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Dear Ms. Preston,

I am sending this to show you my interest in participating on the AHA Board. One never knows what can happen when opportunity knocks?

Sincerely,

J Stephen Ward

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J Stephen Ward

Arlington, MA 02474
October 8, 2020

Ms. Marie Krepelka
Administrator
Arlington Select Board

Dear Ms. Krepelka,

I am hereby submitting my name for consideration in filling the unexpired term of Arlington Housing Authority Board member Mr. Richard B. Murray who has resigned.

Honorably discharged after four years in the United States Air Force where I was a Russian Language Specialist and a Radio intercept Analyst. I also spent six years with the Vermont National Guard in the 10th Mountain Division Combat Engineers. Vermont is where I raised my family. During my 18 years in Vermont I spent 10 years as a voluntary EMT with the Windham Fire and Rescue department and the Chester, VT Ambulance service.

I moved to Arlington to be close to family after owning my home in Fort Myers, Florida for 17 years. With two successful daughters, one owning a home in Arlington Heights, and two granddaughters attending Arlington schools, I have a long term interest in the affairs of the historic town of Arlington.

I currently live in the AHA property of Winslow Towers and have been there since March of 2018. At 79 years of age and a disabled veteran, I am dedicated to the welfare and wellbeing of my fellow elderly and disabled residents at Winslow Towers

and throughout the AHA properties. AHA has served the Town of Arlington well since 1961 when Drake was built. Today more than 2100 people reside in housing provided by the AHA.

Since moving to Winslow Towers, I have attended many AHA board meetings to familiarize myself with that operation and get to understand just how things work. There are 242 Local Housing Authorities in Massachusetts that do an extraordinary job serving the elderly and disabled community. I see here an opportunity for me to become an integral part of that within the AHA.

There are always improvements that can be made and they do not all have to cost money. Having worked as a golf course superintendent most of my life, I have a unique perspective on detail and a healthy respect for good management.

I am available for questions at any time and look forward to serving Mr. Murray's remaining time as a AHA Board member.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Respectfully submitted,

J Stephen Ward