



## ALEXANDRIA TODAY NOVEMBER 2022 EDITION

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### Town Clerk/Tax Collector's Office



### NH STATE GENERAL ELECTION

**Tuesday, November 8, 2022**

The New Hampshire State General Election will be held at Alexandria Town Hall, 45 Washburn Road, Alexandria, NH. The polls will be open from 8:00 am to 7:00 pm.

Town Offices will be closed on Tuesday, November 8, 2022 for the State General Election

**Absentee Ballot** request is available on the town's website at <http://alexandrianh.com/departments/town-clerk-tax-collector/>, in the Town Clerk's office, or by calling the Town Clerk's office at 603-744-3288.



### Alexandria Conservation Commission

**Happy Birthday!** 18 October marks the 50th birthday of the signing of the Clean Water Act in 1972. While the national discourse is focused on issues that divide us as a country, clean water is one of the values that should unite us. No matter who you are or where you are from, we all need clean, safe water for drinking, for growing the food we eat, and for nurturing a healthy environment. Just like the veins and arteries in our bodies, rivers and streams are the circulatory system of our country. Rivers truly are essential for all life.

A healthy river drives real opportunities for jobs and businesses. Rivers across our country looked a lot different 50 years ago, before the safeguards of the Clean Water Act were in place. The Clean Water Act, passing with bipartisan support, was a historic milestone establishing a fundamental right to clean water. It remains one of our nation's most vital safeguards for the health and safety of our communities and our environment. The federal safeguards provided by the Act, combined with local efforts stem polluted runoff, improve water management, and are or have been the major driving force behind numerous river's ongoing recovery. Over the years, local governments, the state, and Federal EPA have invested millions to upgrade failing wastewater facilities, reduce polluted runoff, and protect critical areas of watersheds country wide.

Climate change is already increasing the frequency and intensity of both floods and droughts, and freshwater animals are going extinct at twice the rate of ocean or land-based animals. Today, the Supreme Court is considering a case that has the potential to remove Clean Water Act protections for over half our wetlands and streams, putting the drinking water for one in three Americans at risk. Any weakening of national clean water safeguards would be a disaster, and a finding against the EPA in this case could throw out 50 years of clean water protections that our rivers, communities and our families rely on.

Most states have several local organizations who work with the Federal government and the EPA to enforce the Clean Water ACT. New Hampshire has 5 major watersheds: Androscoggin River and watershed, Connecticut River and watershed, Saco River and watershed, Piscataqua River and watershed, and the Merrimack River and watershed. Within each of these major watersheds, there are numerous sub-watersheds associated with individual smaller streams and wetlands. Alexandria lies within the Merrimack River watershed and more definitively, the Newfound sub-watershed. For information on organizations supporting the preservation of the Newfound Watershed, contact their website.

Source:

<https://wildlife.state.nh.us/pubs/documents/wt-watersheds.pdf>

<https://www.americanrivers.org/2022/10/supreme-court-case-puts-your-clean-water-at-risk/>

[https://www.americanrivers.org/2022/10/a-blueprint-for-clean-water-everywhere-for-everyone/?gclid=EAlaIqObChMImYr4rJnv-glVg8mUCR1WsAHcEAAyAIAAEgL54\\_D\\_BwE](https://www.americanrivers.org/2022/10/a-blueprint-for-clean-water-everywhere-for-everyone/?gclid=EAlaIqObChMImYr4rJnv-glVg8mUCR1WsAHcEAAyAIAAEgL54_D_BwE)

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### Highway Department



With winter fast approaching, we thought it might be beneficial to remind residents about our current winter sand availability policy and ordinance regarding plowing snow across road.

#### Policy Regarding Availability of Sand:

- Sand is available behind the Municipal Building (47 Washburn Road).
- Residents of the Town of Alexandria are allowed to fill up five 5-gallon buckets with sand for use on their property.
- The filling of pick-ups or other trucks and use by contractors is prohibited.
- Removal of sand by residents at the Highway Garage on Mundy Road is prohibited.
- The fine for a violation of this policy is \$100 per incident.

