

Meeting of the Select Committee on 2020 Emergency Election Support

Thursday, May 7, 2020 - 2:00 p.m.

Members:

- Bradford E. Cook, Chairman
- Representative Barbara J. Griffin
- Katherine M. Hanna
- Kathy L. Seaver
- Senator Tom Sherman
- Eugene Van Loan III

Also participating:

- David Scanlan, Deputy Secretary of State
- Orville “Bud” Fitch, Legal Counsel, Secretary of State’s Office
- Nicholas Chong Yen, Assistant Attorney General

- Chairman Cook opened the meeting and took the roll of members. All committee members were present and alone as they remotely attended the meeting.

- The agenda for today will be approval of the minutes of yesterday’s meeting, announcements, and then presentations by any moderators and supervisors who wish to address us, first of towns with under 10k voters, then towns over 10k voters, then cities. We will then open to public comment.

- It has been noted by counsel that we should make comment at the beginning of these meetings on what we’ve been discussing by email, if anything, as a group, per the Right-to-Know law and in the interest of transparency.
 - The committee’s email communications have been limited.
 - The committee has been sending out information and asking for suggestions on who to invite to address the group.
 - The committee has distributed materials they have received in writing; have discussed the future schedule, and had a somewhat substantive back and forth about how to disseminate information and communications going out from governmental entities already so as to avoid incurring the cost of additional postage.

- Ms. Seaver moved approval of last meeting’s minutes; Senator Sherman seconded. Chairman Cook called the roll: minutes were adopted unanimously.

- The schedule for next week is still being finalized, but the committee meet again next Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday at 2:00 p.m.

- Tuesday: The committee will hear from political parties and advocacy groups of various kinds.
 - Wednesday: The committee will hear from healthcare organizations, the business and industry & labor sectors.
 - Thursday: The committee will hold a working session for the committee to determine where we are and what must be done the following week, at which point we'll at least cover resources to make polling places safe, layout of polling places, and hold another deliberative session. This is all subject to change at this point.
- Due to technical difficulty, Chairman Cook briefly recessed the meeting at 2:15 p.m.
 - Meeting resumed at 2:30 p.m.
 - Virginia Irwin, Town of Newport Moderator: We have some anxiety about the number of absentee ballots we'll have to print. There's also a question about the proximity of voting booths: We know the rule is that so many booths are required for so many voters, and I wonder if it's possible to ask folks to leave an empty booth in between them and the next voter?
 - Chairman Cook: The committee will hold an entire session on the layout of polling places. There are a lot of specific statutory requirements surrounding this issue and we'll be discussing how to make that work to keep it safe for everyone.
 - Regis Roy: Question about mandatory registration meetings. What are we doing to accommodate people who want to register at that meetings of the supervisors?
 - Attorney Fitch: We know you have a mandatory session coming up on June 2nd. We plan to get guidance out before that happens. We believe you can, under the Governor's order, conduct a remote meeting, provided there's an opportunity for someone who can't meet remotely to meet with someone in-person. We'll provide recommendations on how to do that to keep everyone safe. This could be having a staffer in PPE meet a registrant in the parking lot, for example. The Secretary of State has already stated that folks can register absentee for the same reasons they can vote absentee, and they can request those materials from the Secretary of State's office.
 - Norman Head, Town of Bartlett Moderator: How do we handle the number of absentee ballots on election day? Cordell Johnston sent a letter indicating that perhaps we'd have a positive response if we petitioned to be able to open the absentee envelopes the day before the election, put the ballots in a safe spot, sealed, in the town vault, and then on election day actually run them through the voting machine. Is that something that could be done?
 - Chairman Cook: There has been much discussion about how requirements can be streamlined or relaxed to accommodate the anticipated overwhelming number of absentee ballots. The Attorney General's office and the Secretary of State continue to look at what's permissible, and will provide guidance.

