

New Hampshire Citizens Guide to Free and Fair Elections



WHAT YOU CAN DO

Where did this material come from?

A team of “election nerds” who have worked on both sides of the aisle have accumulated lessons learned from:

100’s of FOIA / 91 A requests

2020 statewide citizens audit

Town audits

5+ recounts (1 having 7 towns!)

Years of video collected/ documenting

5 formal complaints filed with the Ballot Law Commission and referred to the AG for egregious violations of election law since 2020.

What can you do??

- Form a town election team
- Volunteer to help at the polls
- Clean your voter rolls
- Find your 10
- Prep for hand count
- Gather key election materials before & after the election
- Get out and vote!



Form a citizen election team for your town.

DO THIS AS EARLY AS POSSIBLE



- Gather a town team (People can assist from other towns)
- Get team members into elected positions in place : Town clerk, Supervisors of the Checklist, Moderator, Election Officials, Committee men.
- ** You can volunteer to be a poll worker annually. This year sign ups have passed but YOU CAN be a poll observer.
- Keep on top of the voter registration by auditing the ongoing cleaning process with the Checklist Supervisors:
 - Movers
 - Deaths
 - Eligible Voters Vs Total Registration

How Many People Should be on the voter roll???

Months before the election


CLEAN THE VOTER ROLLS

1) Assess how inflated town rolls are:

- Compare the number of registered voters to the NH employment database for your town to the number of residents under the age of 18 to size accuracy
- <https://www.nhes.nh.gov/elmi/products/cp/> has the town specific population data.
- Calculate the eligible registered %
 - (number of registered voters on the town checklist/ eligible voters in the town) =% of eligible registered.
 - Towns typically should have 70%
 - If your % is high, discuss with the town supervisors on the actions taken to the role over the prior 4 years



Stratham, NH



Community Contact
Town of Stratham
David Moore, Town Administrator
10 Bunker Hill Avenue
Stratham, NH 03885

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E-mail dmoore@strathamnh.gov
Web Site www.strathamnh.gov

Municipal Office Hours
Town Administration: Monday to Friday 8:30-4; Town Clerk/Tax Collector: Monday, 8:30-7, Tuesday to Thursday, 8:30-4, Friday, 8-12:30

County Rockingham
Labor Market Area Portsmouth, NH-ME Metropolitan NECTA
Tourism Region Seacoast
Planning Commission Rockingham
Regional Development Regional Economic Development Corp.

Election Districts
US Congress District 1
Executive Council District 3
State Senate District 24
State Representative Rockingham County Districts 12, 33

Incorporated: 1716

Origin: This territory was settled in 1631, a part of the Squamscott Patent granted to Edward Hilton, under the leadership of Captain Thomas Wiggin, who was called Governor. The settlement was called Squamscott, and was also known by the Indian name of Winnicut. In 1695 the territory was annexed to Exeter, having been associated with Hampton prior to that. In 1716, residents petitioned for a separate incorporated town, which was granted. Stratham was sixth town to be incorporated in New Hampshire, and named for a friend of Governor Samuel Shute of Massachusetts, Wriothesley Russell, Baron Howland of Stratham.

Villages and Place Names: unknown

Population, Year of the First Census Taken: 882 residents in 1790

Population Trends: Population change for Stratham totaled 6,161 over 50 years, from 1,512 in 1970 to 7,673 in 2020. The largest decennial percent change was a 99 percent increase from 1980 to 1990, doubling the population. The town's population increased by six percent from 2010 to 2020. The 2022 Census estimate for Stratham was 7,801 residents, which ranked 42nd among New Hampshire's incorporated cities and towns.

Population Density and Land Area, 2022 (US Census Bureau): 535.9 persons per square mile of land area. Stratham contains 15.1 square miles of land area and 0.4 square miles of inland water area.

Recycling Program

Telephone Company Consolidated Communications

Cellular Telephone Access Yes

Cable Television Access Yes

Public Access Television Station No

High Speed Internet Service: Business Yes
Residential Yes

HOW TO FIND ELIGIBLE VOTERS:
Add population over age 19 + ((pop age 5 to 19 years old)/14)=
towns eligible voters

	POPULATION (1-YEAR ESTIMATES/DECENNAL) (US Census Bureau)	
	Community	County
Selectmen		
Total Population	7,801	319,424
2022		
2020	7,669	314,176
2010	7,255	295,223
2000	6,395	278,748
1990	4,994	246,744
1980	2,507	190,345
Planning Board		
Yes		
2019		
Yes		

