



## ALEXANDRIA TODAY JANUARY 2024 EDITION

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### Selectmen's Office

**REMINDER: Tuesday, January 9, 2024 is the last day for voters to petition selectmen to include an article in the town meeting warrant**, provided that if a petitioned article proposed a bond governed by RSA 33:8-a, the deadline is the preceding Friday, January 5, 2024. [RSA 39:3; 40:13, II-a(b)]. The petition must have a minimum of 25 signatures from residents that are registered voters in Alexandria.

#### **PUBLIC HEARING ON THE PROPOSED 2024 BUDGET**

When: Tuesday, January 9, 2024 at 6:00 pm

Where: Municipal Building, 47 Washburn Road, Alexandria, NH

#### **FIRST DELIBERATIVE SESSION**

When: Saturday, February 10, 2024 at 10:00 am

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

#### **TOWN VOTING DAY (SECOND DELIBERATIVE SESSION)**

When: Tuesday, March 12, 2024 polls open 11:00 am to 7:00 pm

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

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. The Town Warrant and Budget will be posted online and available at the Municipal Building by January 29, 2024.

#### **Filing for Town Offices will begin Wednesday, January 24, 2024 through Friday, February 2, 2024**

(Town Clerk's Office will be open from 3:00 pm to 5:00 pm on Friday, February 2, 2024)

<b>Selectmen</b>	<i>3 year term</i>	One (1) position	<b>Planning Board</b>	<i>3 year term</i>	Two (2) positions
<b>Road Agent</b>	<i>3 year term</i>	One (1) position	<b>Planning Board</b>	<i>2 year term</i>	One (1) position
<b>Budget Committee</b>	<i>3 year term</i>	Two (2) positions	<b>Planning Board</b>	<i>1 year term</i>	One (1) position
<b>Town Clerk/Tax Collector</b>	<i>3 year term</i>	One (1) position	<b>Trustee of Trust Funds</b>	<i>3 year term</i>	One (1) position
<b>Town Moderator</b>	<i>2 year term</i>	One (1) position	<b>Trustee of the Cemeteries</b>	<i>3 year term</i>	One (1) position
			<b>Supervisor of the Checklist</b>	<i>6 year term</i>	One (1) position

**Abatements:** If you receive your tax bill and disagree with the value of your property that is being taxed, you can file for an abatement. An abatement is a request to refund some of the taxes paid on a property. Abatement requests generally fall into two broad categories: physical description errors and valuation opinion differences. To receive a copy of your assessment record card that shows what is listed for the physical description of the property and property value, please contact the Selectmen's Office at [info@alexandrianh.com](mailto:info@alexandrianh.com) or 603-744-3220. Property assessment information is also available on our website at [alexandrianh.com](http://alexandrianh.com). Abatements can be submitted after you receive your second issue tax bill but must be received in the Selectmen's Office by March 1<sup>st</sup>.

If you are elderly, disabled, blind, a veteran or veteran's spouse, you may be eligible for a tax exemption or credit. For details and application information, please contact the Selectmen's Office or visit our website at [alexandrianh.com](http://alexandrianh.com). You must apply on or before April 15<sup>th</sup>. For the elderly and disabled exemptions, there are income and asset limits that you cannot exceed. In order to qualify for any of the exemptions or credits, the property must be your primary residence.

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### Supervisors of the Checklist

The Supervisors of the Checklist will be in session at the Alexandria Town Hall, Wednesday, January 10, 2024, from 11:00 to 11:30 a.m. for additions and corrections to the checklist. This is in preparation for the New Hampshire Presidential Primary. Registrations will also be accepted at the office of the Town Clerk during regular office hours. No party changes will be accepted until after the primary. Presidential Primary voting will take place at the Old Town Hall, 45 Washburn Road on January 23, 2024. The voting hours are from 8:00am - 7:00pm. Please be sure to have a picture ID with you at the time.

### Town Clerk/Tax Collector's Office

#### Presidential Primary to be held on January 23, 2024

To request an Absentee Ballot for the Presidential Primary, please stop by the Clerk's Office and pick-up an application. Absentee Ballot applications are also available on our website at [alexandrianh.com](http://alexandrianh.com). The last day to request an Absentee Ballot will be January 22, 2024. Absentee Ballots must be returned to the Clerk's Office (in person or via mail) no later than January 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2024 or via mail by 5:00 P. M. on January 23, 2024. If you are not registered to vote and wish to vote in the Presidential Primary, please stop by the Clerk's Office to fill out a Voter Registration Card by January 10, 2024. No party affiliation changes can be made until after the Presidential Primary is held.

**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.

### Highway Department



Winter has arrived and 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

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### Police Department



The Alexandria PD would like to welcome Josh Reynolds to the ranks. After dedicating eight years of his career to serving at the Merrimack County House of Corrections, we are delighted to welcome Josh Reynolds to the Alexandria Police Department. Reynolds' extensive experience in the corrections system has equipped him with valuable skills and insights that will undoubtedly contribute to his success as a police officer. Reynolds' transition from the corrections field to law enforcement is a positive development, highlighting the unique perspectives and abilities he brings to the Alexandria PD.

