14:06:36  From Kathy: I actually cannot unmute myself. It says that the host muted me.
14:08:51  From Suzanne: Can I have permission to record?
14:09:11  From David Stamps: Yes
14:09:38  From Karen: yes
14:10:19  From Deanna Amaral: Can I have permission to record?
14:10:45  From Suzanne: Not allowing it
14:14:31  From Liz Tentarelli: I'm jealous of all you dog-owners having company.
14:14:33  From Darryl Perry: do but any of you have cats?
14:15:27  From Judi: Yes I do, but he is sleeping in my chair in the other room. He may join us later.
14:16:12  From Denise Sachse: Could you please provide location where I could find the minutes of the last meeting thank you
14:16:18  From Louise Spencer: Is the chat saved as part of the official record?
14:16:29  From V Turner laptop: Location of minutes? Anyone know?
14:22:03  From Vicky Nawoichyk: If we are talking about meeting f2f with voters what sort of PPE will be provided for the Supervisors??
14:22:04  From V Turner laptop: Can we extend the deadline for those 2? (Party change and filing)
14:22:28  From Jean Lightfoot: Party change deadline is 4 weeks from today.
14:22:56  From Kate Coon: More about voter registration by mail, please? absentee mail registration?
14:23:57  From Vicky Nawoichyk: Will we be discussing same day voter registration on Election day?
14:24:31  From Kyri: I believe what he said was that they still don't have the guidance on absentee registration. Someone should correct me if I'm wrong.
14:25:24  From Vicky Nawoichyk: Absentee Ballots can be sent to NEW voters which includes the new voter packet. So it is possible to register new voters that way but they will need to vote absentee
14:26:53  From Barbara Chagnon: Absentee Voter Registrants must (now) vote Absentee. Correct?
14:26:56  From Louise Spencer: I am hoping that the absentee voter registration form and prices will be greatly simplified from the current process. Both are much too complicated for widespread use.
14:27:03  From Jeanne Ludt: A required voter registration session by the supervisors is scheduled for June 2. We need to be able to notify people that they can register by mail rather than meet with us in person.
14:27:21  From Kate Coon: Thank you Kathy Hanna- League of Women Voters wants clarification on this. Town clerks directives not at all consistent.
14:28:04  From Vicky Nawoichyk: FYI MAy 22nd is the final day for us to post a Supervisor session for June 2 mandatory session. SO we need to know ASAP on what we are doing
14:28:09  From Louise Spencer: Correction: I am hoping that the absentee voter registration form and process will be greatly simplified from the current process. Both are much too complicated for widespread use.
14:28:38  From DEE ANN DECKER: Agreed Jeanne we need this asap to get the word out to voters that need to register. Jane 2 is the DEADLINE unless it can be extended.
14:28:56  From V Turner laptop: Why isn't absentee registration de-coupled from absentee voting? Supervisors of the Checklist could be registering voters directly by mail. We could verify ID through photos of photo i.d.s
14:28:59  From deborah Fauver: the AV ballot application includes a check box for please send AV registration forms.
14:30:06  From Barbara Chagnon: There is reference for absentee registration with absentee ballot on the SOS "How to Register to Vote." http://sos.nh.gov/HowRegVote.aspx
14:30:58  From Vicky Nawoichyk: Is anyone moderating our questions??
14:31:24  From Darryl Perry: and clerks offices are currently closed to the public!
14:32:44  From Kate Coon: Darrylâ€”exactly!!!
14:33:43  From DEE ANN DECKER: Why are Select boards and town/city administrators and managers not on the list of who the committee is hearing from?
14:35:17  From DEE ANN DECKER: Hiring brand new poll workers for a primary and general election is going to take HUGE amounts of remote training
14:36:56  From Bouffard: I think Dave Scanlon is moderating the zoom call but not sure about questions on chat
14:40:10  From Louise Spencer: Did they mention hearing from Legislators such as Senator Levesque, Chair of the Senate Election Law Committee and David Cote, Chair of tHouse Election Law? Statutory changes may well be
necessary to address issues arising out of the pandemic. We need legislative input here.

