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Dear Saltarians:

I am writing to ask for your support in the upcoming Village of Saltaire election so that I may serve another term as Trustee. As you know, this has been a particularly challenging time. I didn't expect to live through a pandemic, let alone govern through one. But, despite the challenges, we have managed to steward Saltaire to a summer without an outbreak of Covid-19, with lifeguards, a market, tennis, a recreation program, a playground, and even a little softball. It has not been without its hiccups, but our primary objective - keeping our residents healthy and safe with as many of the amenities as we could safely provide - has been met. Most of this work is due to the incredible village staff, with whom I've been lucky to serve for three terms. But some of it is due to the very hard work that the Mayor and Board have put in over the last six months. I am very proud to have been a part of this. Unfortunately, our work is not over and that is why I am running for reelection. Our budget has been impacted by the pandemic. We are going to have to work hard and creatively to address this budget shortfall while maintaining our AAA bond rating. I have worked on six years of village budgets and have the experience to do this carefully and in the best interests of our residents. We are going to have to continue balancing the needs of those residents who choose to remain in Saltaire past Labor Day, with the reality of a shrinking workforce and limited resources. I did that all Spring and have the know-how to do so again.

I have a deep and unabiding love for Saltaire. I have been in public service in one form or another here for over a decade. I was the Associate Justice before joining the Board in 2009. For the last four years, I have served as the Deputy Mayor. While a Trustee, I have overseen our legal issues, whether working on contracts or helping direct our litigation responses. (I have decades of private litigation experience.) We have prevailed in every litigation that I have overseen. I previously served as Recreation Trustee and expanded the camp to include an ocean program, expanded bayfront and ocean activities such as paddle boards, kayaks, and outriggers, yoga, afternoon art, and other activities and a website and on-line presence. (That program is now in the hands of the very talented Nat Oppenheimer.) I have participated in advancing capital projects including the new wooden boardwalks on Lighthouse and Bay Promenade, and the restoration of Village Hall. I worked with the Saltaire Market to create an on-line ordering platform and prepare the market to provide contactless pick up and delivery and then ultimately to be able to safely open to the public. All of these services have been provided without having to charge an assessment or a significant tax increase.

With your support, I will continue to serve the Village as best I can. This is a contested election, so I encourage each of you to vote, no matter your candidate. Here is a link to the

Village's website with personal registration requirements and dates: <http://www.saltaire.org/electiondates.pdf>. The election is in person on September 15. If you are not able to vote in person, or do not feel you can do so safely, please request an absentee ballot here: <http://www.saltaire.org/saltaireabsenteeballot.pdf>. Thank you for having put your trust in me and allowing me to serve in this important function. I believe I have served you well and hope that you agree. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to reach out. My email address is hillarynilanrichard@gmail.com.

Thank you for your consideration,

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