- Attorney Fitch: Noted there is no need for a petition; this is something the Secretary of State's office is actively working on. We recognize a solution is needed.
- Norman Head: Asked Attorney Fitch whether that would be a modifications of RSA 659:49.
- Attorney Fitch: It's one of the issues, but we've heard loud and clear there needs to be an opportunity before election day to start processing absentee ballots, and that need will of course vary between municipalities. There are other statutes that provide someone the opportunity to vote in-person on election day even though they've already submitted an absentee ballot, and we're also looking for a solution to that.
- Bonnie Winona, Town of Nottingham Moderator: There's been much discussion about this on the moderators' list serve. I want to say that I agree with many of the suggestions that Cordell Johnston made in his letter to you, which was on the list serve today. I love the idea of the working group for sorting out the anticipated avalanche of absentee ballots. My main concern is the safety of everyone working the elections, as well as the voters. We need protection and training in how to use PPE.
 - I'm also concerned about electioneering during polling hours—can we dispense with that for these two elections? In my situation there's a small area outside town hall that I rope off for folks electioneering and I don't see how I can do that in my layout while maintaining social distancing.
 - How can we keep the ballot clerks far apart but close enough to keep tabs on each other? If someone comes in to vote and they have symptoms, how will we know? Can we query them if they have a temperature or a cough? Can we have a nurse's station?
 - Can we have an absentee ballot process that day, where voters can fill out an absentee ballot and not physically enter the polling place area?
 - Very concerned about processing all the absentee ballots. If we process them the day before, will we need to have a public session?
 - Nobody has mentioned including the thoughts and responsibilities of selectmen; they're technically responsible for the room setup and the money and recordkeeping.
- Robert Dezmelyk, Town of Newton Moderator: Shares others' absentee voting concerns. One time consuming step is unfolding ballots—they're heavy stock and can jam the counting machine. If instead of using letter-sized envelopes, we moved to full sheet envelopes, that would hold the ballot flat and would save a lot of time, plus it would give the opportunity for the outer envelope and inner envelope to contain additional information a voter can use to fill in the absentee ballot, because every election we see ballots with deficiencies. We do the best we can, but we run into cases where absentee ballots have a problem that can't be fixed. Clear, additional directions for absentee voters would be really helpful, especially because there will be so many first-time absentee voters. I'd like to see a larger envelope size and putting more clearly written descriptions of what to do, like a step-by-step checklist for the voter.
 - In terms of in-person voting: We have an obligations to enable voting by all citizens. I think we need to make that experience as welcoming, non-intimidating, non-

discriminatory, and open to everyone as we can. Combining these challenges of health and safety issues with that is quite difficult because we have to space people out, we have to be more concerned about health issues, but I think if we stopped them in any way because we think they're sick, we're screening off voters, and I think that's a huge problem.

- I'm going to urge the state to strongly consider ways we can make our voting process maximally safe for everyone with the least limitations on what is done. First, enable outdoor voting. Studies show that the likelihood of outbreak of COVID-19 is much less outside. Seems possible to provide a way to vote from vehicles in a way that meets the objectives of our election process. That strategy would shift the need for very large polling spaces. We'll also have to look at tabletop voting versus booths to allow for more spacing.
- Mr. Van Loan asked Mr. Dezmelyk: How would you deal with checking people off on the checklist if they're going to drive up in their cars?
- Mr. Dezmelyk: I wouldn't call it drive-by voting; I'd call it voting in a parking lot, where you're voting in a roped off area.
- Senator Sherman: I think these are interesting ideas. I'd be interested in understanding more. Very interested in the point about very clearly written instructions. If it was simply instructions on how to handle an absentee ballot, couldn't it be something that could be standardized to appear on all absentee ballots?
- Mr. Dezmelyk: Absolutely. There are already instructions; I'm suggesting that they be expanded upon so they'd be almost a checklist for voters.
- Senator Sherman: Also, for drive in voting, couldn't you do more than one lane so you can process multiple voters at a time?
- Mr. Dezmelyk: Yes. You could scale it however you needed to. It wouldn't work for every community, but may be very helpful in some towns. Maybe using some parts of that idea can give us a little more flexibility.
- Ms. Hanna: I imagine there are often questions about voting absentee. Do you know whether those questions about absentee ballots have been recorded anywhere, or could be compiled for the Secretary of State to help enhance the instructions?
- Mr. Dezmelyk: Our clerk and her assistant do a lot of work to help voters and answer questions.
- Jim Belanger, Town of Hollis Moderator: The letter from Cordell Johnston covers most of my points except this: the return to undeclared process. I would propose giving each undeclared voter a generic card they can sign while in the booth, indicating they want to return to undeclared or stay the registered as the party whose ballot they took. They can turn in their

ballot and the card at the same time. Supervisors can look at the cards later and adjust the checklist accordingly.

