

## PUBLIC NOTICE

THE TOWN OF NOTTINGHAM ELECTION OFFICERS will be partially processing absentee ballots received by the Town Clerk for the November 3, 2020 election, per RSA 659:55-a < \*\*text below >.

The pre-processing will commence, in an open public meeting, at 9 AM on Friday, October 30, 2020 in the Community Room of the Nottingham Municipal Office Building, A/K/A the town hall, 139 Stage Road, Nottingham, NH, 03290.

Bonnie Winona MacKinnon,  
Nottingham Town Moderator.

*\*\*RSA 659:55-a Partial Processing of Absentee Ballots Prior to an Election. I. The moderator, or his or her designee, may begin the processing of absentee ballots prior to the opening of the polls provided that the clerk shall post, in an appropriate public place and prior to election day, notice of the time and place of the processing. If the moderator chooses to do so it shall be posted in 2 appropriate public places, one of which shall be the public body's Internet website, if such exists, or shall be printed in a newspaper of general circulation in the city or town least 48 hours, excluding Sundays and legal holidays, prior to such meeting. A copy of the notice shall be provided to the secretary of state. The partial processing of absentee ballots prior to an election shall occur on the Thursday, Friday, Saturday, or Monday prior to the date of the election after the posting of the checklist. The moderator shall be assisted by at least 3 other election officers as defined under RSA 652:14. Members of the general public may observe this process. Under no circumstances shall absentee ballots be counted prior to the opening of the polls. II. Once notice of the processing has been posted, all absentee ballots received by the end of the day preceding the posted time for the meeting shall be partially processed. Only one session for the partial processing of absentee ballots may be scheduled prior to an election. III. Except as otherwise provided, the moderator, or his or her designee, shall adhere to the procedures detailed in RSA 659:49-b, RSA 659:50, RSA 659:51, RSA 659:52, RSA 659:53, RSA 659:54, RSA 659:54-a, RSA 666:4, and RSA 666:5. (Chapter 14, 2020 HB 1266 Effective 7.17.20)*