

ALEXANDRIA TODAY FEBRUARY 2012 EDITION

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The Town Warrant and Budget is available for review. Copies are available on the Town's website, www.alexandrianh.com, or at the Selectmen's Office.

IMPORTANT DATES:

First Deliberative Session:

Thursday, February 9, 2012 at 7:00 pm
(snow date: Saturday, February 11, 2012 at 6:00 pm)

Voting Day:

Tuesday, March 13, 2012

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, February 20, 2012

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

Voting Day, March 13, 2012

11 am to 7 pm at Town Hall

Absentee requests are now being accepted for any registered voters wishing to vote and know they will be absent on Voting Day. Please contact the TC/TC office for more information.

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 Cemetery	(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.

2012 Dog Licenses will be available in February. Please remember that ALL 2011 Dog Licenses expire on April 30, 2012.

Recycling Committee 02/12

January was a slow month for the Recycling Committee. The committee did not meet in January, and we have not yet established a calendar for 2012. The letter to the Selectmen outlining the committee's recommendations for moving forward in the coming year has not yet been delivered because I have not been available to attend any of the board meetings during January. I hope to be able to present it to the board early this month. The committee meeting calendar for 2012 will be established based on how the selectmen wish to act on our recommendations. The sub-committee developing guidelines for creating an even 'greener' transfer facility in the future will continue its work and expects to have the guidelines completed by the end of March.

Money in our Pockets Our savings for the year fell short of our \$18,000 objective by \$1,800; however, we are very pleased with the overall results. We knew that \$18,000 was a very ambitious goal and dependent on the markets for recyclables opening up and redemptions values increasing substantially throughout the year. While the markets did open up slightly and we did see a modest increase in the redemption values, it was not quite enough. However, your support of the recycling effort

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throughout the year was very positive and did allow us to come very close to our 2011 objective. Thank you all for supporting our recycling program.

Composting Is Economical and Worthwhile Although February is hardly spring, it's not too early to begin thinking about your gardens. Composting can provide a valuable source of nutrients for your plants and helps in the recycling effort. Composting is managing the decomposition of plant remains and other once-living materials to make a composition that is excellent for adding to houseplants or enriching garden soil. It is the way to recycle your yard and kitchen wastes, and is a critical step in reducing the volume of garbage needlessly sent to landfills for disposal. It's easy to learn how to compost.

In the natural world, composting is what happens as leaves pile up on the forest floor, begin to decay and are returned to the soil. Living roots then finish the recycling process by reclaiming the nutrients produced from the decomposed leaves. There are a tremendous number of options for containing your compost. Some people choose to go binless, simply building a compost pile in a convenient spot on the ground. Others build bins from materials such as recycled pallets, or two-by-fours and plywood. If you have a large yard, you might prefer the ease of composting in a three-bin system out by the back fence. And, of course, there are many commercial composting bins on the market. Whatever your style of composting, there's plenty of room to get involved! The internet is also full of helpful information, tips and guidelines to get you started composting.

Today, the use of composting to turn organic wastes into a valuable resource is expanding rapidly in the United States and in other countries, as landfill space becomes scarce and expensive, and as people become more aware of the impacts they have on the environment. In ten years, composting will probably be as commonplace as recycling aluminum cans is today, both in the backyard and on an industrial scale. You can contribute to the 'composting revolution' by composting your own yard and kitchen wastes at home.

The NRRA is holding its annual compost bin sale now through 4/5. Anyone interested in purchasing a bin(s) should contact Kristine Stanley at (603) 736-4401 for details.

For more information on composting, the Stratham Conservation Commission is sponsoring a 'Composting Made Easy' workshop from 10:00 – 11:30 on 4/11 at Blueberry Bay Farms in Stratham.

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

Supervisors of the Checklist

NH Primary Election Results:

Name	Party	Statewide		Alexandria	
		Votes	Vote%	Votes	Vote%
Romney, Mitt	GOP	97,532	39%	93	24%
Paul, Ron	GOP	56,848	23%	164	43%
Huntsman, Jon	GOP	41,495	17%	55	14%
Gingrich, Newt	GOP	23,411	9%	30	8%
Santorum, Rick	GOP	23,362	9%	31	8%
Perry, Rick	GOP	1,766	1%	1	0%
Bachman, Michele	GOP	349	0%	3	1%
Greenleaf, S	GOP			1	0%
Linn, B	GOP			1	0%
Meehan, M	GOP			1	0%
Roemer, B	GOP			1	0%

Other Important Information

Newfound Area School District
www.sau4.org

*Deadline to file for District Positions (see website for more details) February 3, 2012 3:30pm

*First Deliberative Session @ High School Auditorium
February 4, 2012 10:00am - 12:00pm (Snow date
February 11, 2012 10am)

PUBLIC NOTICE NEWFOUND AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT PUBLIC HEARING will be held at Alexandria Town Hall, Thursday, February 23, 2012 at 6:30pm on the following petitioned warrant articles:

ARTICLE 3: TAX CAP: Shall we adopt the provisions of RSA 32:5-b, and implement a tax cap whereby the governing body (or budget committee) shall not submit a recommended budget that increases the amount to be raised by local taxes raised, by more than 2%?

ARTICLE 6: Shall we rescind the provisions of RSA 40:13 (known as SB2) as adopted by the Newfound Area School District (SAU4) on March 21st, 1997, so that the official ballot will no longer be used for voting on all questions but only for the election of officers and certain other questions for which the official ballot is required by state law?