#### Snow Plowing Ordinance: Plowing of Snow into Roadways

To promote the safe and orderly passage of the motoring public on the Town's roads, free from obstructions and obstacles created by the removal or depositing of snow, the Town of Alexandria hereby adopted the following ordinance on February 5, 2019. No person shall by himself or by his agent or agents throw, push or put any snow or ice into or across any and all Town roads, including Class V and Class VI, or to deposit snow within the traveled portions of Town roads. Across any and all Town roads shall mean pushing snow from one side of the road to the other where snow would be deposited within the right-of-way of any road. Traveled portion shall mean any part of the roadway in which vehicles would travel or within the shoulders of said roadway.

Any person who violates the provisions of the Snow Plowing Ordinance shall:

- Receive written warning for first offense
- Subsequent offenses shall be subject to a fine of \$25 for each occurrence



Alexandria Waste Management Committee



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

Trivia Quiz Question for the Month: When was the first formal Waste Management program started (answer at end of newsletter)

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

Our year-to-date savings through September is \$9389. This includes September monthly totals of \$334 in tin/light metal and \$350 estimated for cardboard. There was no adjustment for glass reported, and nothing for September for aluminum; however, there were two deposits for aluminum credited in early October totaling \$1375, and we should also receive a glass credit next month for approximately \$800, which will be reported in next month's report. Keep up the good work.



#### What's New at the Transfer Station

This is pretty much a repeat of last month's update. There were no TSSC meetings during the month of October, as has been the case for the past several months. The *Alteration of Terrain* application is still slowly making its way through the DES and hopefully the application for the needed permit will be approved soon. The *Shoreland* permit has been received. Submission of the *Permit by Notification* for the transfer station has not yet been submitted; however, that application (notification) does not require approval, so that shouldn't pose any problems. The TSSC continues to work with local contractors and suppliers for ideas and recommendations and is continuing to work to formally hire a General Contractor to coordinate the various aspects of relocating the transfer station. These GC's activities include coordinating RFPs from local contractors as well as pricing for needed buildings and equipment.

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 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.

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

As many of you may know Ken Hall has decided to retire full time and enjoy all of the pleasures retirement brings.

Ken has served Alexandria in various capacities, including Selectman, for many years and has contributed significantly to the growth and wellbeing of the town. It's been a pleasure having Ken on the Waste Management Committee these past years, and all of us on the committee thank him, and wish him the best in his retirement – enjoy yourself Ken, you deserve it.

Things continue quiet at the transfer station as the fall season is here and the staff prepares for the upcoming winter, which presents its own unique challenges. The staff has done a great job cleaning up and organizing the facility to make it as easy as possible for our residents during the winter months. Let them know you appreciate their efforts by adhering to the rules and using the correct disposal areas. Please remember there is a formal operating plan governing our permit to the operate our facility. 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. Our Operation Plan can be viewed on the town website under the Transfer Station Department.



**Every Individual Can Contribute**

As I've said many times recycling is a segment of overall conservation. If you recycle you are saving natural resources, be it a tree, non-renewable resources, or the environment. Hershey is a prime example.

Hershey has taken several steps toward improving their environmental impact. They have pledged to reduce their greenhouse gas emissions by 50% before the year 2025, on top of the 23% reduction they had already made based on their 2009 baseline. In addition, they are taking steps to ensure 100% of the palm oil they purchase is deforestation-free. They are also working to reduce the emissions of their corporate fleet by changing out as many vehicles as possible for electric vehicles.

On top of these efforts, Hershey is pledging to reach zero-waste-to-landfill status at all Hershey facilities, reduce packaging material by 25 million pounds, up the company-wide recycling rate to 95%, and reduce absolute water use by 95%, all by the year 2025. Hershey has set an ambitious goal for itself and set the bar pretty high for others. Let's hope others see this as a challenge and rise to the occasion.



