

## OFFICE THE TOWN CLERK, TOWN OF SCITUATE

### ABSENTEE VOTING AND EARLY VOTING

#### ABSENTEE VOTING

Registered voters may vote absentee if they will be unable to vote at the polls on election day because of absence from their town during the hours the polls are open, due to physical disability, illness, travel or religious beliefs.

Absentee ballots (AV) are available approximately 30 days prior to a state or federal election. An Absentee Ballot Request Form must be filled out to request a ballot be mailed or to vote over the counter at the Town Clerk's office. A family member must fill out the request form to have the ballot mailed to another family member. Applications are available on the town website [www.scituatema.gov](http://www.scituatema.gov), on the Town Clerk's page and on the website of the Secretary of the Commonwealth's Office. The deadline to absentee vote is the Monday before the election at noon per Mass General Law. All mailed ballots must be received before the close of polls on election day at the Scituate High School gymnasium. ***Please remember to sign your brown ballot envelope prior to mailing.*** Sample ballots will be available for viewing at Town Hall or on the Town Clerk's page of the website.

#### 2016 EARLY VOTING IN SCITUATE

In Massachusetts "Early Voting" begins for the November 8, 2016 General Election only and then for future biennial state elections (not primaries). The early voting period shall run from the eleventh business day preceding the general election. Early voting will begin Monday, October 24, 2016 and will end on Friday, November 4, 2016, any registered voter in the Town of Scituate is eligible to vote early. Early voting will take place at the designated polling site for "Early Voting" which will be Scituate Town Hall, 600 Chief Justice Cushing Way during the regular business hours (unless otherwise specified). Town Hall hours are Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday-8:30AM-4:45PM, Tuesday 8:30AM-7:30PM, Friday 8:30AM-11:45AM. **Additional hours for early voting only are SATURDAY, October 29, 2016 from 8 AM-Noon.** Voters who vote early in person will be asked to fill out an EV ballot envelope affidavit (please remember to sign the envelope). A voter may request that their EV ballot be mailed by filling out an EV ballot request form. A voter may not request an EV ballot be mailed to a family member. Once a voter votes early, that voter will not be allowed to vote in person at the polls on election day.

**ABSENTEE OR EARLY VOTING BALLOTS CAN ONLY LEAVE THE TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE BY MAIL!!! BALLOTS MAY NOT BE PICKED UP AND BROUGHT HOME TO BE VOTED.**

**ALL ABSENTEE AND EARLY VOTING BALLOTS WILL BE VOTED/TABULATED ON ELECTION DAY!**