

14:02:42 From nclavette : good afternoon

14:03:34 From Vicky Nawoichyk : Is Mr. Cooks Audio choppy for anyone else?

14:03:43 From Vicky Nawoichyk : Ok it seems better

14:04:29 From Judy Strakalaitis : Yes. Garbled at times.

14:04:43 From DEE ANN DECKER : Here as well

14:05:31 From Melinda Kennett : I think the disinfectant materials will be our additional costs. Northumberland here. Population 2400

14:08:00 From Kyri : The CDC has developed guidelines for making polling places safer. This committee should make a checklist and send it around.

14:10:25 From nclavette : FYI Nancy Clavette from Rollinsford Supervisor of checklist present

14:10:59 From kellie : I think the cost of shields, masks, disinfectants, and the postage for the extra Absentee Ballots.

14:13:36 From nclavette : great idea thank you Mr Fitch

14:14:05 From Kyri : The state should make it clear what they are willing to pay for and perhaps procure as well. PPE should probably be purchased in bulk by a single buyer for all towns.

14:15:01 From Pete Basiliere : An advantage of the ePoll books that we (Milford) are testing is that we can dedicate one or more ePoll books to checking in absentee ballots.

14:15:58 From DEE ANN DECKER : That's good to know Pete thank you

14:17:03 From Pete Basiliere : ePoll books do not require lines in alphabetical groupings. First come, first served to any of the open ePoll books. That is why we can dedicate ePoll book(s) to checking in the absentees.

14:17:10 From Pete Basiliere : You're welcome, Dee Ann

14:17:26 From Norman Head : Is it possible to have legislation change or SOS/AG ruling to allow absentees checked off against the check list but not tallied until election day. Obviously, the absentees "opened" would be kept in town vault until actual voting day

14:19:59 From Judy Strakalaitis : Why can't you print an additional checklist to use to checkk off absentees? My town has districts. We print separate checklists for each polling place. After the post-election processing, all the checklists are put together and retained as the complete record of the election.

14:20:53 From Judy Strakalaitis : Dee-Ann may have had something relevant to the TC process though.

14:22:18 From Kelly Roberts Clerk Deerfield : Basically the Clerk's workload will increase drastically

14:22:41 From Judy Strakalaitis : Dee-Ann should be allowed to comment if she is discussing TC functions. For some towns, clerks are not participating. And other elections can speak from their experience of what happens at the polls.

14:23:03 From Lynn : merrimack town clerk is sending out absentee ballot with return postage on the return envelopes - this is an additional cost to the town

14:23:36 From bonniewinonamackinnon : Bud's rendt[ition is how we process absentees in my town. I, moderator, proc3ess them with the assistance of the Town Clerk who opens the envelopes and hands me the documents . I check the voter in <AV> and then tell her to process the ballot. PLEsE let u not learn a whole new way of doing it with all these other changes we are needing to learn!

14:23:37 From Norman Head : If the actual election is held in a different location, would the cost of pre and post election sanitizing of the room be a reimbursable item

14:23:51 From Judy Strakalaitis : That is a supervisor question.

14:23:56 From Jean Lightfoot : That is a question for a Supervisor.

14:23:58 From Judy Strakalaitis : It is all inter-related.

14:24:05 From Louise Spencer : What about the cost of updates to town and city websites to reflect changes in procedures, etc.?

14:24:10 From V Turner laptop : The CDC recommends minimizing in-person voting. Why can't we waive the application requirements and send out a blanket application so every registered voter can vote absentee?

14:24:29 From Judy Strakalaitis : We should.

14:24:31 From Kelly Roberts Clerk Deerfield : Clerk's will need an abundance of absentee ballots supplies,

14:24:45 From Margaret Doody : How do you do registrations by mail? HAVA told me they're not allowed.

14:25:30 From Jean Lightfoot : The Supervisors are the ones who know about the checklist numbers. The Town Clerk has to ask us for actual numbers of new voters, removals, etc.

14:25:34 From Ann : That is wrong. They should cover it tomorrow! Check RSA 654:16, 17

14:26:44 From Judy Strakalaitis : It is. It's absentee registration. People must meet fall under an exemption to in-person reg. Now with covid as a disability, it is available to anyone.

14:27:02 From Liz Tentarelli : Mail-in registration is currently allowed, Margaret et al, but the issue is that town clerks are not all responding to phone/email requests to mail the application forms, and as far as I can tell the only way to get a mail-in reg form is from the town clerk. This must be addressed by the state, so there is another way to get the form!

14:27:07 From Kelly Roberts Clerk Deerfield : There is only myself and my deputy working in my office. I am concerned about how to handle the work load of all the requests that we are going to get, while doing our regular day to day job.

14:27:18 From Judy Strakalaitis : Dee-Ann, send a message. He just asked a TC a supervisor question.

14:27:21 From Louise Spencer : How are towns with upcoming town and school elections handling voter registration?

14:27:40 From Vicky Nawoichyk : IT is not a school holiday

14:27:41 From DEE ANN DECKER : I sent him a message privately

14:28:18 From Jean Lightfoot : It is my understanding that currently there is only absentee registration allowed when you are voting absentee in that election coming up.

