

CITY OF PORTSMOUTH



UPDATE from the City Manager for Sunday, July 5, 2020

**Governor Sununu's "Stay At Home 2.0" order replaced by "Safer At Home."
Portsmouth Protection Plan: Do your part. Wear a mask. Number of COVID-19 deaths, to date, in
the US 132,273; in NH 375.**

A note from the Poet: This morning I wrote a found poem for you. A found poem is one where the poet extracts words or lines from an existing text, sometimes changing the meaning entirely. I prefer the pure found poem where I highlight the original meaning and focus on arrangement. None of these words are mine.

... One of Those Visionary Things ...

A people
so enlightened
and so diversified
as the people
of this Country can surely
never be brought to it,
but from convulsions
and disorders
in consequence of the acts
of popular demagogues.

The truth
unquestionably
is,
that the only path
to a subversion
of the republican system
of the Country is,
by flattering
the prejudices of the people,

and exciting
their jealousies
and apprehensions,
to throw affairs
into confusion,
and bring on
civil commotion.

From an essay by Alexander Hamilton in The Federalist Papers, printed in September 1782.

-- Tammi J Truax

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