

Public Notice to Newport Residents Re **Absentee ballots** for the November 3, 2020 NH General Election

Election Officials will preprocess absentee ballots on October 29, 2020 beginning at 8:30am in the Selectmen's room at the Newport Town Office - 15 Sunapee Street, Newport per House Bill 1266, Laws of 2020, Chapter 14. Preprocessing will include calling out the name of the voter, opening the outer mailing envelope and verifying the affidavit envelope was signed. The official checklist will be marked by highlighting the voter's name only to indicate preprocessing only. If the affidavit was not executed properly, the voter will be contacted at the phone number or email provided on the request form so they may cure the issue. All absentee ballots received by the end of the preprocessing session will be preprocessed. At the end of the session, all preprocessed absentee ballots will be sealed in boxes and kept in the Town Clerk's office until election day. Any absentee ballots received after preprocessing will be fully processed the day of the election.

On election day, November 3, 2020 absentee ballot processing will begin at 8:00 AM at the alternate polling place, Newport Middle High School Gymnasium -245 N. Main St. Newport NH. Processing will begin with the preprocessed ballots. No name will be called out as that will have happened during preprocessing. The affidavit envelope will be opened, the voter check in book will be marked at this time and the ballot cast through the Accuvote machine. Once we get to ballots that have NOT be preprocessed we will begin calling out the names of the voters who voted absentee, the envelopes opened, affidavit verified, checklist marked and ballot cast for absentee voter.