14:28:35 From Judy Strakalaitis : My town has drive through for tax collectors. One lane. So the town clerk can use that. Demand has been low.

14:28:37 From Diane Trippett : Merrimack is handling voter registration by mail We have an upcoming town election and our supervisors of the checklist are planning to hold voter registration sessions under a tent in the town hall parking lot

14:28:51 From Louise Spencer : Election day should be a national holiday but failing that, it should certainly be a state holiday.

14:28:59 From Angela : What about districts like school and water sewer that have had annual meetings postponed 3 times? Will these districts be mandated to implement the same procedures as state and federal elections?

14:29:11 From Lisa Amarosa : I am the town clerk of Madbury (population 2,000) and I do not have a microphone set up on this computer but I do have a question. Has there been any discussion of possible reimbursement for towns purchasing a ballot counting machine under the COVID-19? We are a hand-count town and that does not seem like a good idea given the amount of volunteers needed and the close proximity required.

14:29:35 From Jean Lightfoot : Dee Ann should be allowed to talk since you are also talking Supervisor issues, and not just Town Clerk issues.

14:29:49 From Judy Strakalaitis : Abs registration is available anytime. Being a registered voter is important for other civic functions--signing nomination papers, filing for office.

14:30:00 From Kelly Roberts Clerk Deerfield : Yes Kathy Seaver! I agree!

14:31:07 From Jean Lightfoot : I've been told by the people at the HAVA help desk that we cannot be sending out our voter registration forms, so only absentee registration is allowed with the absentee ballot request.

14:31:25 From deborah Fauver : Conway is setting up in the usual way to register new voters at the town and school election next week, Masks and face shields for the supervisors. Drive up for the new voters, who will be handed forms on clipboards. We only had 9 new voters last year at the town / school election.

14:31:31 From cbane2 : Strafford in same situation with size of voting room, inability to space voters.

14:32:20 From Margaret Doody : Deborah, what are your face shields like?

14:32:27 From Louise Spencer : Thank you for the information. I am continually impressed by the dedication of election officials. Thank you!

14:32:36 From Kelly Roberts Clerk Deerfield : I have about 3500 registered voters, and I placed my absentee ballot supply order yesterday. I ordered 1500, but do you think I should order more??????????

14:32:47 From Kelly Roberts Clerk Deerfield : wear a mask

14:33:33 From Kelly Roberts Clerk Deerfield : ?

14:33:43 From Vicky Nawoichyk : Who will be sanitizing the booths after every voter?

14:34:39 From iPad (2)cindy : wear a mask if not 6feet apar

14:35:02 From Denise Sachse : excellent question!!

14:35:12 From Pete Basiliere : That photo is from Bedford MA (not NH) so may or may not be a viable option in NH

14:35:19 From Melinda Kennett : Northumberland has purchased masks, splash shields, and lots of hand gel and disinfectant for fall elections.

14:35:36 From Michelle Berke : the mask will no protect the voters unless it's special surgical mask...will all voters have access to those?

14:35:36 From Judy Strakalaitis : I do not see how we can legally refuse to register someone absentee when they meet the legal qualifications. I believe the HAVA reps answer is incorrect. But clerks need guidance from SOS now to avoid misleading applicants or telling them 'come back later'. People must be registered to run for office and to sign nomination papers.

14:35:46 From Melinda Kennett : Northumberland is hand count

14:36:11 From Cathleen Fountain : Town of Dalton is manual for counting

14:36:58 From Sandwich Town Clerk : Sandwich is also a hand count town (1200 voters)

14:37:00 From bonniewinonamackinnon : The presence of the booths is required by law. It is not possible to separate them as they are constructed with party walls. That law will need to be tweaked as the number of booths is statutory and related to number of registrants

14:37:03 From Kyri : About registration by mail, the SOS has said that the same guidance applies to absentee registration as absentee voting. However, he has not issued anything on paper. The Assist. AG has said they're still working on the absentee registration guidance language.

14:37:19 From Terry Riel, The Riel Deal in Real Estate! : give voters their own pens as they come in. so no one has to touch other pens that have been used.

14:37:49 From deering townclerk : Deering is also a hand count town

14:38:15 From mwalter : Goshen is hand counted

14:38:16 From Vicky Nawoichyk : Where are you getting the sanitation products? THEY are sold out everywhere

14:38:22 From arleen andreozzi : Listening to all discussion by small towns and the difficulties they anticipate, I am thinking that a large town (hampton 15000) would be better served by having several days for an election, Space requirements alone present a huge problem

14:38:31 From Vicky Nawoichyk : The gloves need to be changed after every person

14:38:44 From Judy Strakalaitis : All results for the state should be released at one time to avoid this perception that there is fraud in the ones reporting later.

14:38:53 From Kyri : I don't understand why the committee is not addressing like questions together. First cover issues with absentee ballots. Then go on to problems with in person voting and polling places. This is very disjointed.

14:39:03 From bonniewinonamackinnon : You can clean the booths yes but how do we clean the air...the virus particles are in the air from an infected breather and can linger quite a while from videos I have seen. How are we going to clean the air space/.?

14:39:03 From Judi : Springfield is a hand count.

14:39:21 From Judy Strakalaitis : It will be important for public confidence that state officials lay the groundwork preparing the public that counting will take longer and does not mean something nefarious is going

on.