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: The first formal Waste Management Program was reportedly started in 500 BC in Athens. It was mandated that all waste had to be disposed of at least 1 mile away from the city. Thus, the first municipal landfills were established in the Western World. Although not validated, anytime waste is disposed of in quantity, pickers are bound to follow and retrieve anything they can use (recycling).

## Budget Committee

### BUDGET COMMITTEE MEETING NOTICE

Below is the schedule for Budget Committee meetings with Department Heads for preparation of the 2022 budget. All meetings will take place at the Town Hall, 45 Washburn Road. The Selectmen will also be in attendance at the meetings. These are public meetings; residents and taxpayers are encouraged to attend.

Tuesday, November 22, 2022 at 6:00 pm	Transfer Station Cemeteries Supervisors of the Checklist Trustees of Trust Funds Conservation Commission
Tuesday, November 29, 2022 at 6:30 pm	Town Clerk/Tax Collector Health Department Review other budget lines
Tuesday, December 13, 2022 at 6:00 pm	Finalized proposed 2023 budget

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### 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)

### Other Community Events & Information



#### BLOOD DRIVES

**Tuesday, November 15, 2022 from 12:00 pm to 5:00 pm**

Marian Center, 17 West Shore Road, Bristol, NH

**Tuesday, December 27, 2022 from 12:00 pm to 5:00 pm**

Marian Center, 17 West Shore Road, Bristol, NH



**41<sup>st</sup> Annual Turkey Trot to Benefit Newfound Children and Families in Need  
November 24, 2022 9 am Start Time at the Newfound Country Store, 408 Mayhew Turnpike, Bridgewater, NH**

A community partnership driven by the Newfound Country Store and Tapply Thompson Community Center.

Pre-register online now or in person at Newfound Country Store. Registration is also available the morning of the trot beginning at 8 am.

Questions? Donations? Want to sponsor? Email: [holly@nfcountrystore.com](mailto:holly@nfcountrystore.com) Online: [www.facebook.com/newfoundcountrystore](http://www.facebook.com/newfoundcountrystore)

#### ALEXANDRIA'S HAYNES LIBRARY

Are you interested in attending a meeting to discuss the future of Alexandria's Haynes Library? An information session is being held to discuss the future of the library and establish volunteers to serve as library trustees.

**Wednesday, December 7, 2022 at 7:00 pm at  
Alexandria Municipal Building, 47 Washburn Rd**



#### VETERANS' MEMORIAL COMMITTEE

A group of residents is looking at forming a committee to explore designing and funding the construction of a Veterans' Memorial in Alexandria. If you are interested in becoming part of the committee, please contact the Selectmen's Office at [info@alexandrianh.com](mailto:info@alexandrianh.com).



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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  
Alexandria, NH 03222

### UPCOMING MEETINGS/SCHEDULE:

*\*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, November 1, 2022: Selectmen's Meeting at 6:00 pm  
Tuesday, November 8, 2022: Town Offices Closed during NH State General Election  
NH State General Election held at Town Hall, 45 Washburn Road with polls open from 8:00 am to 7:00 p m  
Tuesday, November 15, 2022: Selectmen's Meeting at 6:00 pm  
Wednesday, November 16, 2022: Planning Board Meeting at 6:00 pm  
Tuesday, November 22, 2022: Budget Committee Meeting at 6:00 pm at Town Hall, 45 Washburn Road  
Thursday, November 24, 2022: Town Office Closed in Observance of Thanksgiving Day  
Tuesday, November 29, 2022: Selectmen's Meeting at 6:00 pm  
Budget Committee Meeting at 6:30 pm  
Wednesday, November 30, 2022: Conservation Commission Meeting at 6:30 pm at Alexandria Village School

*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 Breezeline Channel 24 on Mondays at 8pm, Wednesdays at 9 am, and Saturdays at 3 pm*

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