



ALEXANDRIA TODAY FEBRUARY 2024 EDITION

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Selectmen's Office

FIRST DELIBERATIVE SESSION

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

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

TOWN VOTING DAY (SECOND 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 is available online at alexandrianh.com under "News & Notices" and in the municipal building.

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 or 603-744-3220. Property assessment information is also available on our website at 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 1st.

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. You must apply on or before April 15th. 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.

Planning Board

The Alexandria Planning Board is preparing to update the Town's Master Plan. The Alexandria Master Plan was last updated in October 2014. In order to be responsive to current conditions, the State highly advised that the Master Plan is updated within 5-10 years.

A critical element to updating the Master Plan is obtaining the vision of the residents and property owners in Alexandria. Each member of your household over 18 years of age is invited to participate.

There are no "right" or "wrong" answers to the questions on the survey. Your answers to the questions are very important and will help the Planning Board construct a Master Plan representative of the views of the Town. Responses to the survey are anonymous.

Please complete only one survey per person and return the completed survey by MARCH 31, 2024 to the Town Hall. You may also scan and email your completed survey to: AlexandriaPlanningBoard@gmail.com.

Thank you!

Alexandria Planning Board



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Town Clerk/Tax Collector's Office

DOG LICENSES



All Dog Licenses expire on April 30.

2024 Dog Licenses are NOW AVAILABLE.

Dog Fees are as follows:

Every owner or keeper of a dog 4 months old or older shall register the dog annually with the town clerk. At the time of registration, the owner will receive a metal tag with the following information - name of the town, year of the issue of the license and its registered number. This tag is to be affixed to the dog's collar. Regardless of when the license is obtained, it shall be effective from May 1 of each year to April 30 of the subsequent year. To prevent the initiation of a late penalty of \$1.00 per month, please renew your dog license by April 30th. If you wish to license your dog by mail, visit our website to download the form on the Town Clerk/Tax Collector's page at alexandrianh.com.

Puppy (Up to Seven Months)	\$6.50
Spayed or neutered	\$6.50
Unaltered Male/Female	\$9.00
Senior(Dog owned by Senior Citizen, 1 st dog only)	\$2.00
Group (5 dog minimum)	\$20.00

Vaccination Required - Before a license is issued the owner or keeper of the dog, must furnish verification that the dog has been vaccinated against rabies. If a valid rabies certificate is on file with the clerk, the owner shall not be required to produce such verification at the time of license.

The Alexandria Fire Department will be hosting a rabies clinic in April. We will post the date as soon as it is available.

Payments for tax bills can be made online via electronic check or credit card by visiting our website at 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.

Alexandria Conservation Commission



ALEXANDRIA TURTLE PRESERVE – WHAT'S IT ALL ABOUT?

Please join the Alexandria Conservation Commission February 15th at 7 pm in the Conference Room at the Municipal Building (47 Washburn Rd)

The Alexandria Conservation Commission is organizing a presentation and discussion of important conservation issues related to turtle habitats in the Alexandria Bog, and the purpose of the Alexandria Turtle Preserve. We will address the perplexing issues which arise when animal habitats and human activity require land use changes. Activities for identifying, recording, and enhancing turtle habitats (created by Fish and Game, Extension Service, and others) will be available.

**TOWN OF ALEXANDRIA
TURTLE
PRESERVATION AREA**
ACCESS ALLOWED NOV 1ST - APR. 30TH
**NO DOGS OR WHEELED VEHICLES
PERMITTED IN AREA**



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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 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.

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. 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



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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

Other Community Events & Information



BLOOD DRIVES

Wednesday, February 21, 2024 from 12:00 pm to 5:00 pm

Marian Center, 17 West Shore Road, Bristol, NH

Thursday, March 7, 2024 from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm

Marian Center, 17 West Shore Road, Bristol, NH

Nature Station: Noticing Nature in Winter



February 13th 1 to 3 pm and February 17th 10 am to 12 pm

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

When you look outside in winter, you might think that all nature is taking a break, but there's a lot going on if you look around! Join NLRA educators as we take some time to notice nature in winter. You can explore the trails looking for animal tracks, evergreen plants, and how nature responds to winter, plus make a nature journal 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.

Newfound Lake Region Association

The State of the Lake



February 27, 6 to 7:30 pm

Minot Sleeper Library, 35 Pleasant Street, Bristol, NH

Conservation Program Manager Paul Pellissier and Executive Director Rebecca Hanson will discuss the NLRA's latest water quality data, the results of invasive aquatics monitoring, the watershed planning process, and more. Bring your questions and

concerns about watershed health! This program is free and open to all.



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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

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: 3rd 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
Phone: 603-744-3220
Mail: 47 Washburn Road
Alexandria, NH 03222

Upcoming Meetings/Schedule

Please check website for up-to-date meeting schedule. 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 with any questions or concerns you would like included in the public meeting.

Tuesday, February 6, 2024:	Selectmen's Meeting at 6:00 pm
Saturday, February 10, 2024:	First Session of Town Meeting (Deliberative Session) at 10:00 am at Town Hall, 45 Washburn Road
Monday, February 19, 2024:	Town Offices & Transfer Station Closed Presidents Day
Tuesday, February 20, 2024:	Selectmen's Meeting at 6:00 pm
Wednesday, February 21, 2024:	Planning Board Meeting at 6:00 pm
Wednesday, February 28, 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*