## Municipal Election Guidelines November 08, 2011

Absentee Ballots are available to any elector eligible to vote at an election. Criteria to vote by absentee ballot include the following: a United States citizen, an individual who is not available to vote in person during the regular hours of voting; 6:00 am until 8:00 pm on November 08, 2011, illness, absence from town, active duty, disability, religious tenets, or responsibilities as an election official. The application for an absentee ballot, can be downloaded, picked-up, or mailed from the Town Clerk's office. The application must be completed and returned to the Town Clerk's office prior to the actual ballot being mailed. The application must be signed by the applicant and shall contain the address to where the ballot is to be mailed. Any person who assists another person in completing the application shall sign the application and indicate residence and telephone number. The Absentee Ballot Guidelines, as prepared by the Secretary of State Election Enforcement, specifically explains the process and provides telephone numbers to call should any questions arise.

<u>Voter Registration</u> – The last day applicants may register to vote for the November 8<sup>th</sup> election is as follows: <u>Register by Mail</u> – application must be post-marked by October 25, 2011; <u>Register in Person</u> – applicants may present themselves in person at either the Town Clerk's Office or the Registrar of Voters Office on <u>November 01, 2011</u>. Individuals wishing to register to vote can print the attached <u>Voter Registration Card</u>, complete the required information, have an original signature, and either mail or return the registration to the Town Hall, Registrar of Voters. The Registrar of Voters will send a letter to the applicant confirming their voter registration for the November election.

<u>Absentee Ballot Application</u> – must be printed, must have an original signature, and received by the Town Clerk's office prior to the issuance of a ballot.

<u>Voting Locations</u> – All voting will take place at the Town of Somers Town Hall Auditorium (lower level) 600 Main Street, Somers, CT.

<u>Identification</u> – Each individual shall present to the checkers, before an elector votes, either a current and valid photo identification that shows the elector's name and address, or a copy of a current utility bill, bank statement, government check, paycheck or other government document that shows the name and address of the elector.

**Sample Ballot** – The sample ballot illustrates the exact order of candidates as determined by a 'Lottery' held by the Registrar of Voters. The attached document will be reproduced as the actual ballot utilized on election day.

Questions concerning the election process should be directed to the Town Clerk's Office or the Registrar of Voters.

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