- Lori Marko, Henniker: We're a big college town and on any given election day we'll register about 300 college students, and our checklist is full of those college students. That's a lot to process.
- Linda G, Supervisor in Bethlehem: I wanted to know if there's a possibility of doing voting by mail. It would solve every problem everyone's brought up, and the laws and procedures already exist and work well. It enfranchises populations that tend to be disenfranchised because it makes it easier to vote. Our absentee process is very complicated and the ballots that we have to discard every election aren't because the people don't understand or because their questions haven't been answered, but they've simply missed a step. It would be great to be able to avoid this.
- Chairman Cook: This committee obviously has no power to change the law, and the closest to voting by mail is our present absentee voting system. The legislature would have to change the law otherwise, and they may not be meeting again until early summer.
- Cathy Fountain, Supervisor in Dalton: I'm concerned about voter registration and party changes that are happening June 2nd but also the filing of persons for office that will be happening, and the requirement that they get papers notarized, which raises an issue in addition to them submitting it to the town clerk. I did send by email a write-up about my thoughts and ideas, as I think the request for absentee ballots should be something the Secretary of State's office has online for people to just check it off, put in their address, and then they submit it back so it goes directly to the town clerks. This would streamline and simplify the whole process.
- Jim Garrity, Town of Atkinson Moderator: As a follow-up to Mr. Belanger's idea, just for the state primary, the whole returning to undeclared and having to wait in line to do so poses a significant social distancing problem.
 - Additionally, why don't we just suspend the whole "you become a democrat or republican for the day" then they don't become the member of any party and they don't have to switch back.
- Dennis Murphy, Town of Winchester Moderator: Somewhere in the RSAs, there's already an allowance for curbside voting; we did it for our March town elections if folks wanted to do so. We used absentee ballots.
 - Also, I'd like to start processing absentee ballots way earlier than when the polls open—maybe two or three hours ahead of time so that most of them are processed before the polls open.
- Attorney Fitch: Noted that there is a statute that authorizes this as an exceptional event for reasons of accessibility, at which point an absentee ballot can be brought to a voter at their car. The federal Department of Justice monitors carefully how often that happens, and has told

states not to over-use the process. Obviously these aren't usual circumstances. As a practical matter it would be very time-consuming and may be viable in small communities, but there will be communities where trying to do this by car would propose insurmountable logistical challenges.

- Chairman Cook asked Attorney Fitch: Is there a statute that allows that to happen with regular ballots, and not absentee?
- Attorney Fitch: No.
- Ms. Hanna: When you say curbside voting, we've been discussing whether one who completes an absentee ballot could drive up and drop it into a drop box, for example. Is that what you're referring to, or are you referring to giving the absentee ballot to a voter in their car and taking it back after they execute it?
- Attorney Fitch: The latter. It's meant to be a disability provision and meant to accommodate people who didn't foresee being disabled on election day. They can be driven to the polls and that individual who can't get into the building is able to be brought an absentee ballot. It's then brought back into the polling place and processed as it usually would be.
- Ms. Hanna asked Attorney Fitch: What about executing the absentee ballot at home and allowing voters to drop them into a box? Is that something that can be explored?
- Attorney Fitch: We can explore that. We've advised towns with meetings this spring that currently the law expects the postal service or a person to deliver a ballot to the clerk, so we've suggested, if they see the need for this, to have a drop box that's staffed at publicly advertised times. Similarly, anyone can have a delivery agent (generally a family member) deliver an absentee ballot sealed in an affidavit envelope to the clerk at the polling place on election day. It is certainly viable that under existing law the clerk could have a designated volunteer who waits outside the polling place and collects absentee ballots in a drop box. It would require someone monitoring the box to receive it.
- Ms. Hanna: It seems like the Attorney General's office interpret a drop box at a clerk's office to be considered "personally delivered".
- Attorney Fitch: We've understood "delivered" to mean delivered to another actual person because we understand the purpose of these statutes is to deter aggregation of ballots and individuals coercing voters into how to mark a ballot.
- Ken Kettenring, Town of New Hampton Moderator: Echoed the comments that have been expressed. My main concerns are safety of voting in town.
 - Can a moderator can require people to wear masks or face coverings in order to enter the polling place? And if so, I assume we'd have to be able to provide masks for those

who don't have them. Could the costs of those masks be reimbursed through the CARES Act?