DEMOGRAPHICS AMERICAN COMMUNITY SURVEY (ACS) 2017-2021		
Population by Gender		
Male	3,521	Female 4,141
Population by Age Group		
Under age 5		386
Age 5 to 19		1,514
Age 20 to 34		889
Age 35 to 54		2,171
Age 55 to 64		1,302
Age 65 and over		1,400
Median Age		46.5 years
Educational Attainment, population 25 years and over: 5,625		
High school graduate or higher		96.7%
Bachelor's degree or higher		60.7%

INCOME, INFLATION ADJUSTED \$ (ACS 2017-2021)		
Per capita income		\$62,761
Median family income		\$140,539
Median household income		\$130,923
Median Earnings, full-time, year-round workers		
Male		\$105,708
Female		\$66,058
Individuals below the poverty level		3.9%

LABOR FORCE (NHES - ELMJ)		
Annual Average	2012	2022
Civilian labor force	4,288	4,658
Employed	4,104	4,563
Unemployed	184	95
Unemployment rate	4.3%	2.0%

EMPLOYMENT & WAGES (NHES - ELMJ)		
Annual Average Covered Employment	2012	2022

2) Review the USPS movers data & validate how clean the town registration list is. Work with election officials to clean the rolls.

IDENTIFY YOUR 10

confirm the time your town will count absentee ballots by contacting the moderator

Count Absentee after polls close when it can be observed per RSA 659 :49 II

RSA 659:49 Processing Absentee Ballots. –

I. Processing of previously received absentee ballots shall begin at 1:00 p.m. unless a different time, that is no earlier than 2 hours after the opening of the polls, is posted and announced in accordance with paragraph II. The processing of the absentee ballots shall not unnecessarily interfere with normal voting procedures, nor shall the polls be closed at any time for the processing of such ballots during normal polling hours. Absentee ballots which are received after the start time for processing absentee ballots and prior to 5:00 p.m. on the day of the election shall be processed as soon after receipt as possible. Under no circumstances shall absentee ballots be counted prior to the closing of the polls.

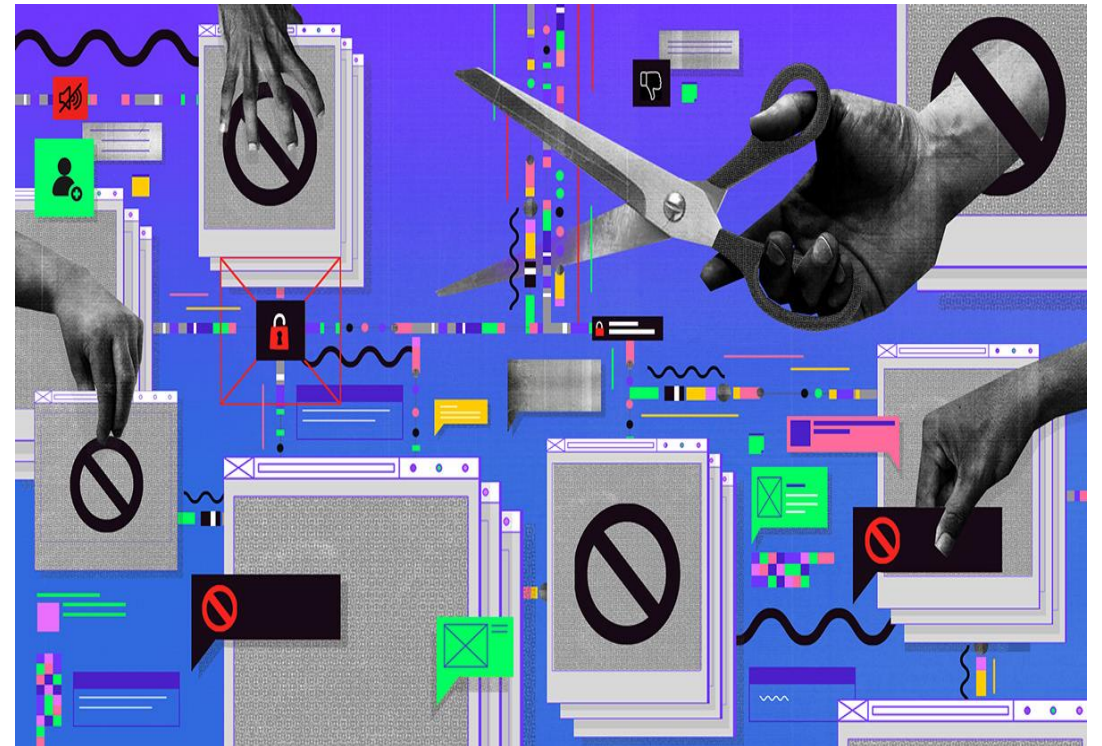
II. Notwithstanding the provisions of paragraph I, upon the written challenges of 10 or more voters who are present at the polls no later than 1:00 p.m., the moderator shall postpone the processing of all absentee ballots until after the polls close and prior to the counting of all ballots cast in the election. The moderator, or his or her designee, shall post the time at which the processing of absentee ballots shall begin at the polling place and one other public location at least 24 hours before the polls open. In addition, when the polls open the moderator shall announce the time at which the processing of absentee ballots shall begin.

