

# Message from Nottingham Town Moderator

## Rules for Electioneering

To ALL CANDIDATES and CAMPAIGNERS:

NH Law requires the Moderator to provide a zone free of electioneering, enabling the voter to move from their car to the polling place without having to turn away from anyone who is electioneering in any way.

I have established the following rules which apply to all candidates and their campaign staff.

~Political signs need to be physically held by someone. No free standing signs; however signs may be laid down on the ground for very short periods to accommodate breaks.

~All persons holding signs, and or handing out leaflets, pamphlets, brochures etc. MUST REMAIN inside the area designated for electioneering. At their option, voters may stop to chat, receive literature, or ask questions.

~Under no circumstances are candidates or campaigners to chase after voters, or call out to voters, or try to hand them material, or campaign for candidates or issues EXCEPT inside the area designated by the Moderator. Look for the orange cone corral. It is the absolute right of the voter to pass unimpeded to cast his/her vote. If the voter wishes to engage, it is their choice to stop and you may not address them unless they come to you.

~ NO ELECTIONEERING/CAMPAIGNING anywhere in the parking area. The parking lot and parking areas are expressly OFF LIMITS.

~CAMPAIGN SIGNS MAY NOT BE affixed to public property per RSA 664:17. This means NO SIGNS ALONG Route 152 on Town owned property.

~Conversely, signs may be placed along 152 in the state right-of-way on PRIVATE PROPERTY after first securing the landowner's permission.

~You may come inside from time to time to use the bathroom or warm up, but you must leave all campaign material and signs outside.

~Do not come into the polling area except to vote. No campaign material <shirts, flyers, buttons, signs, etc> allowed in the voting area or inside the building on election day.

~Self adhesive labels with names of write-in candidates WILL NOT BE RECOGNIZED as a legal write-in. Write ins MUST BE HAND WRITTEN by the voter.

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Nottingham Town Moderator