



Municipal Matters

New London, New Hampshire September 2, 2020

State Primary Elections Tuesday, September 8 7AM—7PM

Voting will take place at the
Public Works Garage
184 South Pleasant Street, New London

Your **vote** and health matter.

These are challenging times. Conducting an election, with the potential for large numbers of persons passing through a polling place to exercise their constitutional right to vote, during a viral epidemic, whilst providing the maximum safety of poll workers and voters, is a daunting task. We (the Moderator, Town Clerk, and Supervisors of the Checklist) have been attending separate Zoom meetings with the Secretary of State’s Office weekly over the past several months, learning about Covid, and its methods of transmission, learning our election laws, and learning how best to conduct an election that keeps everyone as safe as possible. Permit me to make some observations illustrating what we have learned, and what we propose to do, in order to give you a better idea what to expect, when you come out to vote September 8. There will be no decorations this election, the polling place will look different!



Masks are required to be worn and social distancing will be observed inside the polling place. Masks will be provided to all voters entering the polling place. Hand sanitizer will be provided at the entrance to & exit from the polling place. All voting stations and voting booths will be socially distanced.

Election volunteers will be greeting voters after they turn

into the Public Works Garage Parking lot to direct them to the proper area. There are a few options for voting:

1. **Inside the polling place, when checking in**, voters will be provided a ballot, a pen, and a paper mat and, if Undeclared, a pink or blue “return to undeclared status” paper. The ballot is placed inside the paper mat and handed to the voter. The voter proceeds to either a voting station (voting screen set up on a table) or a voting booth with their ballot inside their paper mat. The voter goes to the selected voting place, spreads out the paper mat (to protect them from contact with the writing surface) marks their ballot, places it inside the paper mat, and proceeds to the Accuvote Machine near the exit door. The voter deposits their ballot into the Accuvote Machine, discards their paper mat into a recycling barrel, and discards their pen (or keeps it if they choose). If the voter was undeclared, they will give their pink or blue “return to undeclared status” paper to the volunteer at the table behind the sneeze guard, use the hand sanitizer provided, then return to their cars and leave via the appropriate driveway.



2. If you have requested an absentee ballot before Election Day, and have not yet returned it, there will be an express drive through for you to return your absentee ballot up until 5 P.M. If you cannot get there by that time, you will be invited to vote in person. If you are returning the absentee ballot for another person, you will be required to show an ID and complete a form before the ballot will be received.
3. If you elect not to enter the polling place, you will be permitted to vote in an absentee manner, outside the polling place, by completing an absentee ballot application to receive and complete ballot, place in affidavit envelope and sign, seal and place in outside envelope, all of which must be completed before the ballot may be received.
 - ◆ If you cannot wear a mask, for medical or other reason, provisions will be made for you to vote in

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person, but outside the polling place.

- ◆ As with all elections, there will be a Handicapped Accessible Voting Booth inside the polling place, and a separate Accessible Voting System booth inside the polling place.

Please note the Electioneering Area will be relocated to the lawn outside the Public Works Building, around the flagpole and ornamental snow plow. Please look for the supporters of your candidate there. If you are campaigning for a candidate, remember each person campaigning is entitled to hold only one sign for the candidates of their choice. Freestanding signs are not permitted in the Electioneering Area. Hailing voters from the Electioneering Area is not permitted, but you may speak with the voters if they initiate the conversation.

Respectfully submitted,
W. Michael Todd, Town Moderator

Meeting Calendar

The Selectmen will once again hold meetings in person; meetings will be held at Whipple Memorial Town Hall to ensure adequate social distancing. **Please check the town's web calendar to see if other board and committee meetings will be held at Whipple Hall or via the Zoom.com platform.**

- **WED, SEPT 2** @ 7 PM - ENERGY COMMITTEE - ZOOM
- **THURS, SEPT 3** @ 8:30 AM - MASTER PLAN COMM.
- **THURS, SEPT 3** @ 6:30 PM - BUILDINGS & FACILITY COMMITTEE @ WHIPPLE
- **MON, SEPT 7 - LABOR DAY - TOWN OFFICES CLOSED**
- **TUE, SEPT 8** @ 6:30 PM - PLANNING BOARD - ZOOM
- **WED, SEPT 9** @ 11 AM - RECREATION COMMITTEE
- **WED, SEPT 9** @ 7 PM - BUDGET COMMITTEE
- **THURS, SEPT 10** @ 8:30 AM - MASTER PLAN COMM.
- **THURS, SEPT 10** @ 6:30 PM - BUILDINGS & FACILITY
- **SAT, SEPT 12** @ 7:30 AM - CITIZENS ADVISORY COMM.
- **MON, SEPT 14** @ 6 PM - BOARD OF SELECTMEN
- **TUE, SEPT 15** @ 6:30 PM - ZONING BOARD OF ADJ.
- **WED, SEPT 16** @ 8:30 AM - CONSERVATION COMM.

For a complete list of meetings go to the town website:
www.nl-nh.com



**In observance of Labor Day
The New London Town Offices
& Public Works Department
Will be CLOSED on
Monday, September 7, 2020**

Absentee Ballots will be received by the Town Clerk at the Town Office on Monday, September 7, from 3:00 pm to 5:00 pm

For more information call 603-526-1244

Notice

New London's partial processing of absentee ballots for the September Primary will happen Monday, September 7th at 184 S Pleasant St. starting at 12:00 PM

If you have any questions please contact Will Kidder, Town Clerk at 603-526-1244

FRIENDLY REMINDER

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