PREPARE A HANDCOUNT TEAM

Continuity of Operations

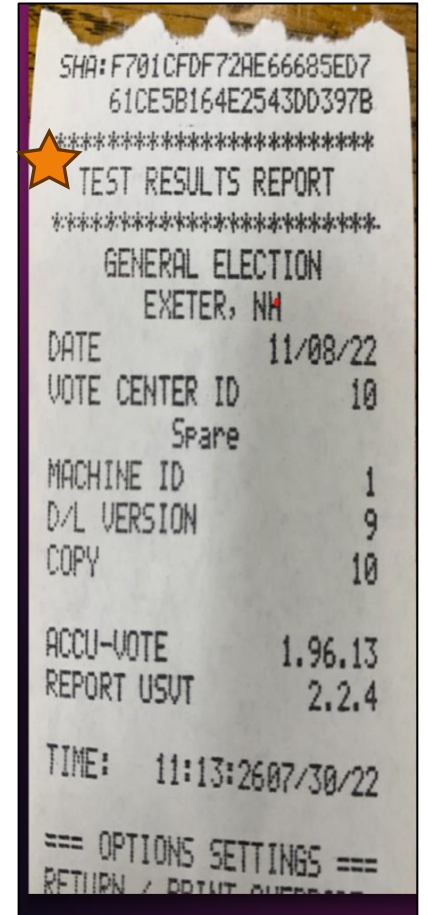
With the current events unfolding, and the recent Microsoft/CrowdStrike internet black out, towns will need to prepare to hand count the day of the election should something happen on the day of the election:

- Identify as many people who would be willing to count ballot the night of the election
- Hand count training via video will be made available by the end of August to educate the people on how to hand count
 - **Contact: btowne@protonmail to get the video links**




BEFORE the election : Ballots & Testing

- EMAIL your town clerk and ask for the total number of Absentee Ballots received from the printer
- Go to the town website and find the date and time election machines will be tested.
- VIEW the testing of all machines.
- Validate all serial numbers are identified and have a test tape.
- Get a copy of the TEST tape for every machine
- Email town Moderator to request total absentee ballots received by town or ward- *get a response from the town in writing as this information is not documented* .



48-24 Hours before the election (or as close to the election as practical)

- Get a copy of the Moderators Certificate (as soon as the Moderator has it available)
- Take an image of all absentee vote requests (bolded names on checklist pre election) by meeting the moderator or clerk.
- Copy of the machine maintenance logs (before election)



MODERATOR'S CERTIFICATE
2022 STATE GENERAL ELECTION
November 8, 2022

To the Town or Ward Clerk:

This is to certify that in accordance with RSA 658:32, the ballots forwarded by the Secretary of State to this town or ward have been examined and counted and I find that the total number of **OFFICIAL STATE GENERAL ELECTION BALLOTS** (excluding Absentee Ballots and ballots used to test electronic ballot counting devices) is: _____

and that all are for the use of the town or ward of _____

.....

For towns using electronic ballot counting devices, the moderator is required to certify that the testing required by RSA 656:42, VIII(e)(11) was successfully completed. The moderator's signature below certifies that *"Prior to placing the electronic ballot counting device or any memory devices into service in an election.....there is evidence that pre-election testing was conducted on each electronic ballot counting device and each memory device in the town or city clerk's possession, and that these ballot counting devices and memory devices have passed the test."* Please indicate the make, model and serial number from each device you use in your town or ward:

Make	Model	Serial #	Make	Model	Serial #
Accuvote	OS	_____	Accuvote	OS	_____
Accuvote	OS	_____	Accuvote	OS	_____
Accuvote	OS	_____	Accuvote	OS	_____

This polling place does not use a Ballot Counting Device

(Signature of Moderator)

Date: _____

A true copy Attest:

(Signature of Town or Ward Clerk)

Town/City (Ward)

(Fax to SECRETARY OF STATE no later than 5:00 p.m. on November 10, 2022)
Fax: 603-271-6316 or email to elections@sos.nh.gov

During the election: What to watch for



- Chain of custody of ballots
 - Watch the flow of ballots
- Absentee Ballots
 - observe the opening & check in process
- Machines:
 - Watch/Observe the machine zero tape and the close of the machine (final tape)
- Record the movement of ballots via video if possible
- Record/Document challenges

After the Polls Close- Night of the election

** (back up approval from SOS that all docs are 91A eligible in the back up)

Take images/pictures of ALL the following:

- Machine Tapes – Final (Include SHA numbers at the top of the tape)
- All Hand Count Tally Sheets
- ROV (official Return of Vote)
- NOC (Names on the checklist)
- Moderators Worksheet
- ALL ballot boxes sealed – all sides- and the signed chain of custody labels with ballot counts
- The State of NH Sealed Ballot Boxes- Chain of Custody Log
- ***** IF POSSIBLE: TAKE PICTURES / PHONE SCAN THE VOTER CHECKLIST

IMPORTANT!

