

VOTER INFORMATION 2020

PLEASE BE ADVISED THAT DURING THE PANDEMIC, IN-PERSON CONTACT IS BEING LIMITED. CURRENTLY, THE AMHERST TOWN CLERK IS OPERATING BY APPOINTMENT THROUGH AN OUTSIDE WINDOW TO ENABLE BUSINESS TO BE TRANSACTED SAFELY.

You can request an absentee ballot through the Town Clerk and return it by mail, or physically return it to the outside window of the Town Clerk's office by 5:00 on the Monday before the Election or have your delivery agent drop it off at the polls before 5:00 pm on Election Day.

❖ **If you are a new voter wanting to register, here are your options:**

(Please bring all of the required documents (see below under Voter Registration) with you or supply copies if mailing in your registration.)

- 1) You may **register in person** at the Town Clerk's office during regular business hours (currently by appointment) until 10 days before Election Day or at a Supervisor of the Checklist Session. The Supervisors of the Checklist will also offer advertised Saturday opportunities to register during the months leading up to both the September Primary and the November Presidential Election.
- 2) New voters may **register by mail** by contacting the Town Clerk at 673-6041 X-208 and requesting a voter registration packet. (An absentee ballot may be requested at the same time)
- 3) New voters are always able to **register on Election Day**. However, in an effort to limit in-person contact at the polls, we would like to encourage new voters to register well in advance of the election either by appointment with the Town Clerk during regular business hours or by requesting a new voter registration form and absentee ballot packet from the Town Clerk.

Again, we would hope that people would register by appointment or mail rather than waiting until Election Day as the fewer in-person Election Day registrants the better because we anticipate long wait times at the polls due to social distancing requirements. Call the Town Clerk's Office (673-6041 X-208) to request a new voter/absentee ballot packet or to inquire about absentee ballots.

Instructions and forms are available on the NH Secretary of State's Website. Click on this link:
<https://sos.nh.gov/VotingEmergency.aspx>

❖ **Voter Registration ----To be eligible to register and vote in New Hampshire a person must be:**

- 18 years of age or older on Election Day;
- A United States citizen;
- Domiciled in the town or ward where the person seeks to vote.

To register, you will need to provide proof of your identity, age, citizenship, and domicile. Proof can be either by documents or if you do not have documents with you, by affidavit (a Qualified Voter Affidavit). Documents may be presented in paper or electronic form.

Documents that prove identify and age

- A driver's license or non-driver ID from any state

Documents that prove citizenship

- A birth certificate, U.S. Passport/Passcard, or naturalization document*

*Note: A New Hampshire Real ID compliant driver's license is NOT proof of U.S. Citizenship. If you do not have any of these documents, you can prove your identity, age, and/or citizenship, by signing a Qualified Voter Affidavit, under oath, in front of an election official.

Documents that prove domicile:

You will also need to prove that you are domiciled in the town or ward where you intend to vote. Proof can be either by documents (such as a bill, rental or lease agreement, deed, NH driver's license or registration, etc.) or if you do not have any documents with you, by affidavit. The law requires a document that "manifests an intent to maintain a single continuous presence for domestic, social, and civil purposes relevant to participating in democratic self-government." RSA 654:12

For any questions regarding registering to vote, the election or securing an absentee ballot, call or visit the Town Clerk's office (by appointment). Amherst – 673-6041 X-208

If you're unsure of your current voter registration status, you may view the paper checklist posted at the Town Hall and the Library or go online to check it at: <http://app.sos.nh.gov>

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