



ALEXANDRIA TODAY JANUARY 2025 EDITION

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REMINDER: Tuesday, January 14, 2025 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 2025 BUDGET

When: Tuesday, January 14, 2025 at 6:00 pm
Where: Municipal Building, 47 Washburn Road, Alexandria, NH

FIRST SESSION OF TOWN MEETING (DELIBERATIVE SESSION)

When: Saturday, February 8, 2025 at 10:00 am
Where: Town Hall, 45 Washburn Road, Alexandria, NH

TOWN VOTING DAY (SECOND SESSION OF TOWN MEETING)

When: Tuesday, March 11, 2025 polls open 11:00 am to 7:00 pm
Where: Town Hall, 45 Washburn Road, Alexandria, NH

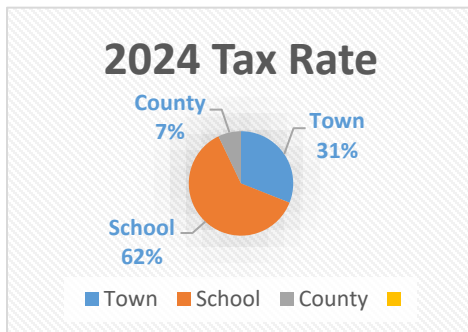
Alexandria adopted the Official Ballot Referenda (SB2) in 2010. Official Ballot Referenda is a form of town meeting that has two sessions. The first session (deliberative session) is for explanation, discussion, debate and amendments to the proposed operating budget and warrant articles (see NH RSA 40:13, 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 27, 2025.

Filing for Town Offices will begin Wednesday, January 22, 2025 through Friday, January 31, 2025

(Town Clerk's Office will be open from 3:00 pm to 5:00 pm on Friday, January 31, 2025)

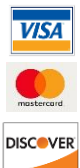
Selectmen	3 year term	One (1) position	Planning Board	3 year term	Two (2) positions
Town Treasurer	3 year term	One (1) position	Trustee of Trust Funds	3 year term	One (1) position
Budget Committee	3 year term	Two (2) positions	Trustee of the Cemeteries	3 year term	One (1) position

Tax Rate History



Year	Tax Rate	Town	School	State School	County	Net Assessed Valuation	Property Tax Commitment
2024	\$19.03	\$5.90	\$10.29	\$1.49	\$1.35	\$299,578,421	\$5,639,807
2023	\$18.65	\$5.99	\$9.90	\$1.46	\$1.30	\$298,228,820	\$5,539,204
2022	\$18.37	\$6.01	\$9.98	\$1.07	\$1.31	\$296,116,725	\$5,420,541
2021	\$18.82	\$5.71	\$10.29	\$1.44	\$1.38	\$288,719,358	\$5,415,107
2020	\$27.92	\$9.32	\$14.41	\$2.20	\$1.38	\$198,181,477	\$5,501,385

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.



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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.

The Town of Alexandria commences hazard mitigation planning. The Alexandria Emergency Management Director (EMD) will meet with June Garneau of Mapping and Planning Solutions to work on the required five-year update to the **Alexandria Hazard Mitigation Plan**. The Town and Mapping and Planning Solutions are conducting a series of hazard mitigation meetings over the next few months to develop the plan. During these public meetings, the Hazard Mitigation Planning Team (HMPT) will address natural, technological, and human-caused hazards such as Inland Flooding, Long-Term Utility Outages, and Transport Accidents; the Team will also determine "Action Items" to help mitigate the effects of these hazards. The Team will also review shelter sites and the need for generators at those sites. By examining critical infrastructure and key resources, along with past hazards, the Team will establish priorities for future mitigation projects and steps that can be taken to increase public awareness of hazards in general. As mandated by the Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000, all municipalities must complete a local hazard mitigation plan to qualify for Federal Emergency Management Administration (FEMA) funding should a natural disaster occur. FEMA grants make the planning processes possible. Alexandria citizens and any interested stakeholders are invited to participate. The public is encouraged to attend all meetings. To be included in the process, all interested parties should contact George Clayman, Fire Chief & EMD, by email at fire@alexandrianh.com; interested parties will be added to the Zoom meeting invitation list. Meetings are scheduled for August 14, September 18, October 16, November 13, December 11, 2024, and January 15, 2025. All meetings are scheduled for Wednesdays, 2:00 PM to 4:00 PM.

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

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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.nhdf.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

Other Community Events & Information



Tuesday, January 14, 2025 from 12:00 pm to 5:00 pm
Marian Center, 17 West Shore Road, Bristol, NH 03222

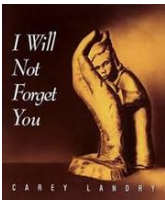
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DAY AWAY PROGRAM

The Day Away Program is a ministry of Holy Trinity Parish in Plymouth. A non-denominational /nonprofit program is held on Thursdays in Bristol at Our Lady of Grace Chapel in Simard Hall, 17 West Shore Road, from 9:00am to 3:00pm. It is a program for those individuals who have Alzheimer's Disease or related dementia. The program is designed to help them maintain their independence, encourage socialization, be mentally stimulated and remain active. Studies have shown that music therapy helps people with Alzheimer's Disease or dementia both cognitively and in movement. Therefore, every Thursday we have a visiting musician/singer at Day Away for a nice sing-along. Everyone participates and loves it !!!

Day Away offers a time of respite for the family and caregivers. It is a safe and comfortable environment, staffed by trained volunteers and a Registered Nurse. Participants make friends, enjoy crafts, lunch, games, light exercise, and, as mentioned, visits from the local musicians. A local poet, and a volunteer for Day Away Helen Duchene, once wrote "Our hearts a little warmer, a little kinder, a little stronger, after a day at 'Day Away'".

You may know someone who would benefit from our program. We encourage you to visit. We do need volunteers. Come to Day Away, tour, stay awhile. Day Away can be fun!

Contact information is: Sandra Coleman RN. BSN, (603)536-6304, sjrnett@roadrunner.com

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.

Wednesday, January 1, 2025: Town Offices Closed for New Year's Day
Tuesday, January 7, 2025: Selectmen's Meeting at 6:00 pm*
Tuesday, January 7, 2025: Budget Committee Meeting at 6:00 pm at 45 Washburn Road
Tuesday, January 14, 2025: Public Hearing on the Proposed 2025 Budget at 6:00 pm
Wednesday, January 15, 2025: Alexandria Hazard Mitigation Planning Team Meeting at 2 pm (Zoom meeting)
Monday, January 20, 2025: Town Offices/Transfer Station Closed for Martin Luther King Jr. Day
Tuesday, January 21, 2025: Selectmen's Meeting at 6:00 pm*
Wednesday, January 29, 2025: 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

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