**MUST HAVE-
NON
NEGOTIABLE!**

All of these items are subject to 91A:4 . The law states in section IV. (a) Each public body or agency shall, upon request for any governmental record reasonably described, make available for inspection and copying any such governmental record within its files when such records are immediately available for such release.

After the Polls Close- *Day After* Election

Collect any and all information that was not collected the night before.

Make a copy of the election checklist

Points To Ponder for your personal vote:

Hand Count your Ballot:

- *If a Voter does not trust the voting machine and requests their ballot to be placed in the Hand Counted slot (side of voting machine), According to NH Attorney Leeman for the GOP Aug. 8, 2024, and past practice - NH Sec. of State Scanlan has approved hand count in machine towns, per the voters request.*

INSTRUCTIONS TO VOTERS
 1. To Vote: Completely fill in the oval to the right of your choice like this . For each office vote for up to the number of candidates stated in the sentences: "Vote for not more than 1;" or "Vote for up to X;" "X" will be elected." If you vote for more than the stated number of candidates, your vote for that office will not be counted.
 2. To Vote by Write-In: To vote for a person whose name is not printed on the ballot, write the name of the person in the "write-in" space and completely fill in the oval to the right of the "write-in" space like this .

OFFICIAL BALLOT FOR NASHUA WARD 9 REPUBLICAN STATE PRIMARY ELECTION
 September 10, 2024

SAMPLE

For Governor Vote for not more than 1 Frank Negus Staples <input type="radio"/> Kelly Ayotte <input type="radio"/> Shaun Fife <input type="radio"/> Robert Wayne McClory <input type="radio"/> Richard A. McMenamon II <input type="radio"/> Chuck Morse <input type="radio"/> <small>WRITE-IN</small>	For State Senator Vote for not more than 1 Stephen Scaer <input type="radio"/> <small>WRITE-IN</small> For State Representatives Vote for up to 3; Three will be elected Dana Albrecht <input type="radio"/> John Cawthron <input type="radio"/> Bill Ohm <input type="radio"/> <small>WRITE-IN</small> <small>WRITE-IN</small> <small>WRITE-IN</small>	For Register of Deeds Vote for not more than 1 Elizabeth Ann Moreau <input type="radio"/> Dennis Hogan <input type="radio"/> <small>WRITE-IN</small> For Register of Probate Vote for not more than 1 Christopher Maidment <input type="radio"/> <small>WRITE-IN</small>
For Representative in Congress Vote for not more than 1 Vikram Mansharamani <input type="radio"/> Jay Mercer <input type="radio"/> Jason Riddle <input type="radio"/> Lily Tang Williams <input type="radio"/> Paul M. Wagner <input type="radio"/> Tom Alciere <input type="radio"/> Gerard Beloin <input type="radio"/> Michael Anthony Callis <input type="radio"/> Randall Clark <input type="radio"/> Casey Crane <input type="radio"/> Robert D'Arcy <input type="radio"/> Bill Hamlen <input type="radio"/> William Harvey <input type="radio"/> <small>WRITE-IN</small>	For Sheriff Vote for not more than 1 Christopher Connelly <input type="radio"/> <small>WRITE-IN</small> For County Attorney Vote for not more than 1 John J. Coughlin <input type="radio"/> <small>WRITE-IN</small>	For County Commissioner Vote for not more than 1 Michael Soucy <input type="radio"/> <small>WRITE-IN</small> For Delegates to the State Convention Vote for up to 3; Three will be elected <small>WRITE-IN</small> <small>WRITE-IN</small> <small>WRITE-IN</small>
For Executive Councilor Vote for not more than 1 Dave Wheeler <input type="radio"/> <small>WRITE-IN</small>	For County Treasurer Vote for not more than 1 David G. Fredette <input type="radio"/> <small>WRITE-IN</small>	

Next Steps:

Email Brenda at: btowne@protonmail.com to get this document

- Patriot Hub will also be posting this material

Get your town team assembled

Get a copy of your town voter roll from your clerks office

Get the calendar of events from your town

Divide up the work and get ready to make 2024 as secure as possible!

