Permanent Absentee Ballot Status

If you are a voter with a permanent disability you can apply to your Town Clerk for Permanent Absentee Ballot Status. This enables you to automatically receive an absentee ballot for each election, primary and referendum in the municipality in which you are eligible to vote. (For a referendum with less than three (3) weeks' notice, the Town Clerk will contact you with instructions.)

To be eligible for the status, you must complete and file an <u>Application for Absentee Ballot</u> together with a doctor's certificate stating that you have a permanent disability and cannot appear in person at your polling place. Mail both the Application and doctor's certificate to the Middlebury Town Clerk, 1212 Whittemore Road, Middlebury CT 06762.

You do not need to have your disability recertified each year if you continue to reside in the same town. However, if you move to a different town, you will need to reapply for permanent status and provide a doctor's certificate to the Town Clerk of the new town.

It is also important to be aware that each year in January the Registrars will send you a notice to confirm that you still reside at the address on your application. If you do not return the notice within 30 days or it is returned undeliverable, you will lose your permanent absentee voter status. You will not, however, be removed from the voter registration list. For more information about permanent absentee ballot requirements, contact your local Registrars at (203) 577-2061 or Town Clerk at (203) 758-2557.