Absentee Ballot Applications and Ballots Presidential Primary August 11, 2020

The State contracted with a clearing house to distribute both Absentee Ballot Applications and Ballots for the August 11, 2020 Presidential Election. I received notification that anyone who had completed and submitted the application for a ballot; was processed and would be receiving a ballot.

The Town Clerk's office received and keyed in approximately 733 applications for an absentee ballot to be sent directly to a resident. The State received notification from the contracted clearing house the ballots began being sent out on Monday, July 27, 2020.

I am encouraging every resident who anticipates receiving a Ballot for the Primary to complete the Ballot as soon as possible. Please follow the instructions carefully, i.e. sealing envelope, signature, date and deposit.

A Ballot Box has been installed, secured according to Homeland Security, in the front of Town Hall (lefthand side) just prior to the entry of the Municipal Offices. The Box is monitored, locked and only accessible by staff members from the Town Clerk's Office. Residents are encouraged to deposit their completed ballot in the Ballot Box vs. placing in the USPS.

The Ballot Box will be checked for deposited Ballots on a daily basis and all Ballots will be placed directly in the Town Clerk vault for security. The Ballot Box will be available until 8:00 pm the date of the election on August 11, 2020. Completed Ballots **cannot** be dropped off on election day in the Town Hall Auditorium polling location. All completed Ballots are to be deposited in the Ballot Box securely located outside of Town Hall just prior to the entry on the left-hand side.

If you have any questions concerning Ballot Applications, Ballots or the Ballot Box, please do not hesitate to contact the Town Clerk's office by phone: 860.763.8207 (8206) or email: <u>alogan@somersct.gov</u>; or <u>dmurphy@somersct.gov</u>