- Secondly, I'd like to see the state actively promote absentee balloting. The fewer people who come to the polls, the safer I will feel and the safer I will feel my staff and the voters will be.
- Denise Sachse, Supervisor in Jackson: We get people who want to do a change of party, and June 2nd is their last chance. Can we do anything about change of party declaration via absentee, and if so, how?
- Chairman Cook: The Attorney General's office is working on that question because we are aware of that concern. More guidance will be forthcoming.
- Carolyn Garretson, Supervisor in Jaffrey: I believe our best solution is to use the absentee ballots. I believe those barriers can be overcome. Lots of people are asymptomatic. Most election officials are much older and many of mine don't want to work the polls again this year if we're voting in-person. Using an ID and wearing a mask when you're six feet apart doesn't work. In terms of the CARES Act funding, I think there should be HAVA funds still available and I wonder if they can be tapped for this pandemic.
- Brian Wazlaw, City of Portsmouth Ward 5 Moderator: The ability to process absentee ballots prior to election day would be hugely helpful. Approx. 15% of current balloting in my ward is by absentee ballots. The time it takes to process and cast the ballots in the machine is huge. I'm counting on a significant number of absentee ballots coming in. I'm also concerned about the level of PPE. We need Plexiglas shields or some protection between voters and ballot clerks. Finally, I don't know where HB 556 is right now, which would allow us to process absentee ballots, but that'd be helpful to know.
- Barry Hantman, Town of Danville Moderator: I'd sent in some written comments that I hope were distributed. As people have said, the processing of absentee ballots is onerous, especially when we expect such an increase this year. Could we put absentee voters at the end of the checklist so they're separate? We could process those ballots without interrupting the ballot clerks who are checking people in.
 - Secondly: The folded ballots are typically rejected by the machine. We have to put them in several times in order to get the machine to read a ballot after it's been folded. Full-size envelopes would help.
 - Finally, voting from your car: In smaller town like Danville we could do something along the lines of driving into the back of the fire station, park inside the fire station, vote in your car, and proceed out the front door and hand the ballot to the moderator to put into the counting machine.
- Mr. Van Loan: Is Mr. Hantman's suggestion about putting absentee voters on a separate section of the checklist feasible?

- Chuck Mitchell, Town of Tilton Moderator: I think the thing is safety for everyone—not just voters but everyone who works the polls. I'd love to require voters to wear masks but I'm guessing that can't happen. Safety is our biggest concern.
- Arleen Andreozzi, Supervisor in Hampton: During the last primary we had over 6k voters come in to register, including absentees. I don't think we can handle that many.
 - I'm worried about the safety of our ballot clerks. Maybe we could have legislation to have a two-day election so we could open polls one day just for absentee ballots.
- Margaret Doody, Supervisor in Wilmot: I'm concerned about the June 2nd deadline. If the meeting of the supervisors is remote, do we need to provide public access?
- Attorney Chong Yen: One of the Governor's emergency orders relaxed the requirements of the Right-to-Know law. While the physical quorum requirement for a public body isn't required, if you choose to use an electronic format, it must be accessible by those who would like to sit in on the meeting. To the extent you'll have a remote meeting using an electronic platform, it does need to be accessible and if there are issues with accessibility, you'll need to recess or adjourn the meeting and resolve those issues before resuming.
- Maggie Paul, Supervisor in Amherst: Most of our concerns have been highlighted, especially the concerns about the June 2nd party affiliation change deadline. In 15 days we have to post our checklist list, and we usually post it in two places: the library and town hall, which are both currently closed. I don't know if they'll be open by the 22nd. Do you have a suggestion of how we can do that?
 - Registering new voters is going to be a very large concern for us. In the 2016 presidential election we registered 550 new voters on election day. That's a lot of face-to-face time and exchanging of papers and documents. The Amherst supervisors want to encourage the use of absentee registration as well as absentee voting, and we hope the Secretary of State's office and the committee will provide us clear consistent guidance, which each town can post on their website.
- Jamie Sayen, Town of Stratford Moderator: Proposes the state adopt 100% vote-by-mail for the duration of the COVID-19 emergency. Suggests that we consult with Oregon and others who are already doing this, which would help us adapt best policy for NH. If we decide on hybrid voting, meaning some in-person and some absentee, then the overriding issue is that poll workers will be exposed to health concerns and face much greater risk if majority of votes are in-person. This is an unusual situation and we have to take unusual steps.
- Ann Sharp, Supervisor in Durham: Concerned about same-day registration. Last two presidential elections, we have had 3k same-day registrants with the vast majority of them being college students. If UNH is in session, it's going to be difficult to get the word out that they need to register to vote by mail. I would still expect a huge number of in-person voting on election day.