14:40:30 From Linda Goldstein: Could we consider using the mail in process that is used in Seattle Washington instead of our absentee. The laws and process are all developed. Everyone votes by mail. Under represented populations are more likely to vote. And our absentee process is so complex we end up needing to reject ballots every election because the person has missed a step.

14:41:23 From Melanie levesque: Senator Sherman has expressed having Chairman Cote and I speak. We will certainly do that. Thanks all.

14:41:26 From Darryl Perry: I don't think legislative changes will be possible, seeing that all legislative activity is suspended until further notice.

14:43:03 From Melanie levesque: There will be some things we can do legislatively to solidify these Emergency orders. We are working on getting back in session. Stay Tuned!

14:43:19 From Jean Lightfoot: Thank you, Senator Levesque.

14:43:49 From Louise Spencer: Thank you Senator!

14:43:58 From Catherine Corkery: I am very concerned with the suggestion of having the national guard involved with election day proceedings. Having military outfitted people around the polls would be very intimidating to many voters in NH.

14:44:22 From Kate Coon: Catherine Câ€™ strongly agree

14:44:42 From Jean Lightfoot: It's also difficult to get younger people who are available on a workday to help at the polls.

14:45:07 From Melanie levesque: Your welcome. I appreciate all the thoughtful comments.

14:46:05 From Darryl Perry: Senator Levesque, considering that it's virtually impossible for minor party and independent candidates to circulate petitions; will you be considering any relief from onerous petitioning requirements?

14:46:06 From Judy Cook: National Guard could perhaps be used as clerical help for the town clerks in dealing with the mailing of the absentee ballot requests.

14:46:27 From Barbara Chagnon: With CoVid hanging around, I don't foresee military uniforms are intimidating. I could be wrong. And/or perhaps uniforms would not be required. A valid ID perhaps or something on that line ???

14:46:56 From Melanie levesque: There should be a way to collect signatures such as an electronic petition. We need to start using the tools available to us.

14:47:18 From Barbara Chagnon: Petition on ?? Maybe I missed it.

14:47:25 From V Turner laptop: CDC recommends using methods that minimize voting in person. Our money is much better spent up front - for example mailing absentee ballots to everyone - rather than hiring more people (who will be inexperienced) on the day of the election.

14:47:28 From Darryl Perry: electronic petitioning is not currently allowed

14:47:37 From Darryl Perry: a federal court recently ruled in a case brought by the Libertarian & Green Parties that petitions be reduced to 10% of the normal requirement; AND all petition requirements have been suspended in Vermont.

14:47:41 From Kate Coon: Who is on the Election Assistance Commission (EAC)

14:48:07 From Melanie levesque: If it is not allowed we may need to rethink at that.

14:48:24 From Louise Spencer: Please spend money to create a voter-friendly web portal for election on the Secretary of Stateâ€™s website. Also, please create a template that towns and cities can use on their websites. Currently, there is an enormous degree of disparate information and detail. Now more than ever we need consistent and details going out to the public.


14:48:54 From Kate Coon: Louise is absolutely right.

14:49:20 From Jessica B.: Louise Spencer, you are correct. We are a small state, things really should be streamlined at this point.

14:49:23 From Jeanne Ludt: Agree wholeheartedly, Louise. Standards need to be developed and shared.


14:50:23 From Judy Cook: NH should look at the State of Washington model. We don't need to reinvent it.

14:50:42 From Jean Lightfoot: Oregon also votes entirely by mail.
14:50:49 From Kyri: There are a lot of good state models to look at. You’re right they don’t need to reinvent the wheel.

14:51:56 From V Turner laptop: Absentee process requires voter to request a ballot. Does vote by mail require a request, or are ballots mailed to all eligible voters?

14:52:24 From Darryl Perry: in states with VBM, all voters get a ballot in the mail

14:52:32 From Judy Cook: I believe they are just mailed out to registered voters.