14:39:32 From V Turner laptop : Last time I checked, there were 108 hand count towns
14:39:33 From nclavette : i spray mine after every time an action
14:39:37 From mwalter : Solo Distillery in Vermont has santizier (I think it's \$40 a gallon - concentrated (save your smaller bottles)
14:40:03 From deborah Fauver : Our face shields are simple plastic with a band that goes around the head. Our town emergency preparedness offer got them from some branch of the state. Along with gloves, masks and hand sanitizer
14:40:26 From Margaret Doody : thank you Deborah
14:40:47 From Louise Spencer : Gloves don't stop people from touching their faces and getting infected that way. It seems like face shields will be an important piece of protective equipment.
14:40:57 From Darryl Perry : hands need to be washed/sanitized after taking off gloves, and before putting on a new pair
14:41:06 From Martha Hulsman : i am a supervisor in Bristol and also a library trustee. we are feeling that the virus stays on paper longer than 24 hours. can anyone comment on this? Either for absentee votes or on voting day.
14:41:15 From Judy Strakalaitis : Abs registration is available anytime. Being a registered voter is important for other civic functions--signing nomination papers, filing for office.

14:41:20 From Sherman : CDC cleaning for facilities <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/disinfecting-building-facility.html>
14:41:22 From mwalter : Whoops. It's Silo Distillery for sanitizer.
14:41:48 From Sherman : Sorry...here is the link. <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/disinfecting-building-facility.html>
14:42:54 From Kelly Roberts Clerk Deerfield : NO WAY TO BLANK ABSENTEE BALLOT REQUESTS UNLESS STATE SENDS THE BALLOT!
14:43:30 From Judy Strakalaitis : My town was unable to buy disinfectant, hand sanitizer, gloves before our town elec on 3/10. That was before stay home orders. Products are still not available online. Sanitizer is being produced locally now but other things will be difficult to obtain.
14:44:01 From Judy Cook : Djinn Spirits in Nashua has 5 gal pails for \$150.
14:44:29 From Judy Strakalaitis : Keep posting your comment here or message others on the committee to get their attention, Dee-Ann.
14:44:43 From Sandwich Town Clerk : Shorten the application (one sided)
14:44:43 From Judy Cook : WHO recipe hand sanitizer from Djinn Spirits
14:45:39 From Strafford Town Clerk : Good Idea on simplifying the AB request form.
14:46:01 From Darlene : Are the standards for the spacing at the election going to be waived? I do not think my mic works
14:46:10 From deborah Fauver : I think the suggestion was to mail the AV ballot application - not the ballot. And I like the idea. It will also point out the voters who have changed addresses. In my town, we have 8000 voters on the checklist, but surely 1000 - 2000 have either moved or died and we haven't been able to keep up.
14:46:14 From Melinda Kennett : order sanitizer and supplies at wb mason. they have plenty
14:47:01 From Strafford Town Clerk : Sending out a ballot request form to all registered voters will cost over \$1700.
14:47:03 From deborah Fauver : Can we get reimbursed for all this POSTAGE ?
14:47:04 From Sandwich Town Clerk : Can't we just post the AB on our website or via email blast (avoid postage)

14:47:09 From Judy Strakalaitis : Doire Distilling/Cask and Vine is donating sanitizer to healthcare providers and essential functions. They sell small personal size to the public. They are wonderful assets to town, they created a great spirit downtown. So I have no worries we will have sanitizer.

14:47:12 From Ipitt : I'm in a college Town, here in Durham, how will we handle same day registration, I know people can register by mail, but will we still have same day registration. If the college is in session, that would be a very large amount of same day registrations.

14:47:31 From Louise Spencer : Ms. Belcher...that is an excellent idea. An important way to educate voters. But perhaps the state should undertake that responsibility.

14:47:48 From Ann : Deborah, I'm in Durham so we have several thousand on the checklist who no longer live here. 16,000 on checklist so VERY expensive to send out to everyone.

14:48:18 From Vicky Nawoichyk : Just went to WB Mason & they are all sold out!

14:48:34 From deborah Fauver : The AV app is on the Conway website, customized for covid 19. Lots of people have used it. But many have called to say they can't access it, or don't have a printer.

14:48:44 From Judi : Ipitt - if you are not a NH resident you vote in your home town and state via absentee ballot. You can register next time you are home.

14:48:52 From V Turner laptop : If we join ERIC we can clean up our checklists prior to mailing

14:48:53 From Kyri : Mr Fitch just said that under current statute, any town can choose to send out absentee ballot applications to every registered voter. I didn't know that.

14:48:57 From Judy Strakalaitis : Gene has a great point. My town has high turnover bc we have a lot of rental housing stock. NH is in year 9 of the 10-year purge. There is a lot of deadwood.

14:49:08 From BarbBrennan84 : Agree with Eugene Van Loan but it still will be costly to towns to send out applications.

14:49:35 From Judy Strakalaitis : No you cant download absentee registration forms

14:49:36 From Darryl Perry : <https://sos.nh.gov/ElecForms2.aspx>

14:50:03 From Kyri : Judy is right.

14:50:15 From V Turner laptop : <https://ericstates.org/> - 30 states plus DC belong already. Modern methods to help clean up deadwood in our checklist

14:50:27 From Judy Strakalaitis : Absentee registration forms must come from the town clerk.

