

NOTICE TO VOTERS
MUNICIPALITY OF WELLS, VERMONT

Schedule for deposit of early voter ballots
Into the vote tabulator

Through a directive issued by the Vermont Secretary of State, Jim Condos, the Board of Civil Authority for the Municipality of Wells will open and process early voted/absentee ballots through the vote tabulator machine starting at 10:00 AM at the Town Municipal Building located at 1064 VT Route 30, Wells Vermont on the following dates:

- Monday, November 2, 2020.
- 9:00AM Tuesday November 3, 2020.

As per Title 17 V.S.A. §2546a and the July 20,2020 directives from Vermont Secretary of State, Jim Condos (see below)

- Ballot Processing. LEOs may process ballots returned by mail or voted in the Clerk's office through the tabulator or into a secure ballot box during the 30 days preceding election. ▪ At a minimum, ballots shall be processed in the presence of at least two election officials who, if possible, shall be from different parties.
- ▪ The process shall be conducted in accordance with guidance issued in conjunction with the Directive by the Secretary of State's Office.
- ▪ The process shall be conducted during normal business hours if practicable or, if conducting the process at a time other than normal business hours or at a time when your office is closed due to COVID-19, notice of the date(s), time(s), and location of the processing shall be posted at the Clerk's office and two other public places at least three days in advance.
- ▪ Any member of the public requesting to observe the process shall be provided an opportunity to do so. Upon request of a member of the public to observe the process, if in-person observation by members of the public is not possible due to restrictions related to COVID-19, the process may be live-streamed in some manner to allow for remote viewing or may be recorded and the recording provided to those who request it for viewing. •
- In towns that count their ballots by hand, the voted ballots shall be deposited in a secure ballot box to be commingled with any ballots cast at the polls on Election Day and counted after the close of the polls.
- ▪ Pursuant to this Directive, strict chain of custody procedures regarding voted ballots, ballot boxes, and tabulators shall be issued by the Secretary of State for conducting this process.