14:52:42 From Mary Wilke: In Colorado where they have vote by mail, no request is required; the ballot just arrives in the mail. On a different topic, the chair mentioned getting input from a variety of people, including people who are marginalized and new Americans. The judge who ruled that SB3 was unconstitutional indicated that the following groups of people were impacted negatively by the burdens added by SB3 and have a much higher rate of using same day registration: young people, college students, low income people and mobile people, by which I assume he meant people who move more frequently. Representatives of all of these groups should have a chance to provide input at these meetings.

14:52:49 From V Turner laptop: There's the major difference

14:53:16 From Barbara Chagnon: If mailed out to "all" how are they sure they get to registered voters. Sorry. Not my thing.

14:53:55 From Kyri: I have a concern that the SOS office is low-balling the number of absentee voters. Wisconsin typically see about 6% absentee voters, but in the recent primary the demand was 70%. They weren’t prepared and many didn’t go out.

14:54:33 From Kyri: Many absentee ballots that is.

14:54:53 From Judy Cook: specific names and addresses on our voter lists. If not deliverable then returned to sender ie: Town Clerk

14:55:27 From Louise Spencer: The SoS needs to spend significant money on the website, education of election officials and public awareness!!

14:55:32 From Pete Basiliere: I missed it - what is the percent of absentee voters the SOS is expecting? Does it vary by community?

14:55:44 From Barbara Chagnon: We already have problems with USPS forwarding/not forwarding/returning. I like the way NH tracks it.

14:56:12 From Louise Spencer: Also, we need to make sure that public education, sample forms and ballots etc. are all available in a variety of languages.

14:56:15 From deborah Fauver: The SOS should also ramp up statewide training for poll workers

14:56:26 From Kyri: They said around 50% or maybe 60%. First time I heard over 50% was just now.

14:56:36 From Pete Basiliere: Thanks

14:57:23 From Kyri: Other states current experience is showing that absentee ballots are significantly higher than expected.

14:57:40 From Kyri: absentee ballot requests.

14:57:42 From Darryl Perry: My wife says you should talk to the Sponsored Projects offices at the state research universities as they should be quite familiar with accounting for federal research grant money and many of those tools could be utilized for this.

14:57:59 From Barbara Chagnon: Does the state have "auditors" or finance people available to help with that.

14:58:22 From Linda Goldstein: In response to Babara about VBM, I don't know how they are sure the voters get the ballots, but I do know that it works well and there are a lot of checks and balances. I can ask a staff member of a Seattle city council member how it works.

14:59:14 From V Turner laptop: I think they do signature matching. Since our current checklists don't have that, I am not sure how we would do that

14:59:16 From Louise Spencer: If there every was a rainy day need to use HAVA funds, it is now during this COVID19 emergency!!

15:00:05 From Vicky Nawoichyk: You need to update your subscription on Zoom for that not to happen

15:00:08 From Barbara Chagnon: Signature verification was nixed a few years ago.

15:00:15 From Vicky Nawoichyk: You may see this happen with all of us

15:00:20 From Catherine Corkery: here here @louise!

15:00:31 From Adele: Love your wonderful questions and comments I have learned so much in a short time - will share with my other Supervisors!

15:00:44 From Barbara Cooper: It seems like sending out an absentee ballot to everyone currently on the
checklist is very easy to understand and would definitely reach each voter. Inasmuch as NH doesn't have normal voting by mail, has there been any thought to sending absentee ballots to every registered voter? What would be the main concerns or downsides?

15:01:31  From Kyri: I don't believe they've brought up sending an absentee ballot or even an absentee ballot application to every voter, which would be the sensible idea.

15:01:48  From Vicky Nawoichyk: My main concern for sending out AB to everyone on the list is for the towns with colleges & boarding schools. Many of our voters in these towns vote 1 time & never remove themselves

15:01:58  From Mary Wilke: It wouldn't necessarily reach voters who have moved (within NH - ie still eligible) or who haven't yet registered, so there needs to be a back-up way for people to request an absentee ballot if they didn't get one.