14:51:04 From DEE ANN DECKER : You can not download ANY voter registration form from the SOS

14:51:22 From Carol to Orville Fitch(Privately) : I have a question for you. Thank you Carol

14:51:31 From Liz Tentarelli : Judy et al, I know that's the current process is there a logical reason why absentee registration forms can be obtained elsewhere, such as SOS website? Assuming SOS will post it.

14:51:34 From Darryl Perry : Absentee Ballot Applications:
STATE ELECTIONS <https://sos.nh.gov/WorkArea/DownloadAsset.aspx?id=8589997637>
| TOWN OR CITY ELECTIONS <https://sos.nh.gov/WorkArea/DownloadAsset.aspx?id=8589984421>
| SPECIAL ELECTIONS <https://sos.nh.gov/WorkArea/DownloadAsset.aspx?id=8589984421>

14:51:36 From Bouffard : For a primary, we would not know which ballot to send to an undeclared voter without the request form

14:52:02 From Ann : Judi, your thoughts about out of state students registering elsewhere are fine but if UNH is in session, those students have a legal right to vote here in Durham. There are lots of points that could be made about what voters, whether students or not, should vote here or there, but the point is we don't want to disenfranchise anyone. We have MANY students already registered. They have every right to vote here. They could easily be currently living in Texas or they could have simply moved out of the dorm into an apt and we do not have a current address.

14:52:15 From Cathleen Fountain : In regards to the Absentee Ballot request form etc. Would it not be to the advantage of all to have it posted in all NH papers, along with notices on Town Websites. This limits the costs.

14:52:20 From Melinda Kennett : the absentee app is on our fb page and web site page. they can print itvoff and send it. i have sent absentee apps to the regular absentee folks already

14:52:21 From Judy Strakalaitis : The SOS site should explain that unregistered people can initiate the abs registration process by printing an abs ballot request and sending it in.

14:52:24 From Darryl Perry : Voter Registration form is NOT on the website

14:52:27 From Mark Vallone : Cant hear

14:52:55 From Mark Vallone : Can you turn up volum on Todd please? Sorry my hearing is not that great

14:52:57 From Louise Spencer : Please ask him to speak up

14:53:07 From Bouffard : no voter registrations are NOT on the State website

14:53:12 From Maggie Bochynski Paul : If Conway has the Ab on it's website - all towns should do it. It is imperative that there is standard practice among all towns.

14:53:19 From V Turner laptop : Voter registration form should be up front and center on the website.

14:53:47 From Mark Vallone : Still cant hear

14:53:47 From DEE ANN DECKER : Liz there are a number of requirements that voters must prove in order to register to vote, if they miss one thing we are unable to register them.

14:54:38 From Louise Spencer : The SoS website needs significant work to be useful to those seeking information and forms. It is decidedly un-user friendly.

14:54:39 From Mark Vallone : Is anyone reading chat..... can we get the volume up on Todd

14:54:43 From Liz Tentarelli : Of course. But the form identifies what those proofs are.

14:54:44 From Vicky Nawoichyk : May 26th

14:54:49 From Vicky Nawoichyk : WE need direction ASAP

14:54:52 From Judy Strakalaitis : High rejection rate of abs registrations must be addressed. Pandemic will make it more difficult to register abs successfully.

14:55:02 From Kelly Roberts Clerk Deerfield : When do you think towns and cities will start opening up? or partially open up?

14:55:15 From deborah Fauver : Conway has the AV ballot application on the website - NOT AV voter registration forms.

14:55:28 From Vicky Nawoichyk : PPL do not follow the instructions when it is literlly in BOLD what is required when sending in your application

14:55:46 From Judy Strakalaitis : So instructions need to be clear and simplified.

14:56:22 From DEE ANN DECKER : Liz people don't read!

14:56:29 From Vicky Nawoichyk : We need N95 PPE if we are going to be facing that many ppl on Election day & sheild

14:56:41 From Kimberly : I thought voter registration forms were only filled out at the Town Clerk's Office or sent for exceptions when registering someone unable to come into the office and you would need supporting docuemnts, domicile affidavit, etc.

14:56:45 From V Turner laptop : By comparison, look at the Mass. SoS website:
<https://www.sec.state.ma.us/index.htm>

14:56:55 From Darryl Perry : FYI none of the links on the Forms for filing as a third party candidate in the General Election page work http://sos.nh.gov/nhsos_content.aspx?id=8589998389

14:57:02 From Vicky Nawoichyk : Exeter too

14:57:02 From Louise Spencer : With so many people using absentee ballots for the first time, the likelihood of errors is high. How will this be addressed?

14:57:47 From Jeanne Ludt : Who will be providing clear guidance on what we can post regarding all of these voting issues on our town websites? Is it this committee or the SOS??

14:57:53 From Barbara Chagnon : If we don't want folks registering on-line in general AFTER this, can we do a special form with 2020 watermarked on it.

14:58:20 From Kyri : People don't want to go to Kinko's. We're supposed to be isolating.

14:58:30 From Judy Strakalaitis : Liz, the pandemic will limit people's access to copies to provide necessary documents and the alternate option --affidavits to establish the qualification--must be witnessed by a notary/JP/ elec official.

