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October 1, 2020

Dear Rowe Board of Selectmen,

In accordance with Section 11 of Chapter 115 of the Acts of 2020, I respectfully request that the location of the polling location at the Rowe Fire Station (4 Sibley Road) be relocated to the Rowe Elementary School (86 Pond Road) for the November 3, 2020 State Presidential Election.

On October 1st, Selectman Charles Sokol and I surveyed the school for the town polling place and determined that the site met the criteria for a polling place. While not participating directly in the survey, Principal William Knittle was present and reviewed options and logistics for that day.

FINDINGS:

The building is located approximately one mile away from the existing location, and has a large, dedicated parking lot for voter use. The gymnasium has its own access door which is handicapped accessible, and provides adequate space to move around the stations in the polling center. As the location is not far away and is known to everyone in town (town meetings and other large events are held there), it should have no adverse impact on access to the polls on the basis of race, national origin, disability, income, or age.

As this will be an inservice day, only staff will be in the building and will be separated from the polling location. Election workers and voters will not be allowed into the rest of the building, and school staff will not be permitted into the gymnasium during polling hours except to vote.

Based on this information provided for you I hope that the Board of Selectmen will find that this proposed change in polling location is in accordance with the Acts of 2020 and will have no adverse impact on the voters in the Town of Rowe.

Sincerely,

Paul McLatchy III
Rowe Town Clerk