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## BURLINGTON HOUSING AUTHORITY

The Burlington Housing Authority, organized in 1966 operates under the provisions of Chapter 121B of the Massachusetts General Laws and 24CFR, Section VIII of the Federal Regulations.

The Authority saw many changes in the year 1999. Lillian M. Buckley, Executive Director for 12 years retired as of July 15, 1999. The Board thanked her for her dedication and many years of outstanding service to the Authority and the Community. Diane Cohen was appointed Executive Director in July, 1999 and resigned on October 8, 1999. The Housing Coordinator hired in August, 1999 resigned in October, 1999. Both the Tenant Selector and the Assistant Tenant Selector resigned in September and October, 1999. An Interim Director was appointed by the board in October, 1999 pending the hiring of a new Executive Director.

The Authority has been awarded a grant from the Department of Housing and Community Development for the up-grading of the elevator at 15 Birchcrest Street (Tower Hill Development). That work should get underway by the Spring of 2000.

One Hundred (100) units of the Section 8 Federal Subsidized Housing Program and Sixteen (16) units of the State Massachusetts Rental Voucher Program continues to be administered by the Authority, in addition to the One Hundred Five (105) elderly conventional units at Birchcrest Arms and Tower Hill and two (2) units of fam-

ily housing under the State 705 Program, located on scattered sites.

The year 1999 saw the opening of Longmeadow Place, an assisted living facility for elderly by the Newton Group which allowed ten (10) elderly of low income housed in a facility that is more conducive to their needs. These units were provided to the Burlington Housing Authority for tenant selection under an agreement with the Newton Group.

Additional parking spaces were constructed adjacent to the parking area for Tower Hill providing 15 spaces for tenants and visitors at both developments. A special thanks to the Town of Burlington, Public Works Department for their cooperation and assistance in this endeavor.

The renovation of the Community Room at Birchcrest Arms has been completed allowing the tenants more space and making the building handicap accessible.

James Rogers was appointed by the Governor's Office in July, 1999 to fill a vacancy on the Board due to the resignation of State-Appointee John Leary.

The Burlington Housing Authority continues to dedicate their Agency to providing low income housing for the community and the residents of the Town of Burlington.

Respectfully submitted,

James Marchese, Chairman