14:58:51 From Margaret Doody : Yes watermark is good idea we've discussed

14:59:16 From Jeanne Ludt : Can people submit phone pictures of their documents via email?

14:59:39 From Ann : Can't hear. Is Todd Rainier a moderator? He said something about absentee registrations not accepted now. This HAS to be clarified SOON!!

14:59:48 From Jean Lightfoot : I was thinking of phone photos, too, of DL's for Registration.

14:59:48 From Vicky Nawoichyk : JEanne that is an issue with PPI and could be hacked

14:59:54 From deborah Fauver : Jeanne - I think it must be SOS. This committee seems to have a limited function of figuring out how to spend the federal funds directed to NH.

14:59:59 From Linda G : There is a person named Carol raising her physical hand. In case she is reading this you need to click on participants and the words raise hand will be visible to the right at the bottom of the list. Click that.

15:00:04 From Margaret Doody : The voter registration form already IS an affidavit

15:00:39 From Kelly Roberts Clerk Deerfield : Any idea when the Towns and Cities can start opening? Who makes that determination?

15:00:53 From Ann : Margaret, Durham agrees!!

15:01:27 From Vicky Nawoichyk : We are in a state of Emergency til the end of MAY & our last day to change party is the 2nd so how are we to do this with the Governor SOE

15:02:12 From Judy Strakalaitis : Covid will make it more difficult to register via absentee successfully. People's access to copiers will be ltd if isolating at home. And if they don't include copies, they need to complete an affidavit(s) that require the witness be a notary/JP/elec official.

15:03:30 From Margaret Doody : How do undeclared absentee voters change back to undeclared?

15:03:59 From Ann : Nobody seems to be talking about party changes. We need guidance on that NOW also. I have been told that can be done absentee as long as the proper information is on the letter as well as a signature. Some people seem to have been told that is not true.

15:04:14 From Jeanne Ludt : In Amherst, we were thinking of returning everyone to undeclared and not having them sign the list.

15:04:16 From Judy Strakalaitis : Another problem that needs to be emphasized to voters is that undeclared voters must indicate which party's ballot they want at a primary. That is something often overlooked and clerks must prompt them to complete it in person.

15:04:40 From Ann : Did you hear that from Mr. Scanlon? Absentee registration is OK.

15:04:41 From Kelly Roberts Clerk Deerfield : good point judy

15:04:58 From Margaret Doody : YES I heard that but HAVA told me its not!

15:05:22 From Jeanne Ludt : HAVA is often wrong!

15:05:28 From Judy Strakalaitis : Yes. That's what I have been saying. Clerks need to know this, since they send out the forms.

15:05:48 From Jean Lightfoot : This is not clear about absentee registration. This is the second time Katie Hanna has said that anyone can register to vote by mail with no caveats, like they need to be voting absentee. This MUST be clarified. HAVA has to straighten out their advice if that has now been changed.

15:05:51 From Ann : We seem to be finding that different HAVA people give different answers. We decided we need to get answers in writing. However, my question from last week has not yet been answered in writing.

15:05:52 From Liz Tentarelli : Who is this HAVA that's giving incorrect info? Is it someone in the NH SOS office? If so, shameful.

15:06:20 From Vicky Nawoichyk : Change of party for an existing voter is not able to be done via mail. They need to do this in person. The absentee ballot is not the real solution to theis entire issue

15:06:21 From DEE ANN DECKER : Sooo other Supervisors can ask questions but I can't ask for my town clerk that is not on?

15:06:21 From Jean Lightfoot : Liz - it's the Electionet Help Desk.

15:06:45 From Judy Strakalaitis : Absentee registration has been rare. So I don't fault anyone for not understanding the process or being aware of it.

15:06:52 From Jean Lightfoot : Dee Ann - raise your hand again!

15:06:54 From Margaret Doody : Dee Ann you should be able to ask for your town clerk

15:06:55 From Liz Tentarelli : Thanks, Jean. Not much "help" is it?

15:07:06 From V Turner laptop : Absentee registration Affidavit requires a witness. How do people sequestered alone find a witness? We need to waive this.

15:07:20 From Mark Vallone : Idea... Why not give each voter who physically goes to the polls a sanitizing wipe to take to wipe down their writing utensil and the table

15:07:46 From Margaret Doody : We gave everyone a golf pencil to use and take home with them

15:08:07 From arleen andreozzi : good idea, margaret

15:08:08 From Cathleen Fountain : With Gloves, there can be cross contamination if you use them for more than one thing at a time.

15:08:12 From Kyri : Assist. AG implied yesterday that they are looking at ways to simplify the absentee reg process. It appears this is holding up the release of official guidance.

15:08:20 From Barbara Chagnon : I don't think the machines will read pencil marks.

15:08:33 From Vicky Nawoichyk : The voter registration forms & affidavits need to be signed in pen. I think the form even states that.

15:08:44 From Mary Wilke : not all voters can afford stamps or will have them easily on hand, and voting shouldn't cost money.

15:08:52 From Margaret Doody : we have a box and hand count

15:09:05 From Jeanne Ludt : Agree with Mary Wilke.

