

14:00:51 From Sherman : I am muted  
14:03:44 From Darryl Perry : will this be recorded?  
14:05:06 From Laura Lynch : Why isn't Senator Melanie Levesque on this committee?  
14:07:26 From Darryl Perry : it's not recording  
14:26:40 From Vicky Turner : Couldn't we have a form available online for people to change party registration?  
14:28:53 From Darryl Perry : Vicky, that would make sense; but NH doesn't put the voter registration form online  
14:29:54 From Darryl Perry : will you be looking at petitioning requirements?  
14:30:14 From Liz Tentarelli : So that's something we need to do; put the form (application & affidavit) online! No reason not to, as the forms exist already.  
14:30:20 From Darryl Perry : how are independent and minor party candidates supposed to petition while social distancing?  
14:36:46 From Vicky Turner : There's an information piece here: many people are not aware that they can register absentee, as well as vote absentee.  
14:36:56 From Liz Tentarelli : The voters need to be told, clearly and simply, that illness or fear of contagion is acceptable as disability. Claiming a "disability" is sometimes seen by the public as either an unethical thing or admitting a weakness. It is important that people know it's okay to do so now, under these circumstances.  
14:38:04 From bev : they also need to understand it is 2 forms to complete to vote absentee- one for the primary and another for the general  
14:38:32 From Louise Spencer : Many people are not even aware that absentee voter registration even exists and many town websites do not mention it. Currently, it is also not on the SOS website  
14:39:05 From bev : plus with town offices closed- yet another challenge  
14:39:36 From Vicky Turner : What about nomination papers?  
14:39:49 From Liz Tentarelli : Think about radio publicity to reach voters/potential voters who don't read newspapers and websites the way we do. PSAs.  
14:42:18 From Brian Beihl, Open Democracy : An Open Democracy supporter said she just filled out three absentee ballot requests: One for the town, one for the Sept. 8 primary, and one for the Nov. 3 general. Could these be consolidated?  
14:42:28 From Chuck Mitchell : Can the federal/gov't funds be used to purchase an additional AccuVote machine, especially if there will be a huge increase in those voting absentee?  
14:45:17 From Sherman to Bud Fitch(Privately) : Can you send the links to us on the Committee?  
14:45:22 From Sherman to Bud Fitch(Privately) : Thanks  
14:45:30 From Paul Inderbitzen : Please address how municipalities are to apply for these funds. We are considering a mailing to all registered voters. Who need to apply; Selectmen, Clerk, or moderator?  
14:46:11 From Kyri : EAC website has a page that says that the HAVA funds can be used for additional preparations for this election because of Covid.  
14:54:23 From Louise Spencer : And postage for returning ballots and registrations.  
14:54:39 From Vicky Turner : A corollary to that is loosening the requirements for who can drop off absentee ballots for people who cannot leave home  
14:55:15 From wayne moynihan : Cost of postage for voters to RETURN their completed ballot should also be covered under these circumstances, IMHO  
14:56:36 From Darryl Perry : @Rep Moynihan is correct: <https://www.usnews.com/news/best-states/georgia/articles/2020-04-08/lawsuit-georgia-mail-in-ballot-postage-is-unconstitutional>  
14:58:56 From Melanie levesque : Chairman Cook, Is there a way to capture the comments in the chat? Some very important comments and concerns have been raised.  
14:59:14 From Darryl Perry : there is a way to capture chat!  
14:59:48 From Louise Spencer : The same considerations that are being given for absentee balloting must also be given to absentee registration. We need to focus on educating eligible voters who often are new to the voting process entirely.  
15:01:01 From Kyri : The EAC page on HAVA funds details how to separate state and federal election expenses, as only federal expenses can be paid for with federal money.  
15:01:34 From Kyri : <https://www.eac.gov/election-officials/guidance-use-hava-funds-expenses-related-covid-19>

15:01:52 From Vicky Turner : Bottom right - 3 dots - "save chat"

15:03:45 From Louise Spencer : Also, the registration process is more complicated and the need for education new voters will be significant to overcome obstacles and burdens

15:10:35 From Melanie Levesque : Thanks Vicky Turner!

15:11:50 From Darryl Perry : will you allow brief public comment?

15:12:27 From Louise Spencer : In addition to considering who should be invited to speak before the committee, please consider if additional members of the committee should be added. Lack of diversity is a huge concern.

15:12:32 From Kate's iPhone : disability rights center

15:13:02 From Vicky Turner : We haven't talked about counting votes safely

15:13:13 From Darryl Perry : ACLU

15:13:26 From Darryl Perry : League of Women Voters

Libertarian Party

15:13:32 From Vicky Turner : Supervisors of the Checklist

15:14:11 From ediew : Open Democracy

15:14:16 From Louise Spencer : Senator Levesque would be an excellent addition to the Committee.

15:14:21 From bonniewinonamackinnon : Invite selectmen or Town Administrators because they hold the local purse strings and are responsible for record keeping of the monies spent or needed.

15:14:52 From Darryl Perry : can you make emails public, please?

15:14:55 From bev : please address concerns in this chat in the next gathering

15:15:26 From Louise Spencer : IT and Security issues

15:15:31 From concerned voter : Sen Levesque

15:16:49 From Laura Lynch : Senator Melanie Levesque should be an addition she has been working for all of us in-the state to make sure everyone gets to voted

15:17:33 From Darryl Perry : will agendas for these meetings be made public in the future?

15:18:55 From Norman Head : what about allowing absentees to be tallied against the check list. The envelopes would be opened, the name read off and verified with check list. The ballot would then be secured in a sealed box and stored in town safe and then the ballots tallied by the machine the next day. this would be a tremendous help. thank you

15:19:06 From Ryan Snow : RE counting mail ballots, important to consider 1) the added time it would take to count all the mail ballots at the polls on election night rather than over time as they are received, and 2) the lack of availability of a process for voters to cure minor errors on otherwise-valid mail ballots. What can be done to address these issues under existing statutory process?

15:19:28 From Louise Spencer : People of color, young people, those who are homeless, people with disabilities, New Americans and others need, at the very least, need to be heard from

15:19:56 From concerned voter : do er have to worry about the function of the post office in Nov?

15:20:05 From Louise Spencer : Another cost-making voter education available in multiple languages

15:20:12 From Darryl Perry : public comment?