



# ALEXANDRIA TODAY AUGUST 2022 EDITION

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## Alexandria Conservation Commission

Some of you may already be familiar with the NestWatch program, especially if you are members of the New Hampshire Audubon Society. New Hampshire Audubon headquartered in Concord offers a wide variety of programs to protect species like Bald Eagles and Peregrine Falcons, educate youth and adults about conservation, manage 7,500 acres of sanctuary habitat, lead hikes, and go birding. Founded in 1914, NH Audubon is separate and independent from National Audubon. The NH Audubon society is the 2nd group in New Hampshire to join the NestWatch program. Massabesic Center volunteers in Auburn have been collecting and submitting data for the Audubon Society's Bluebird Monitoring Project for over 20 years, so it was only natural that they take the extra step to become an incorporated chapter of NestWatch.

A project from the Cornell Lab of Ornithology, NestWatch is a nationwide community science program designed to track status and trends in the reproductive biology of birds across the United States, including when nesting occurs, number of eggs laid, how many eggs hatch, and how many hatchlings survive. Data statistics are submitted online to NestWatch to help them better understand nesting behavior and threats to birds.

NestWatch is one more phenology tool helping us understand changes in the timing of natural events – in this case, the timing of bird nesting biology. NestWatch data shows, for example, that Tree Swallows now begin nesting about 10 days earlier than they did 50 years ago. This trend corresponds with an increase in average springtime temperature. Simply put, without the help of NestWatch volunteers, it would be impossible to gather enough information to accurately detect these kinds of changes at large geographic scales.

You can learn more about the NestWatch program and how you can become involved by clicking on this link: <https://nestwatch.org>. The next NestWatch training will take place at the Massabesic Center in April 2023. Look for that information in an eNews issue next spring or contact the Massabesic Center.

Source: Audubon ENews 7/25/2022 article by Kimmie Whiteman



## Alexandria Waste Management Committee



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

**Trivia Quiz Question for the Month: Who was the first individual to recycle old tires successfully? (answer at end of newsletter)**

### **\$ Money in our Pockets \$**

Our year-to-date savings through June is \$6625. This includes June monthly totals of \$198 for aluminum cans, \$564 in light metal/tin, and \$350 estimated for cardboard. Projecting that number forward, optimistically, we have adjusted our goal to a savings for the year to \$12,000– up 20% from previous projection. Keep up the good work.

Some of you may have noticed a couple of new pieces of equipment at the transfer station, namely a pickup truck and a dump trailer for the cardboard – both pre-owned (the previous trailer was on loan from Bristol). This equipment was paid for 100% by the saving generated from your recycling efforts. As we continue to expand our program, we hope to be able to finance other transfer stations needs through money generated by your recycling efforts, not tax dollars. 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 July. As has been the case for the past couple of months, the paperwork is slowly making its way through the DES and hopefully the applications for the needed permits will be approved soon. As I've explained in previous updates, formal RFP cannot be requested until the applications have been approved and permits issued; however, members of the TSSC continue to work with local contractors and suppliers for ideas and recommendations. A reminder: the plans submitted with the applications are those developed in July 2021 and 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 closing the current facility and relocating it to the new location. We will continue to provide the services we are currently providing. Expansion will be a part of the Phase 2 and Phase 3 development as the town and our needs change. The town is considering appointing (hiring) a General Contractor to oversee the entire project. In so doing, this will provide hands on, detailed management and ensure

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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.

Although there is still some preliminary work to be completed, the TSSC remains 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 highway Dept. has begun to tear down the structure near the Case Mill Rd. proposed entrance. 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** Please remember to display your transfer station sticker 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.

Activity has picked up some with summer residents and renters, which keeps our staff busy. 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 roll-off bins. Thank you. A reminder: we are recycling all plastic bags. There are containers provided for the bags next to the roll-offs provided for glass and plastics. Please use these containers to recycle your plastic bags.

Ken recently received a call from the Lions Club in Canaan requesting that we advise them if we receive any medical aid type of equipment in good working order. This would include wheelchairs, walkers, crutches, and the like. The Lions Club will pick-up the items at the transfer station and be sure that they go to a needing individual.

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 regulations are, for the most part, controlled by the state not the towns and transfer stations and landfills are merely complying with the 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](http://lakesrpe.org/serviceshww.asp).**

As reported last month, Keith is no longer at the transfer station and has not yet been replaced. Mike Provost has been helping out whenever possible and his help is greatly appreciated; however, his time is limited, and we are continuing to look for a replacement for Keith.

### Every Individual Can Contribute Recycling Technology

Recycling Technology Company located in the UK has developed a process that can change the UK story of plastic by turning waste into a valuable feedstock for new plastic production, bridging the gap between the waste and petrochemical sectors to close the plastics value chain loop. The widespread adoption of their technology could help to stop plastic waste from entering the environment. In doing so they will help to mitigate climate change, retain valuable resources within the economy, and displace the use of unrenewable fossil resources while enhancing the existing recycling systems. They have collaborated with leading brands and retailers, many of which are signatories of the UK Plastic Pact, to help them achieve a more circular supply chain for plastics with the goal of achieving 70% genuine plastics recycling and an average of 30% recycled content in packaging by 2025.



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: In the 1960s, a German named Berleburger Schaumstoffwerke improved on the process for recycling rubber grinding the rubber into smaller pieces. Schaumstoffwerke used the recycled rubber to manufacture materials used in athletic complexes, such as running tracks and floors in gymnasiums. He also manufactured floor tiles to be used in children's playgrounds. Unfortunately, tires contain more than natural rubber and subsequent concerns have been raised about its use in exposed areas.

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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).

**REMINDER:** Please be courteous to staff at the park. The State of NH is kind enough to allow the Town of Alexandria to purchase a special use permit to allow us to sell passes to residents for use during the summer. This special use permit does not provide any priority to pass holders for park entry.

### 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.



## Fire Department

### 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)



CodeRED is the FREE community notification system available to Alexandria residents that will send you alerts concerning time-sensitive and/or emergency information that may impact your area via phone calls, text

messages, emails, and social media. AVFD encourages you to actively participate in emergency preparedness by remaining informed.

**Uses** The CodeRED® system will be used to send critical communications, from evacuation notices to missing child alerts.

**Caller ID** When you see the following displayed, you will know the call is from us. If you would like to hear the last message delivered to your phone, simply dial the number back.

- Emergency Notifications 1-866-419-5000 or Emergency Comm
- General Notifications 1-855-969-4636 or General Comm

**Privacy** Your contact information remains private and will only be used for community notifications.

**Join Our Database** To make sure you receive notifications, please register at <http://www.alexandrianh.com> or visit [facebook.com/AlexandriaFireDepartment@AlexandriaFD01](https://facebook.com/AlexandriaFireDepartment@AlexandriaFD01) and click the sign-up button.

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## Other Community Events & Information



### BLOOD DRIVES

**Tuesday, August 16, 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  
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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, August 2, 2022: Selectmen's Meeting at 6:00 pm  
Selectmen's Office Closed August 8 thru August 11, 2022  
Tuesday, August 9, 2022: Budget Committee Meeting at 6:00 pm  
Tuesday, August 16, 2022: Selectmen's Meeting at 6:00 pm  
Wednesday, August 17, 2022: Planning Board Meeting at 6:00 pm  
Tuesday, August 30, 2022: Selectmen's Meeting at 6:00 pm  
Wednesday, August 31, 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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