15:02:04  From Vicky Nawoichyk: That is a lot of ballots going to none

15:02:13  From deborah Fauer: Yes, and that mailing would help with the purge process. Conway has 800 AV ballot applications for our town/school election next Tuesday. Typically we have 1500 voters at the spring town/school election, and maybe 50 AV ballots

15:02:14  From BarbBrennan84: You assume that every town checklist is 100% correct!!! There are many that move from town to town and do not always follow up.

15:03:44  From Barbara Chagnon: I don't think I want to be doing purge work at this point!!! Too much work. I'm in Bedford and we're at about 18K voters.

15:03:45  From Catherine Corkery: Why not allow a timeframe for people to register in their new town. If they moved they would need to do that any way.

15:03:49  From Kyri: How do other states deal with this question? Many states are planning to send out absentee ballot applications to all registered voters. Some sending ballots directly. There must be some plans in other states.

15:04:17  From Barbara Chagnon: Good thought Kyri

15:04:40  From Linda Goldstein: If they have moved to another town and registered the supervisors are automatically notified on the HAVA website

15:04:44  From Vicky Nawoichyk: Can we Supervisors request a round table discussion with the decision makers? I think it would be helpful for them to hear the challenges we face as being Frontlines

15:04:47  From Bouffard: I agree with Barbara in Bedford - Milford has 11000+ reg voters and we are not ready to think about the purge yet

15:05:07  From Michelle Berke: agreed

15:05:07  From Louise Spencer: Can we sign up for ERIC to try to safely and securely clean up our voter rolls.

30+ states are members of this organization. Unlike Crosscheck, it has critical safety measures to avoid false positives. https://ericstates.org/ It also would provide a template for reaching out to unregistered voters.

15:05:12  From Vicky Nawoichyk: Can you respond to our questions?

15:05:14  From Darryl Perry: you can also SAVE the chat by clicking the 3 buttons above where you type a message.

15:05:19  From Kate Coon: Supervisors of the checklist and Town clerks are this week too, no?

15:05:27  From Kyri: Vicky, I'm a Supervisor too. I like your idea.

15:05:39  From BarbBrennan84: NH does a great job notifying through HAVA but other states are not

15:05:50  From V Turner laptop: 2 Vicky's here Kyri :) 

15:05:51  From Judy Cook: to Kate Coon our meeting is the 7th

15:06:47  From Kyri: The Vicky who suggested Supervisors have a round table with decision makers so they can hear from us. I don't know what criteria they used to come up with the election officials they've invited for Thursday.

15:07:56  From Barbara Chagnon: As a side note, it would be great for Supervisors in like populated communities to get together and share ideas.

15:08:29  From V Turner laptop: Status of Crosscheck is very much in question, as they lost a lawsuit v. Kansus ACLU having to do with security breaches. That was Dec 2019 I believe. Switching to ERIC is something we should do immediately, on an emergency basis.

15:08:32  From Kyri: Yes to Barbara C.

15:08:34  From DEE ANN DECKER: Supervisors have to publish our sitting for June 2 before June 1

15:08:42  From Jean Lightfoot: Barbara - I agree. I'm a Supervisor in Hopkinton and it's always interesting to me
to meet other supervisors from like sized towns.

15:08:45 From Kyri : Crosscheck is defunct

15:08:50 From Judy Strakalaitis : Just joining the chat. I had zoom minimized and it only showed the person speaking on video. Voters can register any time using absentee registration. They do not need to wait for absentee ballots to be available.

15:08:51 From Margaret Doody : THe Supervisor of Checklist public session is also less than a month away! June 2

15:09:38 From Vicky Nawoichyk : And to Margaret's point we need to post our session by May 22nd

15:09:39 From V Turner laptop : Nobody knows how to use the absentee registration process. It's a problem. We could invent an easier process.