- Sarah Chalsma, Supervisor in Webster: We are a hand-count town. Is any of that federal money able to go toward purchasing counting machines for hand-count towns?
- Chairman Cook: Yes. If we come up with a certain amount of money dedicated to counting machines, there will be a process by which towns can apply to the Secretary of State's office to get that money.
- Bill Klein, Town of Bedford Moderator: Underlined the need for big envelopes for ballots so as to avoid folding ballots.
 - One of the problems with drive-in voting is wet ballots, which also jam the counting machines.
 - Very concerned about the amount of absentee ballots that we'll have to process. Went to MA for Super Tuesday and watched the counting of the ballots done by high-speed tabulators. Wondering if anyone knows the possibility of whether we could get the approval to use machines like that, which we could perhaps lease instead of buy. If we could do that, starting in the morning, that machine could be taken around to towns and cities that need it, so fewer machines would be needed and the process would go much more quickly.
 - Consider making the return to undeclared process automatic.
- Peter Basiliere, Town of Milford Moderator: What happens if we don't decide before June 1 to move our polling place to another location—are we then constrained from moving if it's already been posted?
- Attorney Fitch: Given that we're confronting unique circumstances here, we'll have to work with municipalities to ensure adequate and sufficient notice is given to voters.
- Mr. Basiliere: I think the state should do a mass mailing to voters—even if it is just the explaining the process of requesting absentee ballots and absentee registration packets.
 - Would like to see the money go to cleaning supplies, PPE, and signage used in polling places.
 - Feels we need to be able to process absentee ballots before the election.
 - Suggests we relax the amount of booths required at polling places, as it won't allow for social distancing.
 - In towns that use two ballot clerks to check in voters, I suggest doing away with that and doing what Milford does, which is have one person check off the voter and give them a slip of paper that's then exchanged for a ballot at a separate table.
- Kyri, Supervisor in Concord: Medical experts say a good way to contract COVID-19 is by being in an enclosed space for a long time. Election officials are very vulnerable. Can the Secretary of State centralize purchasing and distribution of medical-grade PPE so all municipalities have equal access to high-quality equipment? Same goes for disinfectants.
 - Will the Secretary of State's office be providing testing for poll workers and election officials before the 2 election days so we know no one is in danger of infecting their

colleagues, as well as post-election day testing so no one has to spend two weeks worrying they've been infected?

- Chairman Cook: Among what we'll be looking at are the official purchasing of PPE equipment. Testing is a good question and when we have the sessions on the medical and healthcare side of this, we'll be delving deeper into this.
- Senator Sherman: Currently testing being done by EOC and testing protocol is done at DHHS
- Senator Melanie Levesque: Ensuring we have integrity and confidence in our elections is my utmost concern here. The timeline should be clear and be made available and so anyone can access this information and the committee's plan. We need to understand the start dates and end dates which give voters a chance to understand the process and the time they have to do it in.
 - We have to consider every juncture of the process leading up to election day.
 - We also need voter education, and to communicate early and broadly.
 - The Secretary of State's website should have complete information for voters to access absentee request forms.
 - There must be a communication plan that consists of many types of media. We can even communicate through schools as they're educating our children right now. We should strive for standards so there's communication venues for each town that will be utilized, and they should be similar, at the bare minimum, across the state.
 - Sending notices with tax bills is a good idea, but it leaves out renters. How do we reach those folks?
 - We need to be innovative. We're using 20th century tech for 21st century needs.
 - Noted that the use of poll books would help larger towns and cities.
 - Proposals like automated voter registration and online registration would have prepared us for this process despite COVID. This has shown us we need to be forward thinking. We need to update laws to work in today's society and be flexible enough to prepare for the future.
 - If we have an overabundance of absentee ballots, are we confined by existing law? Because of this crisis we'll experience an influx of absentee ballots. HB 556 will allow us to prepare ballots the day before, readying them to be counted. The legislature's plan is to be back in session in June. This is a bill we can act on now.
- Chairman Cook asked Senator Levesque: What is your sense of how fast the legislature could pass those bills, and when would they be effective?
- Senator Levesque: Our hope is to get back to session by June, and we'd prioritize our bills and get them through as soon as possible. We understand there are pending bills that are high-priority that we need to work on, and that's what we're working towards.
- Senator Sherman: Presumably, if the bills clear the Senate and the House by the end of June, they could be on the Governor's desk by early July, or even sooner.

