



ALEXANDRIA TODAY NOVEMBER 2016 EDITION

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Town Clerk/Tax Collector



GENERAL ELECTION

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 2016

8:00 am to 7:00 pm at the Old Town Hall, 45 Washburn Road

Sample ballots will be available on our website or at the Municipal Building. The Town Clerk/Tax Collector's office will be closed on Tuesday, November 8th during the general election.

Requests for ABSENTEE BALLOTS

Absentee ballots are available from your town or city clerk approximately 30 days prior to an election. Request the absentee ballot application from the clerk; or, if you wish, you may submit a request in writing which should include all the information that is required on the application. Don't forget your name, home address, mailing address (If different than your home address) and your signature. An *application* for an absentee ballot may be transmitted by facsimile to a town or city clerk (Alexandria Town Clerk fax#603-744-8577). The last day to request an absentee ballot is November 7, 2016.

Return of ABSENTEE BALLOTS

Clerks may accept completed absentee ballots submitted in person by the voter until 5:00 p.m. the day before an election. A voter's absentee ballot may also be returned in person by the voter's parent, spouse, sibling or child to the town clerk before or on the day of election. The person returning the absentee ballot shall complete a form and provide proper ID before the clerk will accept the ballot. Also, absentee ballots will be accepted until 5:00 p.m. on election day if received through the mail and postmarked.

NEVER leave a completed absentee ballot in a box, on a desk, or slipped through the clerk's window or door.

A marked absentee ballot **may NOT** be transmitted by facsimile to a town or city clerk.



Recycling Committee 11/16



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

Money in our Pockets

September savings were \$426. This includes monies received from the redemption of scrap metal, aluminum cans and a quarterly adjustment for glass. This puts our total year to date savings for the year at \$1087. Our outlook for the remainder of 2017 continues unchanged, with the expectation of see some fluctuation from month to month depending on prices fetched for aluminum, copper, and scrap metal; we're not looking for any major changes before the end of the year. We are continuing to keep a close eye on the market for glass. As more uses for recycled glass are developed, the demand should increase, and the price paid by the vendors for glass should also increase accordingly. The recycling market is expected to remain volatile with fluctuating demand and unstable pricing. Until it works its way through the current cycle, we need to keep mindful of the important role each of us plays in protecting our environment and preserving our precious non-renewable resources. Your continued enthusiasm and support of your recycling program is greatly appreciated – recycling does have a positive impact and benefits all of us.

Everyone Does Make a Difference

As of July 18, Coca Cola of Northern New England officially stopped sending any trash at all to a landfill. Last year, the bottler's plant in Londonderry produced about eight dumpsters worth of trash, a drastic reduction from the five dumpsters per month that the facility would have been throwing away without its recycling programs. Thanks to the company's comprehensive recycling program and its commitment to preserve the environment, now, even those five dumpsters will go to a waste-to-energy plant in Haverhill, Mass. instead of to the landfill. Waste-to-energy facilities like the one in Haverhill are not without controversy, and New Hampshire has faced enduring debate about the environmental impacts of the waste-to-energy process. However, according to Michael Wimsatt, director of the NH Department of Environmental Services' Waste Management Division, critics are most often concerned about the facilities' emissions and the higher concentration of metals found in the ash that must be taken to a landfill after burning that trash. New technology being employed has resulted in a much 'cleaner' burning process, and Wimsatt says that landfills that house this ash material don't create large amounts of methane, a potent greenhouse gas, the same way a regular landfill does; and extra precautions like multiple liners are also put in place to prevent an ash-filled landfill from failing. Coca Cola's new contract with Casella Waste, combine with existing other

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waste-reduction and environmentally friendly company policies long used by the bottling plant, is the final step in creating a zero-landfill facility. Other policies practiced at the plant include attempting to recycle every possible material, sharing ideas with other businesses, installing full LED lighting and altering truck routes to make them more efficient. Ray Dube, sustainability manager for CCNNE said this focus on efficiency has been part of CCNNE's company culture for 40 years.

Thanks to Coca Cola Bottling Company of Northern New England for being a good neighbor and caring about the environment.

Source: taken in part from an article appearing in the September, 16, 2016 issue of *New Hampshire Business Review* and re-published in the September, 15, 2016 NRRR newsletter, *Full of Scrap*



Old plastic shopping bags have many uses, such as liners for wastebaskets, holding shoes when being packed in a suitcase, harvesting fruit and vegetables from the garden, etc.



Old Tennis rackets make interesting mirrors or picture frames for suitable subject matter.



No longer need that plastic hanging shoe bag? Hang it on a pantry door or door to the utility room or cellar and use it hold bagged food items, small canned items, small tools, extension cords, flashlight, batters, rolls of tape or a tap measure.



Save those cardboard egg cartons, they make great seedling starter pots; all you need is a sharp knife to cut out the individual containers, some potting soil, and seeds.

Tip of the Month

NHDES Steps up Enforcement of Open Burning Rules

To protect public health and the environment from the illegal burning of household trash and construction and demolition debris, NHDES is stepping up enforcement efforts and will issue fines to those burning illegally, in accordance with the NHDES Compliance Assurance Response Policy. NHDES will also continue to educate the public about the open burning rules and proper disposal methods for waste materials.

Controlling sources of air pollution is not just a responsibility delegated to industrial operations; it is also the responsibility of every citizen of New Hampshire. Current law prohibits the open burning of household trash and construction and demolition debris for homeowners and industrial operations. Violations of the ban are subject to a monetary fine. This ban was established by the New Hampshire Legislature in 2001 for household trash and in 2008 for construction and demolition debris. It reflects our evolving understanding of the adverse effects of uncontrolled burning of these materials on human health and the environment.

