## The History Corner

## **New Hampton - GET OUT the VOTE! - in 1810**

Below is an 1810 printed note from the Governor of New Hampshire, John Langdon – an original signer of the United States Constitution and one of New Hampshire's first senators. It is also signed by the Secretary of State, Samuel Sparhawk. This was sent to Selectmen in New Hampton to remind voters to please do their civic duty. Enjoy!

State of New-Hampshire.  To the Selectmen of the Town of New Hampton	
re	OU are hereby required, in the name of the State of New-Hampshire,
to not	ify and warn a meeting of the Inhabitants of the said town of New
Han	qualified to note in the choice of Senators for the State Leg-
islatu	e, to be held on the last Monday of August next, to wate by ballot for
five p	ersons, duly qualified for Representatives of this State in the Congress
of the	United States, agreeably to an act paffed June 21, A. D. 1792.
And	in the warning and notification of said meeting, you are to give fifteen
days 1	notice of the time and place for holding said meeting You are also to
sign 1	the copy of the record of said meeting, with the town clerk: and certifi-
eates,	thus attefled, of all votes taken at faid meeting, are to be fealed up, and
direct	ed to the Secretary of the State, with a superscription expressing the pur-
port t	bereof, and transmitted to the Sheriff of the county, in which such meet-
ing w	as holden, within ten days after the time of holding such meeting, or to
the Se	ecretary's Office in Concord, within twenty days at furtherest from and
	the time of holding said meeting.
GI.	FBN under my hand at Concurd, by and with addice of Council, this eighteenth day of June, in the year of antesters, one thousand eight hundred and sen, and of American Independence the thirty fourth.
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For more information on the history of the town, please visit the New Hampton Historical Society website at <a href="https://www.newhamptonhistory.org/">https://www.newhamptonhistory.org/</a>

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