon.com](http://nhmarathon.com).

Not a runner? You can register to volunteer at the race website listed above or email [race@nhmarathon.com](mailto:race@nhmarathon.com) for information on becoming a sponsor.

## 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

### Fire Department

PHONE: (603) 530-2229  
FAX: (603) 744-3165  
Emergency: 911  
[fire@alexandrianh.com](mailto:fire@alexandrianh.com)

### 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, and Thursday from 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

## 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.\**

Tuesday, June 7, 2022:	Selectmen's Meeting at 6:00 pm
Wednesday, June 15, 2022:	Planning Board Meeting at 6:00 pm
Tuesday, June 21, 2022:	Selectmen's Meeting at 6:00 pm
Wednesday, June 29, 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*

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

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