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# THE BEDFORD CITIZEN

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## **TWO BEDFORD CITIZEN QUESTIONS FOR HOUSING AUTHORITY CANDIDATES**

**Q1:** Give an example of a situation in which you played a role in helping people of different opinions or perspective develop a mutually agreeable solution to a problem. This could be an example from work, volunteer commitments or a previous experience in a public role. How was this accomplished? What did you learn?

**Q2:** What role does the Housing Authority have in relationship to the residents of Ashby Place beyond securing the buildings they occupy?

*Ms. Sukoff's answers were not received in time for publication*

## **PEGGY'S CANDIDATE STATEMENT**

I believe that my work in two very regulated fields, both requiring considerable communication and social skills has well prepared me to be a significant addition to the Housing Authority team. I certainly understand the needs and challenges of single parents having raised two children from a young age on my own and now being a senior myself (and previously a caregiver to both my parents) I am well in tune with that population too. My life experiences have well prepared me to be an informed and balanced voice for those who the Affordable Housing Committee serves.

My years working in the education world, primarily with adult/non-traditional learners have exposed me to multiple levels of regulation from financial aid to admission

requirements while never forgetting the mission: the well being, accomplishments and success of students. In addition, a number of the institution I worked for were proprietary schools, held both publically and privately, where profit without sacrifice of service was crucial. Into the mix with regulation compliance, the business of education, customer service and organizational skills, I have experience in budget development, sales projections and scheduling.

As life changed, so did my career. Right to another heavily regulated profession – real estate. I was an active agent in Florida for about 5 years and now hold a Massachusetts license.

I got the full breadth of condominium life living in Florida and serving on the board for a year before becoming President of my association for 2 years. And here again, in a different venue, I was able to thrive in an arena of regulation and social concern/well being.

Although primarily retired, I am still involved in multiple real estate transactions yearly, volunteer as a senior reading tutor at Davis school and am an involved grandmother with 2 at Lane School - and now feel ready to expand my horizons by serving my community.

I think the Housing Authority would be a perfect fit with my experience in government regulated industries and my work in environments that make a difference in people's lives from their education to career to home and surroundings.