SAMPLES OF THE DOCUMENTS & SoS APPROVAL

ELECTION PREPARATION

Email from Secretary State Scanlan

From: **David Scanlan** <David.Scanlan@sos.nh.gov>
Date: Monday, January 8, 2024
Subject: Quick question regarding Election Day
To: Deb Roux <bealight2020@gmail.com>
Cc: Orville Fitch <Orville.Fitch@sos.nh.gov>, Erin Hennessey <Erin.Hennessey@sos.nh.gov>

Hi Deb,

Yes, you should be able to collect images of the public documents from the polling place. Not every polling may be equipped with a copy machine, but you certainly can take photos of the documents. I would recommend communicating with the moderator about obtaining the information in advance of the election.

Dave

Sent from my Verizon, Samsung Galaxy smartphone
Get [Outlook for Android](#)

From: Deb Roux <bealight2020@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, January 7, 2024 2:54:41 PM
To: David Scanlan <David.Scanlan@SOS.NH.GOV>
Subject: Quick question regarding Election Day

Hi Dave,

Happy New Year!

I have a quick question for you. During one of our previous conversations, you told me that I could take photocopies, on election day, of the paperwork my Moderator completed that night. Can you confirm this is accurate?

*Machine Tapes – Final General Election & Zero Tape

*All Hand Count Tally Sheets

*ROV (official Return of Vote)

*NOC (Names on the checklist)

*Moderators Worksheet

*Images of ALL ballot boxes sealed – all sides- and the signed chain of custody labels with ballot counts from every storage box

*The State of NH Sealed Ballot Boxes- Chain of Custody Log

Thank you and God bless,

Deb

Sample Docs

Machine Maintenance Logs-

Every machine has a log of all activity:

Hardware Changes, updates , Who altered the machine and when. We will want copies of the log from the last election to the current election.

*** See Instructions on bottom of form**

Take a picture of the form. Look for 2 witness signatures. The third signature is person who completed work. (Here one is missing in all).

State of New Hampshire
SOS Electronic Ballot Counting Device Activity Log
City/Town of _____ Ward () _____

Memory Card Bar Slot
EBCD Serial Number _____
Model - Circle One
A-Global B C D

Date	Check One ✓		Wire Seal		Reason	Signature
	Installed	Removed	Number			
10-26-22		✓	481663		Test ballots	A. Kohler
			Memory Card #		Witness #1	J. Shupe
			20085204		Witness #2	
10-26-22	✓		481698		Election Ready	A. Kohler
			Memory Card #		Witness #1	J. Shupe
			-----		Witness #2	
11-8-22		✓	481698		Removed Card	A. Kohler
			Memory Card #		Witness #1	J. Shupe
			-----		Witness #2	
11-8-22	✓		481692		Installed Spare	A. Kohler
			Memory Card #		Witness #1	J. Shupe
			-----		Witness #2	
11-14-22		✓	481692		Remove Spare	A. Kohler
			Memory Card #		Witness #1	J. Shupe
			-----		Witness #2	

Instructions: Each time a seal is installed, the person responsible for the process, must date, check the install box, list the seal number, state the reason and sign in the presence of two witnesses who also shall sign the log.
Instructions: Each time a seal is removed, the person responsible for the process, must date, check the remove box, list the seal number, state the reason and sign in the presence of two witnesses who also shall sign the log.

Sample of Docs

Chain of Custody:

Ballot Box Label:

Election officials will count the ballots and log the quantity in each box to be stored after the election. The label is to be signed by all town selectman & Moderator.

The State of NH Sealed Ballot Boxes- Chain of Custody Log:

This must be completed to catalogue all access & movement of the ballot boxes post election.

* See important instructions at bottom of form – this for is mandatory an is a Right to Know 91a.

Required end of night chain of custody documents

State of New Hampshire
Sealed Ballot Boxes - Chain of Custody & Storage Log
City/Town: North Hampton Ward: N/A
Date of Election: Nov 8, 2022

Date of Entry	Location of Ballot Boxes, Street address, ZIP code / number	Total Number of Boxes	Reason for Access (initial storage, removal for recount, transfer of custody, removal for destruction, etc.) If two or more all boxes are accounted or stored, list box numbers accounted or stored.	Location of Ballot Box After Access, Street address, ZIP code / number	Signature and Printed Name Clerk or Deputy Clerk Witness
<u>11/8/22</u>	<u>237 Atlantic</u>	<u>7</u>			
<u>11/6/22</u>	<u>237 Atlantic</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>Recount</u>	<u>NH State Archives</u>	<u>Ben Nelson DeLoe</u> <u>State Archivist</u>

Instructions: Log entries must be made for each of the following actions: (1) the initial storage of the sealed boxes of ballots and absentee voting material; (2) all access made to the storage boxes; (3) the transfer of custody of the boxes to the Secretary of State for purposes of a recount; and/or (4) the removal of the boxes from storage and the details of the boxes' destruction.
For each of the entries, a signature by the clerk or deputy clerk as well as one witness, is required. This log must be available as a public record in Clerk's office. This log is a public document subject to disclosure under the Right-to-Know laws.



