

ALEXANDRIA TODAY JANUARY 2012 EDITION

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We'll be having a lot of important dates coming up soon. You can find up-to-date information on the Town's website.

IMPORTANT DATES:

January 10, 2012: Last day for votes to petition selectmen to include an article in the town warrant. [39:3; 40:13, II-a (b)].

January 12, 2012 at 6pm
Public Hearing on Annual Budget
to be held at the Municipal Building

Did you miss the Selectboard Meeting? You can now view the Selectboard Meetings on Newfound Region Media Access Channel 24 at the following times: Tuesdays @ noon, 7pm, & midnight, Fridays @ 6am, and Saturdays @ 8pm

LEGAL NOTICE: If you own real estate lots that were involuntarily merged by municipal action, you may be able to have those lots restored to their pre-merger status. Visit the Selectboard's page at www.alexandrianh.com for more information.

ABATEMENTS REMINDER: If you wish to file an application for abatement, you may obtain the form from the selectmen's office during regular hours. Applications are due by March 1, 2012. Abatement forms are also available online at www.alexandrianh.com on the Selectboard's page.

Office Hours



**Town Offices Closed on
Monday, January 2nd**

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 4 pm
Wednesday: 9 am to 4 pm
Thursday: 9 am to 7 pm
Friday: CLOSED

Transfer Station

Monday: 8 am to 12 pm
Wednesday: 11:30 am to 7:30 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

Mike Corliss, Road Agent

Town Clerk/Tax Collector

NH Presidential Primary January 10, 2012
Voting at Old Town Hall 8am to 7pm

Town Clerk/Tax Collectors Office will be closed
Tuesday, January 10, 2012 due to the
Presidential Primary

Town Elections Tuesday, March 13, 2012
Town positions up for election:

Selectman	(3 year term-2015)	One (1) position
Town Clerk/Tax Collector	(3 year term-2015)	One (1) position
Treasurer	(1 year term-2013)	One (1) position
Planning Board	(3 year term-2015)	Two (2) positions
Town Moderator	(2 year term-2014)	One (1) position
Supervisor of the Checklist	(6 year term-2018)	One (1) position
Road Agent	(3 year term-2015)	One (1) position
Trustee of the Trust Fund	(3 year term-2015)	One (1) position
Trustee of the Cemetary	(3 year term-2015)	One (1) position

Filing for Town Offices will begin Wednesday, January 25, 2012 through Friday, February 3, 2012 during regular business hours and on Friday, February 3, 2012 from 3pm to 5pm.

Recycling Committee 01/12

HAPPY NEW YEAR ONE AND ALL!

We trust that you all had a safe and joyous holiday, and that one of your resolutions was to continue to fully support the town's recycling program. The committee did not meet in December; quite frankly, we took a little break to celebrate and enjoy the holidays. A letter was drafted and will be sent to the Selectmen outlining the committee's recommendations for moving forward in the coming year. The committee will establish its meeting calendar for 2012 depending on how they wish to act on those recommendations. The sub-committee will continue developing its guidelines for creating an even 'greener' transfer facility in the future.

Money in our Pockets Our savings through November were \$14,931. We still have December's numbers to go, but it looks like we're going to finish up 2011 about \$1,500 short of our objective; February's newsletter will have the final results. Thank you all for supporting our recycling program.

Let's All Make A New Year's Resolution – to reduce our use of Styrofoam in 2012

Last month I talked a little about Styrofoam [sometimes referred to as EPS]. Some of you may have been surprised to learn that it is not recycled even though we accept it in the co-mingled recycling bin. The fact is that the EPS products are separated out by the vendor to whom we sell the material and reused if possible ["recycled"] or compacted and sent to a landfill. Styrofoam and other EPS products are technically recyclable, but

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recycling of these products is not easily done and is both time consuming and expensive. Blue Earth Solutions based in Clemont, FL is a relatively new company that claims that they have developed a non-toxic way to recycle EPS products. Their EPS recycling process involves grinding the material down, which reduces the volume by as much as 98%, and then combining it with a solvent known as StyroSolve. The mixture becomes a gel that the company calls Polygel, and is sold to plastic manufacturers that use it to create new products. If Blue Earth's method does prove to be cost effective and deemed to be environmentally friendly, other recycling companies might follow their lead and offer EPS recycling; but we're not there yet. In the interim, what can we do?

- Try to purchase products that don't contain EPS [#6]. Similar products made from alternative materials such as corn starch, soybeans and recycled paper are beginning to replace the old Styrofoam packaging material and food containers – look for them.
- Reuse EPS products whenever possible; the internet is full of ideas and creative ways to reuse Styrofoam; not only will it save you money, but you'll be helping the environment.
- Many mail center businesses allow people to drop off EPS peanuts at their stores where they are reused.

According to NextStep Recycling Center, EPS foam "constitutes, by volume, as much as 30% of landfills worldwide." With the current environmentalist concerns over landfills, the invention of biodegradable EPS alternatives is critical and especially appealing to young entrepreneurs. New biodegradable products are gradually making their way into the marketplace. However, as consumers, we need to seek these alternative products out and support them with the same enthusiasm we support products that utilize recycled material.

Together, if we all make and keep this resolution to reduce our use of Styrofoam, we will make a difference!

Please send your suggestions, tips, and comments to: steve.whitman@metrocast.net

Anyone wishing to receive electronic copies of committee business conducted electronically or meeting minutes can do so by providing me with an email address. Email your request to: alexrecycling@metrocast.net

Other Information

WEBSITE:

Robin Gagnon has been busy keeping the town's website current and posting important notices on the town's facebook page.

Thank you for the great pictures that have sent in so far. If you have some scenic pictures of Alexandria, it is not too late to send them. If you would like to share, it would be greatly appreciated. You can email pictures to alexandrianh@metrocast.net.

As a reminder, we have a business directory on the town website. If you would like to be included, please contact Robin at the Town Clerk's office 744-3288.

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