15:09:15 From Denise Sachse : Mary Wilke yes

15:09:30 From Vicky Nawoichyk : KIDS are in school. Not all schools are closed

15:09:36 From Jeanne Ludt : To Barbara -- We used golf pencils at the March election and they worked great!

15:09:42 From Judy Strakalaitis : We don't rely on HAVA or SOS for legal advice. They avoid putting it in writing, so there is plausible deniability. However Tricia is in charge of HAVA now. I have found Tricia and Bud are the best resources for what the law requires.

15:09:50 From Barbara Chagnon : Jeanne -- In the Accuvote machines?

15:10:04 From Jeanne Ludt : Yes to Barbara.

15:10:12 From Barbara Chagnon : Jeanne. That is wonderful to know. Thank you!!!

15:10:19 From bonniewinonamackinnon : 17 year olds only work in towns that have school holidays on Election Day.

15:10:54 From deborah Fauver : Bud routinely responds via email, and in a substantive way. I find him easy to reach, and responsive.

15:11:02 From Chuck Mitchell : Doing early processing of absentee votes, might be a problem. When processing AV on voting day, the name of each absentee voter needs to be read aloud so that any challenger can, in fact, challenge that voter. If the AVs are processed early, then any challengers would need to be notified etc.

15:11:19 From Melinda Kennett : i am sorry I have to go. curbside appt

15:11:42 From Judy Strakalaitis : The issue with HAVA Help Desk is that should look up answers to questions that are not routine. That has not been the case, and that's how incorrect answers are provided.

15:12:00 From Jean Lightfoot : I think they were saying use a highlighter to mark checklists with AV before election day, and then as the ballots are opened, then mark AV and announce name.

15:12:00 From Vicky Nawoichyk : We need to expand our permissions Dee-Ann

15:12:02 From Vicky Nawoichyk : Thanks you

15:12:38 From Judy Strakalaitis : We cooperate w the TC but in the month before the election, we expect 1500 registrations. And that was before covid.

15:12:44 From Margaret Doody : DeeAnn, what do you want Supervisors to help with? sorry my connection was bad

15:13:18 From DEE ANN DECKER : Margaret processing AV ballot applications in electionet

15:13:40 From Jean Lightfoot : Great idea, Dee Ann. I've offered that to our Town Clerk for November.

15:14:08 From DEE ANN DECKER : Thanks Jean, we have an awesome election team in Nottingham

15:14:19 From Judy Strakalaitis : It will be critical that TCs expand hours to evenings and weekends to meet the need as the elections get closer. Our TC is open one night til 6. We are the northern fringe of Boston commuters. They cant get there by 6. Tax collectors are at least open til 7.

15:14:57 From bonniewinonamackinnon : Chuck Mitchell: Point well taken about processing absentee ballot early. The aw requires the MODERATOR to read the name out loud so the public can hear and so that voter can be challenged as the law provides. I or my assistant process them and put the ballot in the acne or in a saving place to be inserted. Processing them ahead of time does not get the requirement of the law.

15:15:07 From AB : town with in excess of 1500+ absentee ballots should have on machine@!!!!

15:15:13 From Ann : You probably shouldn't offer all supervisors for this Here in Durham the supervisors are extremely busy themselves getting ready for the big elections. I think this CARE money needs to help TCs hire more help

15:15:58 From Vicky Nawoichyk : But that was before COVID

15:16:14 From Kelly Roberts Clerk Deerfield : CARE money should go to Clerks and their staff, and hire more help for elections

15:16:25 From Vicky Nawoichyk : Same with Exeter

15:16:37 From AB : two plus machines at one polling place might be lovely at these high volumes towns especially if machines get jammed.

15:16:38 From DEE ANN DECKER : Agreed Ann, the ability to help but not the requirement

15:16:49 From Mark Vallone : Has SOS or anyone else done a survey of likely NH voters regarding their plans to vote absentee in the fall?

15:18:51 From New Hampshire clan : One problem is that it is hard to predict what Covid conditions we will be dealing with come September. If things are worse, probably more will want to vote absentee, but if things are much better...

15:18:53 From Judy Strakalaitis : Processing absentees at the polls is under moderators.

15:19:09 From Ruth's iPhone : If you think about it, the more absentee, the less "in-person" voting and the more time you'll have to process those absentee votes. My concern is the Pre and Post entry that needs to be done in election net along with the assembly and mailing of these and any absentee registrations. That process is far more time-consuming than the actual checking the checklist and putting them in the ballot box. What are your thoughts on this?

15:19:41 From Vicky Nawoichyk : same in Exeter

15:19:45 From Judy Strakalaitis : A huge amount of our absentees are done in person at the TC.

15:20:15 From Chuck Mitchell : Many voting booths connect to one another, vs. each one being a stand alone. I.E. if you had twelve booths, to have proper distancing, we could only use every other booth or utilize virtually only half of them. How would the AG's office react if we could not realistically use all the booths?

15:20:18 From Kyri : I'm not sure the walk-ins to the town halls are going to be as they were before Covid.

15:20:30 From Vicky Nawoichyk : What were the numbers of AV during the town election when we had the snow storm? That is when most ppl ruced the TC which was a mess

15:21:06 From Judy Strakalaitis : Putting abs ballots through the machines takes longer bc they've been folded.

