



## ALEXANDRIA TODAY JULY 2022 EDITION

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### Alexandria Conservation Commission

Hiking is a favorite activity any time of the year, and here in New Hampshire each season offers a unique experience. Mid-year seems like a good time to review a few commonsense etiquette practices for hiking that make the activity more enjoyable for all.

#### Be Respectful of the Land and Other Hikers:

*Hike quietly*, speak in low voices and turn your cell phone down, if not off. Enjoy the sounds of nature and let others do the same. *If taking a break*, move off the trail to allow others to pass by unobstructed – be careful not to disturb trailside wildlife. *Don't toss your trash* – not even biodegradable items such as banana peels or orange skins. It is not good for animals to eat non-native foods and who wants to look at your old banana peel while it ever-so-slowly decomposes? If you packed it in, pack it back out. *Hikers* going downhill yield to those hiking uphill. *Pets* on a hike, should be kept on a leash and under control. Don't forget to pack out pet waste as well. *Don't feed the wildlife* - while many animals stay hidden, others are not so shy. Giving these creatures food only disrupts their natural foraging habits and in extreme cases lead to their death. *Leave what you find* - the only souvenirs a hiker should come home with are photographs and happy memories. *Relieving yourself outdoors*, be sure to do so well away from the trail and any water sources. *Walk through the mud* or puddle and not around it unless you can do so without going off the trail. Widening a trail by going around puddles, etc. is bad for trail sustainability. Just because it looks easy to cut the corner off of a switchback doesn't mean it is a good idea (switchbacks are often designed to check erosion and keep the trails from washing out). Help preserve the trail by staying on the trail. *If hiking in a group*, don't take up the whole width of the trail; allow others to pass.

These are all nothing more than common sense reminders, but novices and even experienced hiker sometimes forget. Let's all do our part to help keep New Hampshire beautiful and a place to which visitors will want to return.

Source: AmericanHikers.org



### Alexandria Waste Management Committee



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

### \$ Money in our Pockets \$

Last month's savings numbers were incorrect and unfortunately significantly over-stated our saving. I mistakenly picked up the aggregate amount instead of the monthly amount. Our year-to-date savings through May is \$5517 which includes cardboard and a quarterly adjustment for glass. Projecting that number forward, optimistically, we can adjust our goal to a savings of \$12,000 for the year – up 20% 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 June. 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, as reported last month, 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 town is considering appointing (hiring) a General

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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. This is still in the “talking stages” with local contractors but has been agreed to conceptionally by the committee.

At the request of a resident, an update of the progress being made was an agenda item at the 6/7/22 BOS mtg. at which point George provided an update and answered questions/concerns residents had. There was some frustration expressed due to the apparent lack of progress being made; however, it was explained that much of the preliminary work needing to be done is detailed and time consuming and not readily apparent to those not directly involved. 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. For details on the discussion at the BOS mtg. of 6/7, please refer to the minutes of that mtg. 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 a 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.

There is not much new happening at the transfer station these days. Activity has picked up some with summer residents and renters, which keeps our staff busy. Speaking of staff, many of you have noticed that Keith is no longer at the transfer station. Keith has chosen to pursue other opportunities. We thank him for his service to the town and wish him success in his new position. Summer 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.

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/serviceshwh.asp](https://lakesrpe.org/serviceshwh.asp).

### Every Individual Can Contribute



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.

### 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).



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### 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.



**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)

#### 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.

### Other Community Events & Information



#### BLOOD DRIVES

**Tuesday, July 13, 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.

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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

### 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  
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## 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, July 5, 2022:	Selectmen's Meeting at 6:00 pm
Tuesday, July 19, 2022:	Selectmen's Meeting at 6:00 pm
Wednesday, July 20, 2022:	Planning Board Meeting at 6:00 pm
Wednesday, July 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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