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**Partial Pre-Processing of Absentee Ballots**  
– Saturday October 31, 2020 10am

A new law adopted in July 2020 authorizes limited partial processing of absentee ballots before a 2020 election. Absentee ballots received in the Newfields Town Clerks Office will be partially opened on Saturday October 31, 2020 at 10:00 am at the Newfields Town Hall, 65 Main St. At that time the outer envelope of each returned absentee ballot shall be opened, the affidavit on the inner envelope shall be examined, the voter's name shall be announced, an opportunity for a challenge of ballot shall be given, and a notation will be made on the checklist to help facilitate the processing of the ballot on election day. The affidavit envelope will not be opened, and the ballot will not be counted at this session. The public is welcome to attend.

Partial pre-processing creates an opportunity for voters to be notified if they failed to properly complete or return the absentee ballot with a completed affidavit and for the voter to correct the error on or before election day. Correcting or curing the deficiency will allow their vote to be counted. Partial pre-processing also allows some of the absentee ballot processing work to be completed before election day, reducing the time required by election officials on election day.

*Aue McKinnon*  
*10/21/2020*