Comments and suggestions are welcome, and can be submitted via email to: steve.whitman@hotmail.com; with the author's permission, comments may be printed in subsequent issues.

Community Events



HAYNES LIBRARY

Open on Mondays from 1:30 pm to 4:30 pm and 7:00 pm to 8:00 pm
33 Washburn Road, Alexandria, NH 03222 (603) 744-6529

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Alexandria Historical Society

Open House: The Tucker House will be open on the 2nd Monday of every month between May and December from 3:00 to 6:00 pm.

The next Alexandria Historical Society meeting is December 6th at 7:00 pm
As always, the meetings are open to the public and refreshments will be served.

Newfound Area Nursing Association Service of Remembrance and Thanksgiving

Sunday, November 6, 2016
2 to 3 pm/ followed by a reception
Bristol United Church of Christ
15 Church Street, Bristol, NH

Families and friends are invited to share in this ecumenical celebration of love and remembrance for those who died under Hospice/Home care ~ and family members and loved ones from the community who have died.

*The program includes music, readings and a candle lighting.
Everyone in attendance will have the opportunity to light a candle for any loved ones they wish to remember.*

For more information please contact: Shirley Marcroft, Hospice Chaplain 744-2733

Hebron Historical Society

Veterans Day Program

**Friday, November 11th
at 10:45 am**

On Friday morning, November 11th at 10:45, the Hebron Historical Society will sponsor a 30-minute Veterans Day memorial ceremony on the Common in Hebron, NH. The program is open to the public without charge.

The keynote speaker will be Marine Corps Lt. Colonel (ret.) Val Scarborough.

Members of a local Girl Scout Troop, veterans from Bristol VFW Post 10604 and honored Hebron veterans will also participate.

Following the ceremony, everyone is invited to enjoy free refreshments in the Hebron Community Hall (basement of the Union Congregational Church) located directly across from the Common and which is fully handicap-accessible. For additional information, please call (603) 744- 3335.



THANKSGIVING DAY DINNER IN ALEXANDRIA

Are you a family of one, or two, or three and wondering what you might do this Thanksgiving? Well, we hope you will join us at the Alexandria Town Hall for a traditional Thanksgiving Day Dinner (turkey and all the fixings). This will be a sit-down, family-style dinner served at 1:00 pm on Thursday, November 24th.

Please RSVP by Monday, November 21st. We will be accepting the first 85 reservations. You may RSVP by calling Alexandria United Methodist Church at 603-744-8104 and please leave a message with your name, your phone number and how many will be in your party. Donations will be accepted but they are not expected. Any monies collected will go to defray cost.



American Red Cross Blood Drive

Monday, November 28 1:00 pm to 6:00 pm
Tapply Thompson Community Center, 10 North Main Street, Bristol, NH

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**Town Offices Closed
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for Thanksgiving.**

Office Hours

Selectmen's Office – 744-3220

Monday: 8 am to 4 pm
Tuesday: 11 am to 6 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

Transfer Station

Monday: 8 am to 12 pm
Wednesday: 10:00 am to 6:00 pm
Saturday: 8 am to 4 pm

Police Department 744-6650

Chief Donald Sullivan
When dispatcher picks up, give dispatcher your message. They will page an officer on the radio. Cell phones are not reliable locally.

Highway Department – 744-6516

Jeff Cantara, Road Agent

Planning Board – 744-8986

Deliberative Meetings: 3rd Wednesday of each month at 7pm, 6pm during winter months (November thru March)
Open 1 hour prior to meeting .
Items to be included on the agenda must be received 21 days prior to the meeting.

Town Committees/Commissions

Conservation Commission

The Conservation Commission meets the 4th Wednesday of the month in the conference room at the municipal building.
To contact the Conservation Commission:
e-mail: alexandrianh@metrocast.net
Phone: 603-744-3220
Mail: 47 Washburn Road
Alexandria, NH 03222

Recycling Committee

Please send your suggestions, tips, and comments to: steve.whitman@metrocast.net or call 744-3596. Thank you for recycling.
A Reminder: Anyone wishing to receive electronic copies of committee business conducting electronically or meeting minutes can do so by providing me with an email address. Sent to: alexandrianh@metrocast.net

FIRE PERMITS

Category I & II fire permits can be obtained in the Selectmen's Office (603-744-3220), but you will need to provide a copy of the previous year's permit in order to get a permit for the current year.

All other burn permits are available from the following:

Fire Warden: Mark Chevalier 603-455-1591
Deputy Fire Wardens:
Dave Ogden 603-744-9056
Jeff Cantara 603-744-6516
Tom Moore 603-744-6516
Or contact: Robert Duquette, George Clayman, Fran Butler, Ken Patten, Fred Platts

UPCOMING MEETINGS:

**Meetings are held in the Conference Room at the Municipal Building unless otherwise noted.*

Tuesday, November 1, 2016: Selectmen's Meeting at 6:00 pm
Tuesday, November 15, 2016: Selectmen's Meeting at 6:00 pm
Wednesday, November 16, 2016: Planning Board at 6:00 pm
Tuesday, November 22, 2016: Budget Committee Meeting at 6:00 pm with the Selectmen and the following departments: Supervisors of the Checklist, Trustees of Trust Funds, Cemeteries, Health Officer, Emergency Management, Conservation Commission
Wednesday, November 23, 2016: Conservation Commission at 6:30 pm
Tuesday, November 29, 2016: Budget Committee Meeting at 6:00 pm with the Selectmen and the following departments: Executive (BOS) Budget & other Budget