These steps are critical as it is the only way to insure no ballot manipulation has occurred in event of a recount.

Sample of Docs

Return of Vote (ROV)

Final submittal of ballots cast for each candidate and is the official form used to declare the race winner

Vote November 8, 2022 a true copy attest:

Signature of Town/City Clerk

One copy to be Returned ELECTION NIGHT to the Secretary of State.

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
RETURN OF VOTES
NORTH HAMPTON
GENERAL ELECTION
NOVEMBER 8, 2022

Offices	Other Candidates	Democratic Candidates	Republican Candidates	Undervotes	Overvotes
For Governor Vote for not more than 1	Libertarian Kelly Halldorson 10 Libertarian Karyn Borysenko 6	1302 Tom Sherman	1586 Chris Sununu	Undervotes 9 Overvotes 1	
For United States Senator Vote for not more than 1	Libertarian Jeremy Kaufman 48	1616 Maggie Hassan	1162 Donald C. Bolduc	Undervotes 22 Overvotes 0	
For Representative in Congress Vote for not more than 1		1640 Chris Pappas	1164 Karoline Leavitt	Undervotes 43 Overvotes 0	
For Executive Councilor Vote for not more than 1		1445 Katherine Harako	1283 Janet Stevens	Undervotes 111 Overvotes 0	
For State Senator Vote for not more than 1		1480 Debra Altschiller	1299 Low Gargiolo	Undervotes 57 Overvotes 0	
For State Representative Rockingham District 23 Vote for not more than 1		1587 Jim Maggiore	1218 Kirsten Larsen Schultz	Undervotes 35 Overvotes 1	
For State Representative Rockingham District 38 Vote for not more than 1	213 Independent Steven Borne	1426 Peggy Balboni	1126 Robert Lincoln	Undervotes 75 Overvotes 3	
For Sheriff Vote for not more than 1		1396 Kevin Coyle	1319 Chuck Massachus	Undervotes 120 Overvotes 0	
For County Attorney Vote for not more than 1		1445 Rich Clark	1280 Patricia Conway	Undervotes 114 Overvotes 0	
For County Treasurer Vote for not more than 1		1364 Alex Wahl	1306 Scott Priestley	Undervotes 170 Overvotes 0	
For Register of Deeds Vote for not more than 1		1347 Michael McClard	1336 Cathy Stacey	Undervotes 155 Overvotes 0	
		1206	1273		

BALLOTS CAST

Regular Ballots Cast 2415

Absentee Ballots Cast 437

Total Number of Ballots Cast 2852

Number of Overvoted Ballots Cast 8


COPY

Sample of Docs

Names on the Checklist

This form shows how many same day voters voted day of election as well as party split & total number of registered voters.

PLEASE RETURN NO LATER THAN NOVEMBER 10, 2022
Fax: 603-271-6316 email: elections@sos.nh.gov

 **2022 STATE GENERAL ELECTION**
NOVEMBER 8 2022
NAMES ON CHECKLIST
RSA 659:71-75

1. Number of persons who registered to vote at the polling place on State General Election Day by party.
(Use numbers from Names on Checklist Worksheet #2)

REPUBLICAN 89 DEMOCRATIC 173 UNDECLARED 208

2. The following figures are the total number of registered voters after the polls have closed, which include those on the checklist used at the election and those who registered to vote on election day.
(Use numbers from Names on Checklist Worksheet #3)

Total Number of Registered **REPUBLICANS** on Checklist 2053

Total Number of Registered **DEMOCRATS** on Checklist 5190

Total Number of **UNDECLARED** Names on Checklist 4104

GRAND TOTAL of Names on Checklist (sum of THREE numbers above) 12,147

Town/City (Ward) of Exeter County Rockingham

Attest:

K. Bonnelly
Signature of Moderator

Election results tape (on election night)

Need the top of the tape with SHA#
with the date and time

Depending on the machine printout
you could have the "ballots cast" close
to the top or down a little lower.

