**INSTRUCTIONS FOR ABSENTEE BALLOT VOTING**

**Town of Cornish November 3, 2020 Election**

MARKING YOUR BALLOT:

* The state candidate ballot is a double-sided ballot. Federal candidate races are on one side and state/county candidates are on the other side.
* **Mark your ballot using a blue or black ballpoint pen.** Fill in (color in) the oval next to the name of the candidate for which you would like to vote.
* Please read the instructions carefully on the ballot for the ranking of federal candidates. Mark only one choice per column. Rank as many or as few candidates as you would like. Select your 1st choice candidate and fill in the oval next to that candidate’s name in the 1st choice column. You do **not** have to rank all the candidates – your ballot will be counted even if you only rank one candidate for an office.

RETURNING YOUR BALLOT:

* Voters must return the ballot in the enclosed white return envelope.
* **Sign the back flap of the white return envelope**, in ink (not pencil) where it is highlighted in yellow, prior to returning the ballot.
* Voters are encouraged to return their ballots as soon as possible to allow time for staff to process the ballots given the volume of absentee ballots for this election. It is greatly appreciated!
* If mailing back your ballot, the Post Office suggests mailing it no later than October 26 to ensure it is received in time. The earlier, the better. The envelope will require one, first-class stamp.
* Ballots can also be hand delivered to the town office during hours: M-W-F 8am-3pm and Thurs. 8am-6pm
* **Ballots CAN NOT be dropped off at ANY ballot drop box.** The ballot drop boxes are town specific. Cornish does NOT have a ballot drop box. Please make other arrangements as stated above for delivery methods.
* Ballots must be received no later than 8:00pm on election night (Tuesday, November 3).

**Questions**

**Contact the Town Office**

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