15:21:24 From Judy Strakalaitis : We have dropboxes.

15:21:27 From New Hampshire clan : Good thought about the proximity of voting booths. Our booths are so narrow that we could only use every third booth.

15:21:30 From Todd Rainier : Walk in request are over 50% in Hooksett.

15:21:35 From DEE ANN DECKER : A large number of our AV voters fill out the app and vote all at the same time in person. Not sure how we will do that with the office closed and the small space we have

15:22:03 From bonniewinonamackinnon : What if someone stole the secure box? ATM machines are about as secure as they get and they are not cheap<!> and even they have occasionally been broken into.

15:22:16 From Mark Vallone : Drop off boxes are in use at town halls now due to the buildings being closed to the public so a drop off box for ballots would be a logical extension

15:23:07 From Judy Strakalaitis : TCs could have weekend/evening hours so people can drop them off.

15:23:17 From Judy Strakalaitis : Agree w Bud.

15:23:17 From bonniewinonamackinnon : Yeah but ballots are not ordinary documents and cannot be replaced !There is no copy on anyone's computer.

15:23:17 From Kyri : Other states use drop boxes. Is the committee talking with other, more experienced states?

15:24:10 From Judy Strakalaitis : Dropboxes cant be used for abs ballots though now, Brad.

15:24:24 From bonniewinonamackinnon : Other states have a whole bevy of laws not necessarily in consort with our laws....it would be difficult to take ideas from other states whose laws are not our laws.

15:24:27 From Judy Strakalaitis : People can drop off abs requests in the dropbox.

15:24:40 From Judy Strakalaitis : Not actual abs ballots

15:24:45 From Gloria MacVane : Agree with Gene's suggestion -- Bedford has a drop box now.

15:25:06 From Diane Trippett : Merrimack has a drop box. We post a sign on it advising voters that due to current law, they cannot leave their ballot in the box and need to mail or deliver it

15:25:20 From lynn : merrimack sets up the day before

15:25:20 From Judy Strakalaitis : State primary is day after Labor Day this year.

15:26:33 From Judy Strakalaitis : Set up will be Friday, after schools close.

15:26:53 From Judy Strakalaitis : Yes, Joan!

15:28:42 From Judy Strakalaitis : Checklists cant be left overnight. They are delivered in the morning with the ballots. So e-pollbooks shld never be left unattended overnight.

15:29:35 From Sandwich Town Clerk : and cost of envelopes and stuffing them

15:29:43 From Cathy : 35

15:29:51 From Cathy : \$.35 postcard

15:30:27 From V Turner laptop : Many towns are sending out tax bills. We could save by combining postage?

15:30:38 From Judy Strakalaitis : Good point.

15:30:52 From V Turner laptop : It wouldn't reach all voters, but there is definitely overlap

15:31:48 From Judy Strakalaitis : Ventilation is a concern.

15:32:06 From Barbara Chagnon : I like with the tax bill thought

15:32:52 From V Turner laptop to Orville Fitch(Privately) : Has anyone brought up the issue of liability to municipalities if a poll worker / volunteer who gets sick/dies sues the town (or their family member sues the town)?

15:33:19 From Judy Strakalaitis : Derry TC has problem getting sufficient workers in regular times. Supervisors have a good recruiting process. But we are more selective and organized.

15:34:35 From Linda Plunkett : I believe the law does not permit anything to be mailed in the tax bill envelope other than the bill itself.

15:34:36 From V Turner laptop : absentee registration needs to be far far easier than it is now.

15:34:40 From Judy Strakalaitis : Deaths in Derry have gone up dramatically in last week. Sept primary will be a week after school reopens, so there will likely be an uptick around the primary

15:34:54 From Judy Strakalaitis : Absolutely, V Turner!

15:34:58 From V Turner laptop : Our town sends a newsletter with tax bills

15:40:20 From Linda G : Vote by mail is current in several states. The laws and processes exist. Apparently it is safe works well. If we adopted it, it would solve all the problems. The laws and procedures exist. They work well where they are used. VBM helps people who have trouble voting. Our absentee process is so complex it causes us to reject votes that should be valid every election. VBM solves that as well.

15:41:23 From Kyri : 5 states are totally vote by mail. Other states so a lot of vote by mail plus in person voting. There is a lot of literature on their experiences.

15:41:47 From Margaret Doody : How do undeclared absentee voters change back to undeclared?

15:41:54 From LibraryAdmin : I agree with Linda! We are wasting a lot of time and money on in person voting when we could revamp the entire process going forward....but the Gov has said now.

15:42:35 From DEE ANN DECKER : Mail in voting is a perfect way to increase voter fraud

15:42:47 From nclavette : Margaret - AV will be still undelcared

15:43:00 From Darryl Perry : <https://www.ncsl.org/research/elections-and-campaigns/all-mail-elections.aspx>

15:43:03 From V Turner laptop : A simple solution would be to waive the undeclared party switch requirement, just for this primary.

15:43:05 From Margaret Doody : thx!

15:43:06 From Vicky Nawoichyk : By the time we get to the election we will need the surge sites

15:43:25 From Kyri : There are protections against voter fraud with mail in voting. There is no more voter fraud with mail than with in person.