It is ideal to get this too to be sure of
the ballots cast on that results tape

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SHA: F701CFDF72AE66685ED7
      61CE5B164E2543DD397B
*****
ELECTION RESULTS REPORT
*****
      GENERAL ELECTION
      BRENTWOOD, NH
DATE          11/08/22
VOTE CENTER ID      1
      Precinct 1
MACHINE ID          1
D/L VERSION        5
COPY               1A

ACCU-VOTE          1.96.13
REPORT USVT        2.2.4

TIME:           19:12:26 11/08/22
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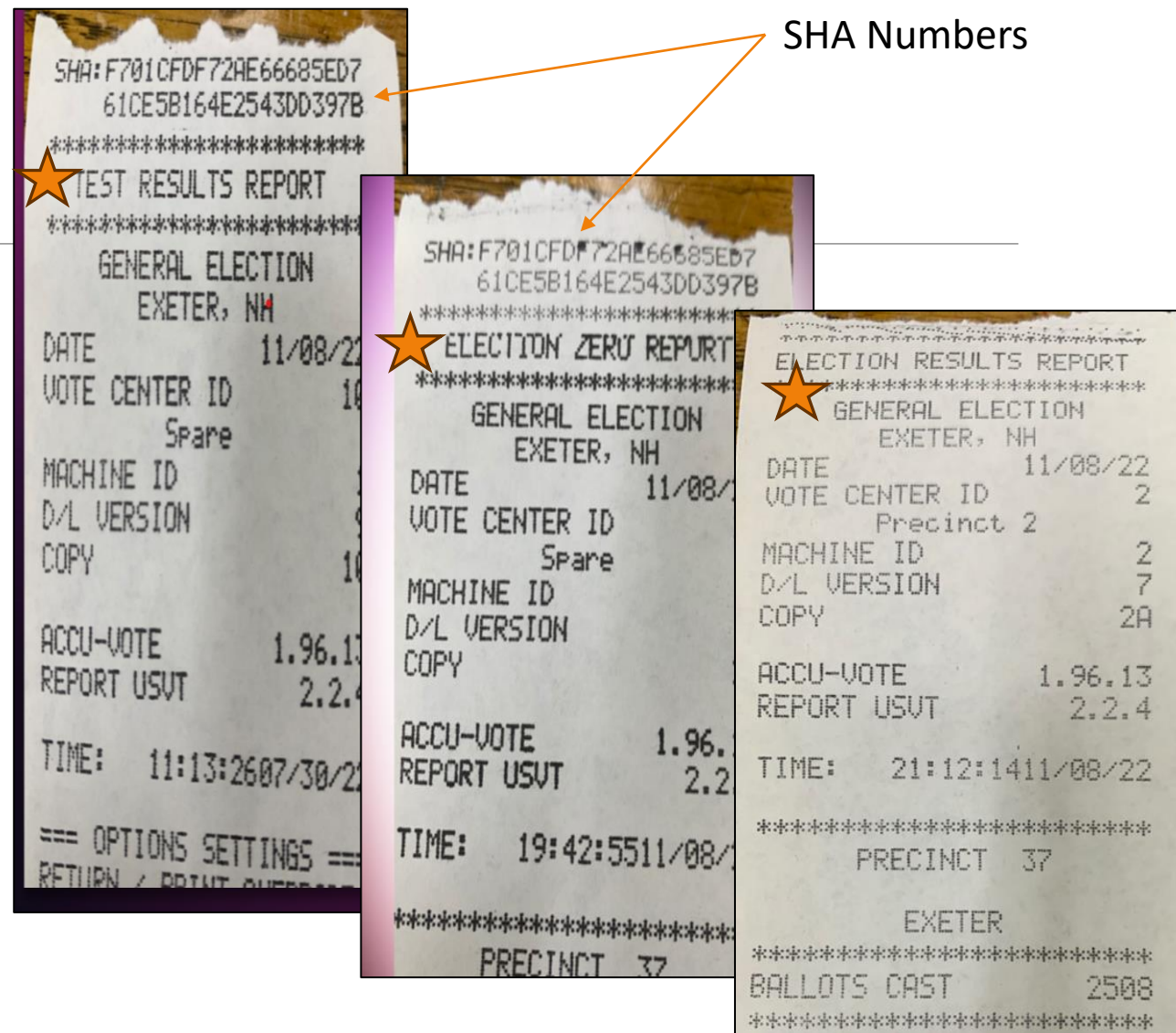
Sample Docs

Machine Tapes for ALL machines-

- TEST
- ZERO
- ELECTION RESULTS

The team member will want a copy of ALL RACES- Top to bottom of the tape- which can be photographed in sections

Please capture the SHA number printed across the top. Some tapes will not have them as in the General Election tape sample above.



Challenger Vs Observer

A “Challenger” is a person holding a letter of appointment, for state elections, from the state chair of a political party. A challenger with evidence a voter is not qualified has authority to challenge that voter. A “Challenger” is not an “Observer.”. While a “Challenger” may also do what an “Observer” does, the “Challenger” has a statutory right to be positioned where he or she can hear voters check in.