- Mr. Van Loan: Appreciates concern with expeditiousness for this committee’s work. We need a decision of whether or not we’ll have in-person voting this cycle. Could you give us some suggestions as to what would be a sensible drop-dead date for whoever decides whether we’ll have in-person voting or go all absentee? July 15th seems to be to be a sensible deadline.
- Senator Levesque: I don’t want to step over the Secretary of State, as that’s his role. I think you bring up a good question: I’ve always assumed we’d still have our polls open, so we’ll have to see what the Governor says, and see what the situation is on the ground with COVID-19. That will be in the hands of the Secretary of State.
- Chairman Cook: Who decides whether there will be in-person voting?
- Attorney Chong Yen: Per the NH Constitution, there are requirements for holding elections, and a decision to terminate in-person voting for upcoming elections would raise significant constitutional concerns, and potentially an outright lawsuit by anyone disenfranchised by such a decision.
- Attorney Fitch: Part II Article 32 of the NH Constitution references this matter.
- Gloria Pilotte, City of Manchester, Ward 9 Moderator: Echoed Senator Leveque’s comments. We need huge public education.
- John Lisle City of Nashua Ward 8 Moderator: There is a different role for moderators in towns versus cities. Budget capabilities vary.
 - Any plans on processing absentee ballots the day before the election need to take business days versus weekends into consideration.
 - In the four terms I’ve served as moderator we’ve never had a person who has requested an absentee ballot end up coming to the polls and asking to vote in person. We shouldn’t be setting policy based on rare circumstances.
 - If this is to be considered a safe election, we’re making an assumption that what we’re doing makes it safe for voters and poll workers and some of my ballot inspectors are worried about indemnification in case someone gets sick and decides to sue.
- Ms. Hanna: Guidance has been issued providing immunity for healthcare workers; perhaps we could get similar guidance for election workers.
- Vicky Turner, Supervisor in Bennington: We got some guidance from the Department of Justice that it will be possible to do some things temporarily by executive order. Any thought about liability waivers for those hired as election workers?
 - Asked if Deputy Secretary Scanlan could comment on what outside assistance we’re getting with cleaning up checklists? Wants NH to get involved with ERIC (Electronic Registration Information Center)

- Deputy Secretary Scanlan: NH participated in the Crosscheck Program a couple of years ago. It was a helpful process. That program is not currently functioning. There's a program out there called ERIC. That program is something that requires participation not only by the Secretary of State's office sharing voter registration records, but also the Department of Motor Vehicles also sharing motor vehicle records. Additionally, there are software applications that would have to be developed to allow this to take place. At this point it's not a program we could simply jump into and expect to clean up our rolls. As a Supervisor, you know the process of going through your rolls; and NH is coming up on a purge in 2022.
- Ms. Turner: Urged use of ERIC.
 - Suggested that the absentee registration process should be more consistent with the absentee voter request.
 - The absentee registration form requires that someone have a witness, but people are sheltered-in-place right now and that's a difficult requirement to accommodate.
- Judy Strakalaitis, Supervisor in Derry: Derry has the largest checklist in the state. Concerns with absentee registration: People registering absentee don't get the opportunity to cure defects in their application. If we accept absentee ballots on a rolling basis, we'd be able to correct errors. Worried about ballots being rejected.
 - Absentee registration affidavit says supervisors have discretion to approve applicants that don't meet all requirements. I'd like to confirm that. Nursing home residents are allowed to have administrators verify domicile and identity but not age or citizenship, and that needs to be addressed.
- Vicky Nawoichyk: What about children in the polling place? What about the disabled? How are we handling bathroom use?
- Chairman Cook encouraged officials to connect with each other offline, as well.
- Justin O'Donnell: Currently registered to vote in Nashua, but moving to Manchester. Declared candidate for NH Senate and serves on the board of directors for the Libertarian Party. Reiterated Daryl Perry's questions re: petitioning requirements and whether they can be waived for non-party and minor party candidates.
- Attorney Chong Yen: That request is with the Governor's office, as well; I'm not sure the status of that request's review.
- Chairman Cook noted that the agenda will be finalized and posted before next week's meetings.
- Ms. Hanna moved adjournment; Ms. Seaver seconded; motion to adjourn was unanimously adopted by roll call.
- Meeting closed at 5:26 p.m.