

September 17, 2020

ABSENTEE BALLOT INFORMATION FOR THE NOVEMBER 3, 2020 ELECTION

Absentee Ballot <u>Applications</u> have been sent out to all registered voters by the Office of the Secretary of the State. You should expect to receive your application in mid-September.

When receiving your application, you will notice that the return address is listed as the Town Clerk of <u>Stafford</u>, not <u>Stratford</u>. This is not our error. The applications were sent out by the Office of the Secretary of the State. Please refrain from calling or emailing us to report this, since we are well aware of the situation.

On the positive side, the return envelope within that mailing has the correct mailing address, so please feel comfortable with mailing your application using that postage paid envelope.

You may also drop off your application (within the mailing envelope) at the Ballot Drop Box, which is located in front of Town Hall, facing Main Street.

Mail your application or deposit it into the Ballot Drop Box as soon as possible.

Do not wait until the week before the election to mail in your application. We cannot guarantee that you will receive your ballot in time or that you will have enough time to complete your ballot and return it to us by Election Day.

Absentee ballots will be mailed to all applicants on file beginning on October 2nd.

Completed Absentee Ballots can be mailed to us, or placed in the Ballot Drop Box located at Town Hall facing Main Street.

Please Note: You **do not** have to vote by absentee ballot.

All Polling locations will also be open on Election Day, and will provide a safe and sanitized environment with social distancing in place.