

# Official Ballot Drop Box Installed in Town of Easton

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The Following information was provided by the Secretary of State regarding the official absentee ballot drop box:

*In an effort to protect the health and safety of voters, the State of Connecticut provided each municipality with an official absentee*

*ballot drop box. This “Official Ballot Drop Box” provides each voter with a safe and trusted method for the contactless delivery of their absentee ballot. Per Secretary of State Merrill, “No Connecticut voter should have to choose between protecting their health and exercising their right to vote, particularly when the means to protect that health.”*

On May 5th, Secretary Merrill released a comprehensive plan for the 2020 election in the face of the COVID-19 pandemic. The secure drop boxes were included as part of that plan. The use of absentee ballot drop boxes is a mandatory and valid option that municipalities must offer to each voter for the return of their absentee ballot. The absentee ballot drop box is included and treated as a “mail” option for the return of the absentee ballot. The box is installed in an area that is easily accessible to the voting public during all hours of the day, including nights and weekends.

The Town of Easton has installed our Official Ballot Box directly across from the Police Department entrance of Town Hall at 691 Morehouse Road (Easton Public Library side of the street) along the sidewalk easily accessible from the Library parking lot. This box is available **24/7** for drop off of your **Absentee Ballot Applications or Absentee Ballots ONLY**. The box is monitored by surveillance cameras in the Police Department. You **MUST NOT** drop off your application or ballot in the Town Hall drop box or with any other Town Department. To qualify as the “mail” option, you must use this Official Ballot Drop Box or send via USPS or other mail service for valid delivery and counting of your ballot.

If you have any questions, please contact the Town Clerk office at (203) 268-6291.



