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Sue Driscoll, Moderator
Representative Town Meeting
Town of Waterford
15 Rope Ferry Road
Waterford, CT 06385

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ATTEST: *David J. Scimone*
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Re: Letter of Interest — Ethics Commission Appointment

Dear Moderator Driscoll and Members of the Representative Town Meeting,

I am writing to express my interest in serving as a member of the Waterford Ethics Commission. I was grateful to be contacted about this opportunity and am happy to provide the following background for the RTM's consideration.

I've lived in Waterford for eleven years, having originally relocated to the area to work at Electric Boat. Today I work locally at Sonalysts, Inc. as an electrical and computer engineer, developing software and scripts that enable contractors in the submarine community to collaborate on complex, interconnected systems. The work demands rigorous critical thinking and the ability to deep-dive into difficult problems — skills I'm eager to bring to public service.

Beyond my professional experience, seven years as Secretary of the Board of Directors for Spark Makerspace, a non-profit in New London, CT, left me well-versed in Robert's Rules of Order and the careful interpretation of organizational bylaws — experience that translates directly to reading and applying the language of town ordinances.

Professional ethics have been central to my engineering career. Engineering education places a strong emphasis on ethical conduct, precisely because poor judgment or malpractice in technical fields can have serious, even life-threatening consequences. That foundation has shaped my values: accountability, fairness, and transparency in government matter deeply to me, as does the responsibility to ensure that Waterford's governance serves its citizens above all else.

Perhaps the clearest illustration of my civic engagement is waterforddocs.org — a free public search tool that makes Waterford's town meeting minutes, agendas, and other public documents fully searchable for any resident. There was a problem, I had the skills to solve it, so I built it. More recently, I've been attending town board and committee meetings regularly to deepen my understanding of how Waterford's government works, and I'm ready to contribute that same energy and commitment to the Ethics Commission.

Thank you for your consideration. I welcome any questions the RTM may have and am happy to provide any additional information that would be helpful in evaluating my candidacy.

Respectfully,
John Scimone