“Observers” and other members of the general public have a right to watch the conduct of the election from outside the rail, they do not have other specific statutory rights. Furthermore, while any voter registered in a town or ward has the right to “challenge” another voter in that town or ward, he or she is not recognized in the statutes as a “Challenger.” RSA 666:4; RSA 666:5

“Challengers” rarely actually challenge voters, more often they are tracking who votes for get-out-the-vote efforts or as trained monitors of the conduct of the election for the political parties.

Recount Checklist

PREPARATION IS THE SECRET TO SUCCESS



Challenger RECOUNT CHECKLIST

Send written request to Moderator before recount for the following items.

1. Copies of the sample Ballots.
 2. General Election moderators report showing overvotes from every Accu-vote machine.
 3. Connected zero report. – Long Tape ... (take pictures/ video)
 4. Moderator's worksheet. (Ballots spoiled and cast)
 5. Moderators certificate. (How many Blank Ballots started with)
 6. Names on election checklist report. (supervisor of the checklist)
 7. Pre-election test results = all ballot counting machines. (zero tape /check software / date/time)
 8. All ballots, including absentee ballot materials, cast, uncast, federal office only, UOCA VA, FW (not this election) AB, spoiled and rejected ballots.
 9. Official return of votes.
 10. Candidate write-in return.
- 11.** (Old Machines) Signed Copy of completed work or certification that each AccuVote Machine used in the election, was in compliance and certified to the last: April 9, 2010 Security Update from Ballot Law Commission.
12. Request – Chain of Custody form for Ballot Boxes. (**See important instructions that election officials must follow - on the bottom of this form) Copy can be found in the Sec. of State Election Procedures Manual. This form is mandatory and is subject to 91A. Right to Know requirements.
- Day of Recount – Chain of Custody of Boxes/ ballots Doc. – Review matches Form**
- Before recount you want to see and take pictures of Chain of Custody / - Ballots / Boxes.
- chrome-extension://efaidnbmnnnibpcajpcglclefindmkaj/https://www.sos.nh.gov/sites/g/files/ehbemt561/files/inline-documents/sonh/epm-2022_2023-ada.pdf
- Ref: Page 397-399 NH Election Law Procedure manual



BACK UP

Role Descriptions for ELECTIONS

Inspector of Election (as defined by [RSA 658](#))

658:3 Qualifications. – The inspectors of election shall be registered to vote at the polling place where they serve.

658:4 Oath; Term. – Each inspector of election shall be sworn to the faithful performance of his or her duties and shall hold office for 2 years from August 1 in the year in which he or she is appointed or until a successor is appointed and qualified.

658:25 – Designation of Ballot Clerks. – Two of the inspectors, one from each of the 2 political parties, shall be designated by the moderator at the opening of the polls to act as ballot clerks. They shall have charge of the ballots and shall furnish them to the voters. They shall be given a duplicate copy of the checklist by the town or ward clerk. The other inspectors shall be assigned such duties in the polling place as the moderator may determine including, but not limited to, the relief of the ballot clerks and the assistance of voters marking their ballots as provided in [RSA 659:20](#).

Poll Challenger (as defined by [RSA 666](#))

Challengers Appointed by Party Committee. – The state committee of a political party may appoint a person to act as challenger of voters at any polling place in the state at a state election. A city or town committee of such a party may appoint a person to act as such challenger at any polling place in such city or town at a town election, business meeting, or city election. A statement signed by the chairman of the committee appointing him shall be sufficient evidence of the authority of any such challenger. He may be reasonably compensated for his services by the political party whose committee appointed him. He shall be assigned by the moderator or other election officer presiding at the polling place to such position within the polling place as will enable him to see and hear each voter as he offers to vote. Nothing herein contained shall deprive any other person of the right to challenge a voter as provided by law.

Poll Watcher

Any member of the public has a right to observe the conduct of an election from outside the rail. These individuals are colloquially known as “Poll Observers” or “Poll Watchers.” These observers do not have any special legal status. Anyone present, who has not been officially designated a “challenger” (see above) in writing by the state chair of a political party, but is present on behalf of a political party or candidate may be called a poll watcher or observer. Such an individual has the same status as any other member of the public, even if they are present at the request of a political party and performing poll watching functions. Poll watching functions include, but are not limited to, tracking who has voted and reporting this back to get-out-the-vote efforts or monitoring the conduct of the election and reporting concerns back to a political party election day legal operation. Well, conducted political party election day legal operations often help moderators quickly identify concerns with election procedures or election official performance.