

Town Council Chair and members,

Attached is a brief reply, pertaining to previous questions, from Ted Bromley from the Secretary of the State's Office. As you can see this reply was dated August 26th. Since then the State has changed important information "again".

The state has decided to mail us postage paid envelop for mailing ballots to individuals and for them to mail back to the towns. They will also be sending funds to each town for supplies, workers, etc.

I have a couple of people in mind, that worked here years ago, that would be very helpful, accurate and quick working to insert ballot application information into the CVRs (Connection Voter Registration system) and issuing the actual absentee ballots. With the state's changes it might be necessary for this office to work overtime or find other accurate typists to work as they may be obligated to work their regular full time jobs. They would be working after Town Hall is closes when the phones are quiet.

Wish us luck. "This too shall pass"

See attachment.

M. Carrie Anderson

Subject: To all Town Clerks and Registrars of Voters - November Update 2

Good morning:

Just wanted to provide a second update.

The project to provide all eligible voters with an absentee ballot application is on track. Applications will be issued by our mail house by mid-September.

We intend to provide an insert with the application to remind voters to return the application and to ensure that they make a choice for the "excuse" as well as to sign the application.

We will be sending funds to each municipality to cover the cost of postage as well as additional staffing and other costs. Rather than burden a town with the need for receipts we will send each municipality a lump sum total. We intend to produce a spreadsheet in the coming days to identify the exact totals for each municipality,

We are producing supplies as we speak. We intend to mail out 2.1 million forms which is almost a ballot set for each voter. We intend that these supplies will be send within 4 weeks. We are reprinting the inner envelop to add the COVID reason as well as re-printing the voter to clerk envelope to provide for postage pre-paid.

We are working on additional upgrades for CVRS so enable quicker label printing and ensure that we provide enough band width for the system during critical times. However, I have received questions from Town Clerks who prefer to use the "original" CVRS AB function. That function does still work and can still be used.

We have updated the new absentee ballot application on our website. You can point your websites to that new application. We have added a mailing address field and well as an email and phone number field. We have also updated the election date from the feedback we received from the clerks.

Thanks,