15:09:59 From Vicky Nawoichyk : That is 17 days away

15:10:04 From Vicky Nawoichyk : or really 2 weeks

15:10:18 From Mary Wilke : Also, thereâ€™s nothing yet in writing saying that people can claim â€œdisabilityâ€ and register by absentee, because of concern about COVID>

15:10:39 From Margaret Doody : Let alone educating the public -- last day to change party before fall primary!

15:10:47 From Judy Strakalaitis : The feedback supervisors on the NHMA listserv got was that there are no presentations scheduled for Thurs. Brad Cook replied that that time is for us to make presentations. That is not the way the agenda reads, though.

15:11:13 From Chuck Mitchell : When town halls are closed, how can they do their due diligence to register voters and deal with voters who wish to change party affiliation?

15:11:21 From V Turner laptop : Absentee voter registration 654:16 and 654:17 refer to the affidavit

15:11:22 From Kyri : Us? You mean random Supervisors who log on to the meeting?

15:11:26 From Pete Basiliere : To Rep. Griffinâ€™s point, is the September polling place location cast in concrete on June 1? Thatâ€™s three weeks away and would require the Select Board to approve (and possibly a private property owner).

15:11:29 From Darryl Perry : I suggest using the Raise Hand function

15:12:33 From DEE ANN DECKER : Yes the Chair said any supervisor that logs on Thursday will be able to ask questions etc

15:12:40 From Louise Spencer : Seems like ERIC would be a very good investment. Less than $60,000 for first year.

15:12:42 From Judy Strakalaitis : It is in writing. SoS said covid meets disability exemption. That means everyone is able to utilize abs voting or abs registration.

15:13:10 From Judy Strakalaitis : Was it you that wrote to Brad Cook, Dee Ann?

15:13:24 From Kyri : ERIC would be very helpful in the situation we are in.

15:13:31 From DEE ANN DECKER : Yes Judy

15:14:37 From Kyri : From what Mr Yen said, it sounds like they are considering having an Executive Order to perhaps shore up the legality of changing the meaning of the statute.


15:17:13 From Judy Strakalaitis : What this independent candidate is asking about is why the availability of absentee registration now matters. The next election for most of us is September. But people must be registered at the current address to run for office and to sign nomination papers.

15:18:18 From Margaret Doody : Vicki, we need to post our notice by May 26. Checklist needs to be posted by 22nd.

15:18:39 From Darryl Perry : and President!

15:19:04 From Vicky Nawoichyk : Thank you Margaret for the correction but it is still very close

15:19:35 From Margaret Doody : Absolutely!!


â€œRecommendations for Election Polling locationsâ€ is from the CDC and already suggests encouraging â€œemail inâ€ and â€œdrive upâ€ voting

15:22:01 From Judy Strakalaitis : It will be even longer, John Lisle, because absentee registrations will not go to the supervisors until election day. Thank you for bringing forward the need for modification of the process/law.
These are great points. So glad heâ€™s speaking up.

Drive up voting in Nov in NH could be ugly

These are some great ideas and thoughts from John.

We use cards along with the checklist

We definitely need to hear what short-term legislative fixes should be adopted to address many of these concerns and put them on firm legal footing.

It is the supervisors not the TC that process return to undeclared and update records in Electionet.

Good points brought up.

Election reporting deadlines will need to be extended.

In cities, the city clerk returns the undeclared voters.

I agree, Judy.

YES!!! Great call out V

Great point.

Many people are out of work, including many young people. Could some funds be used to pay election workers a real wage?

With signature verification

Same day registration and social distancing how to process those applications.

How do you keep supervisors safe?

My very concern, Denis

she meant same day registration

Excellent pointsâ€¦thank you to all of the election officials here for bringing your much needed insights and perspectives. And all you do to keep our democracy running!

Registration has the closest and most intense contact at the polls. Only other routine exchange of docs is one-way from ballot clerk to voter. Registration reqs handing docs back and forth for 5-10 minutes between 3 people at general election and 4 at a primary.