15:43:38 From Linda Plunkett : There is form that can be mailed with the ballot to undeclareds that they fill out to request to be changed back after a primary

15:43:54 From Judy Cook : A cost analysis should be done between the idea of VBM vs the way we are going to patch this up because of the COVID 19. I would think the safety and costs would be in favor of VBM.

15:44:19 From Kyri : Dee Ann, if you like I can send you some stats on the security of mail in voting.

15:44:28 From Margaret Doody : Linda, that's what we've done in the past.

15:44:32 From Jeanne Ludt : I think we just automatically return everyone to undeclared after the election. No need for additional forms.

15:44:50 From bonniewinonamackinnon : Another staffing issue that might need consideration is the current unemployment set up, assuming it is still in force in Sept and Nov. we might find staff amongst those receiving unemployment IF they can be protected from losing it fro working the elections. Theyer are currently a list of people on unemployment but the rules are strict. Maybe attract them by exempting section work from qualifying wages which would kick them off unemployment.

15:45:11 From Vicky Nawoichyk : I agree with Jessica

15:45:21 From Vicky Nawoichyk : Sorry I mean Jeanne

15:45:26 From Darryl Perry : I used to live in a town in PA where they had one polling location, but two precincts. There was literally a line on the floor separating the two.

15:46:01 From Darryl Perry : SNHU Arena could be used as a polling place with the wards being in different parts of the arena

15:46:05 From Judy Strakalaitis : Can SOS please issue guidance to town clerks that abs registration IS available to everyone now. That is crucial.

15:46:56 From V Turner laptop : Yes Judy. A lot of people are unaware of absentee registration

15:46:59 From Linda Plunkett to Orville Fitch(Privately) : I just read that one town automatically returns all their undeclared voters to undeclared after the primary to save on paperwork. Is that permissible?

15:47:25 From Judy Strakalaitis : Or received incorrect advice.

15:47:45 From Vicky Nawoichyk : Standard or not on social distancing we need to be mindful that November is the start of FLU season so we need to really to plan like it is happneing tomorrow

15:47:48 From Jean Lightfoot : Yes, and how is it done absentee. Our TC definitely thinks she cannot send the forms out through the mail.

15:47:58 From Jeanne Ludt : Agree completely with Patricia's suggestion about the affidavit being printed on the back

15:48:24 From Judy Strakalaitis : It has been for general elections in the past.

15:49:03 From Jeanne Ludt : We asked HAVA if we could print the affidavit on the back for the March election and they said no.

15:49:07 From Judy Strakalaitis : The TC is responsible for sending abs reg packets to anyone who requests it.

15:49:57 From Jean Lightfoot : The abs. reg packet is with the abs. ballot request. Does she send the abs ballot request for someone who does not want to absentee vote, but wants to absentee register?

15:50:18 From Jean Lightfoot : There needs to be SOS direction on this issue.

15:50:42 From DEE ANN DECKER : Judy the Nottingham Supervisors are sending just the AV Reg packet for the town clerk as she is so busy.

15:50:50 From Todd Rainier : Abs. Reg packet can be printed from HAVA. Just add voter reg. form before mailing.

15:51:23 From Sally Kellar : Jean, no. the absentee request triggers the voter registration packet. Packets are sent to absedntee because a non absentee voter can register at the polls on voting day

15:51:27 From Jean Lightfoot : Our TC will not send the Reg. Form unless she gets something official from SOS on this.

15:53:15 From Barbara Chagnon : Can anticipated number of voters be adjusted by reduction from AV? Thus allowing fewer voting spaces being set up.

15:53:19 From Jean Lightfoot : Sally - this is where the disconnect is. Some people, including Dave Scanlan, has said people can register abs., without planning to vote abs. And, our TC has heard nothing that changes the Abs. reg. without abs. ballot.

15:57:33 From Liz Tentarelli : Jean et al, I wonder if this is really an issue. Would not most people registering absentee also choose to vote absentee?

15:57:42 From V Turner laptop : If we do send absentee requests to all registered voters, we can save postage by consolidating households.

15:58:03 From Judy Strakalaitis : It isn't a change to absentee registration. That's why. Abs reg is always available to anyone who meets the exemptions to in-person registration at any time.

15:58:38 From Barbara Chagnon : Will there be a written summary of these discussions and comments available?

15:58:46 From Judy Strakalaitis : Because being registered now means you can file for office and sign nomination papers.

15:59:19 From nclavette : I will be here:)

15:59:28 From Liz Tentarelli : Of course, Judy. I'd forgotten that about filing.

15:59:37 From Cathleen Fountain : What about the issue of any filing in person to Town Offices for Primary etc. by state Reps & Senators. Also Voter Registration coming up in June.

15:59:44 From Barbara Chagnon : Thank you everyone. I like hearing these thoughts.

16:00:13 From Barbara Cooper : These conversations are very helpful. We are facing many of the sane issues all across the state. Glad to be a part of it.

16:00:28 From Judy Strakalaitis : Because abs reg usually is initiated when TC recs abs ballot reqs from someone not reg. So that is what they are used to

16:00:58 From Jean Lightfoot : These meetings have opened up lots of issues. Thank you!

16:01:00 From nclavette : thank you!

16:01:01 From Judy Strakalaitis : Thank you!!