Josh Reynolds' transition from the Merrimack County House of Corrections to the Alexandria Police Department is a significant step that will benefit both Reynolds and the community he serves. His eight-year career in corrections has provided him with valuable experience and insights that will enhance his effectiveness as a police officer.

Josh will attend the 195<sup>th</sup> police academy which will graduate at the end of April.

### Fire Department

#### Alexandria Community: Disaster Volunteerism

#### Do you want to be able to help in the event of a local large-scale disaster or incident?

This year we have started working on an initiative to create a roster of community members of whom we can call on in the event of a large-scale incident or disaster. This would include any Alexandria residents who are willing to donate their time, medical assistance and/or resources, such as tools and/or heavy equipment, before, during, and after, a large-scale incident. Community Volunteer members can help by performing basic response activities, including checking in on their neighbors following an incident to make sure they are okay, assisting with search and rescue operations, and helping out with the emergency shelter, thus allowing professional responders to focus on more complex tasks. Community volunteers can also help by organizing, promoting, and participating in emergency preparedness events, activities, and projects. We all have a role to play in keeping our community safe. What role will you play? **If interested in being added to this roster, sign up forms are available at the Town Hall.**

**CodeRED™** 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://alexandrianh.com> and click the sign-up button on the Fire Department page.

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#### REFLECTIVE ADDRESS MARKERS

If we can't find you  
We can't help you.

This program is being done by the  
Alexandria Volunteer Firefighters  
Association.

- \* Highly Visible Day or Night
- \* Reflective Material on Both Sides
- \* Fade Resistant, Lasts for Years
- \* Pre-drilled Holes

Order your reflective address marker today. It may help save you or someone you love.

Pick up order form in the Selectmen's Office or email [fire@alexandrianh.com](mailto:fire@alexandrianh.com) with your name, street address, contact number, and whether you want the sign to be horizontal or vertical.

Signs are free, but if you would like to make a donation you can send it to:  
Alexandria Volunteer Firefighters Association, PO Box 282, Bristol, NH 03222.

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### 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)

**Do I need a permit to burn when the ground is covered with snow?** Every person who kindles a fire or burns material shall obtain a written fire permit **EXCEPT** when the ground is covered with snow. Covered with snow means that the area within a 100' radius from the fire edge is covered with or other frozen precipitation sufficient to prevent the combustion of woodland fuels until the fire is completely extinguished.

### ALEXANDRIA FIRE DEPARTMENT

PHONE: (603) 530-2229

FAX: (603) 744-3165

Emergency: 911

[fire@alexandrianh.com](mailto:fire@alexandrianh.com)

### Other Community Events & Information



**American  
Red Cross**

#### BLOOD DRIVES

**Tuesday, January 16, 2024 from 12:00 pm to 5:00 pm**

Marian Center, 17 West Shore Road, Bristol, NH



**Newfound Lake  
Region  
Association**

#### Nature Station: Out in the Ice & Snow

January 16, 1 to 3 pm and 20, 10 am to 12 pm

Grey Rocks Conservation Area, 178 N Shore Rd, Hebron, NH

It's a frozen world out there! How does the world change for us and local wildlife in the winter? Join NLRA educators for a look at Newfound in a deep freeze. We'll explore the properties of ice, investigate life under snow, and make a craft to take home! Nature Station is a drop-in program with activities designed for kids of all ages. This program is free and open to all.



Thanks to the hard work and organization of volunteers, a tree lighting was held in the gazebo! Refreshments were served in the town hall and Santa and Mrs. Claus attended as well, with their favorite elf.

A special thank you to Nikki & Stephen Wooster-Goodwin for organizing the event, Mrs. and Mrs. Claus and their favorite elf for visiting, the Hunttons for donating the giant tree in the gazebo, volunteers that helped set up and all those that came out to enjoy the evening despite the weather.



#### Haynes Library Update

Congratulations to Alexandria! The Haynes Library has been added to the state historic registry.

Volunteers have completed the painting of the inside of the library. It's looks great! We're getting closer.



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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 6 pm  
Saturday: 8 am to 4 pm  
*\*Please 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.*

Monday, January 1, 2024:	Town Offices & Transfer Station Closed for New Year's Day
Tuesday, January 2, 2024:	Selectmen's Meeting at 6:00 pm
Tuesday, January 9, 2024:	Public Hearing on Proposed 2024 Budget at 6:00 pm at Town Hall, 45 Washburn Road Budget Committee will be meeting at 5:30 before the hearing
Monday, January 15, 2024:	Town Offices & Transfer Station Closed for Martin Luther King Jr. Day
Monday, January 15 thru Friday, January 19, 2024:	Selectmen's Office Closed
Wednesday, January 17, 2024:	Planning Board Meeting at 6:00 pm
Tuesday, January 23, 2024:	Presidential Primary at Town Hall, 45 Washburn Road. Polls open 8 am to 7 pm
Wednesday, January 31, 2024:	Conservation Commission Meeting at 6:00 pm at Alexandria Village School, 44 Mount Cardigan Road

*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*