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REGISTRARS SECURE GRANT FUNDS TO SUPPORT SAFE AND SECURE ELECTIONS

STRATFORD – Through the initiative of Stratford’s Republican and Democratic Registrars of Voters, **Lou DeCilio** and **Rick Marcone**, the Town of Stratford has secured a grant in the amount of \$31, 824.00 from the nonprofit Center for Tech and Civic Life, for the purposes of planning and operationalizing safe and secure election administration here in Stratford. The funds can be used for poll worker recruitment, hazard pay, training expenses, temporary staffing and election administration equipment.

“I’d like to thank the Center for Tech and Civic Life for understanding the financial impact this election is having on our municipality and awarding Stratford this opportunity,” said Republican Registrar of Voters **Lou DeCilio**. “The current conditions have presented many obstacles to properly running elections and it takes funding to overcome them. I was pleased to work with Rick to find solutions to lessen the impact of this on Stratford taxpayers.”

“I am very grateful to the Center for Tech and Civic Life for this generous grant,” said Democratic Registrar of Voters **Rick Marcone**. “Being able to communicate and work together is such an important part of the Registrars Office. Over the past twelve years Lou and I have been able develop a close working relationship by leaving our party politics at the door. Together we constantly work to find ways to make our office as efficient and economical as possible. This grant is just another example of our collaboration to constantly improve our office and save taxpayer dollars at the same time.”

“I want to thank both Lou and Rick for their hard work and collaboration in securing this important funding,” said **Mayor Laura R. Hoydick**. “The challenges associated with maintaining fair and accessible elections during the current pandemic are numerous. Our Town is lucky to have two dedicated Registrars who can collaborate to find savings for Town residents amid the new expenses of keeping access to our democratic institutions as safe as possible during these uncertain times.”

The Center for Tech and Civic Life is nationally recognized nonprofit centered around a team of civic technologists, trainers, researchers, election administration and data experts working to foster a more informed and engaged democracy, and helping to modernize U.S. elections.

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