NHMA has a moderators list serv. Maybe they have one for supervisors?

Thank you Vicky N. for raising all those great points.

Yes the Supervisors also have one through NHMA

I'm a supervisor and have been for 8 years. Why hasn't the NHMA let us know about that Supervisor list?

What is the specific info on the Supervisor list serve? I have had trouble finding it.

Yes Judy easily done and all the checks and balances are done anyway at that time.

For any Supervisors on this call that would like to connect offline please email me your name, town you are in & your email. I will start a running list of contact. vickah@aol.com

Using ERIC would be very heklpful for updating our mailing info:

https://ericstates.org/

I think NHMA did but info often goes to town administrator. Same with SOS--oftentimes supervisors are overlooked, as if we work for town clerks. They are supposed to share info with us from what SOS presents to Town Clerk conference.

Vicky, you can request NHMA add you to the google email group too. I am chair of the Derry supervisors. My email is judystrakalaitis@derrynh.org

DeeAnn! Great call out
From Judy Strakalaitis: I hadn't thought about masks, Dee. Good point. Although the people voting in person may be the people less likely to wear masks.

From Kyri: Great question, Louise.

From Jeanne Ludt: Not sure if someone has provided this but there is a way to subscribe to the Supervisor chat group. It's nhchecklist@googlegroups.com. Not sure to whom one subscribes. Those of you who are already a part of the group might be able to provide that to you.

From DEE ANN DECKER: Stephen Buckley at NHMA

From Jeanne Ludt: Thanks, Dee Ann.

From Jean Lightfoot: Thank you, Dee Ann.

From Hollister Bundy: An average sneeze guard can be as low as $99. Even 1,000 of those in New Hampshire would be as low as $100,000.

From Pete Basiliere: Another NH source for protective barriers is https://amigraphics.com/intelishield-protective-barriers There may be others. Will need them on the Accuvote machines, too.

From Hollister Bundy: Please email hbundy@inclusionsolutions.com or call 847-869-2500 if you need more information.

From Judy Strakalaitis: That helps ballot clerks but closest sustained contact is at registration. Documents must be handed through the plexiglass--even for ballot clerks. They have to hand ballots to voters.

From Hollister Bundy: As a vendor, we have provided many of these Sneeze Guards nationally and would be happy to do so in New Hampshire. www.inclusionsolutions.com

From Pete Basiliere: Another NH source for protective barriers is https://amigraphics.com/intelishield-protective-barriers There may be others. Will need them on the Accuvote machines, too.

From Hollister Bundy: Please email hbundy@inclusionsolutions.com or call 847-869-2500 if you need more information.

From Bouffard: The plexiglass barriers should be on the table as reimbursable with the CAREs act funds

From Kyri: Is this committee talking with SOS offices in other states?

From Vicky Nawoichyk: Also, same day voter reg we have to also wipe down pens after every use & clipboards, this is going to be a challenge to maintain safety for all

From Katy Cutshall: Re: Pens, I think single use pens should be considered. Each voter gets a pen. Yes, extra expense but in the interest of safety.

From deborah Fauver: golf pencils are disposable

From Jeanne Ludt: At our March election, we secured 1000's of golf pencils which voters picked up and took home with them.

From Jean Lightfoot: Thank you all for doing this and listening to the questions.

From V Turner laptop: Voters should be encouraged to bring their own pen / pencil to the polls

From Denise Sachse: Thank you for this session it is appreciated

From Hollister Bundy: They ARE reimbursable in other states. I can confirm that as a vendor working with those states.

From Mary Lou Krambeer: how many registers voters do we have in NH?

From Suzanne: How will recoding be available

From Katy Cutshall: Immish registered voters.

From Katy Cutshall: 1 million

From Shana Potvin: Or pens get sanitized-hand out w/ ballots-use once, drop in bin at the ballot machines to be sanitized

From Judi: Thank you. will see you tomorrow.

From Margaret Doody: thank you