

TOWN OF LEDYARD

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Chairman S. Naomi Rodriguez

Ms. Rebecca Nash 8 Osprey Drive Gales Ferry, Connecticut 06335

Dear Ms. Nash:

With the receipt of your November 7, 2024 resignation from the Library Commission the Town Council would like to take this opportunity to sincerely thank you for your twenty years of commitment and dedication in serving your community during a time of significant growth, change, and challenges.

The Town Council appreciates your contributions in serving as the recording secretary, vice chairman, and chairman of the Commission. Your dedication in taking on these roles within the Commission provided steady leadership in ensuring Ledyard Libraries remained progressive embracing the everchanging Technology Age providing free access to valuable resources such as the internet, computers, kindles, on-line services such as Hoopla, Libby ebooks, Ancestry and virtual learning in a welcoming, friendly environment which included the construction of the lovely outdoor patio, where patrons can relax and read their favorite book surrounded by wonderful native species plantings.

As you are aware, Ledyard Libraries is a critical resource for our residents, and this was especially evident during the Covid-19 pandemic. Under your Chairmanship the Library Commission's forethought and efforts allowed them to quickly adapt to community needs by offering homebound and curbside services, and to shift from in-person programs to virtual programs such as afternoon story time, the reading club, and cooking club to name a few. These programs and services helped mitigate the feeling of isolation, especially for those who lived alone.

In addition, the Library Commission's commitment to see that the libraries safely remained open with social distancing for patrons to access computers and the internet provided access to the local newspaper keeping residents informed during a very uncertain time, while also providing support and resources to students and adults working from home, was of significant value to our community.

Ledyard's volunteers such as yourself are the backbone that has made our community a great place to live, learn, and raise a family. Your work has encouraged the love of reading, critical thinking, and lifelong learning to the young and old alike and a vibrant part of our community.

The Town of Ledyard has benefited from your many years of commitment, and we are truly grateful.

With Our Sincere Appreciation,

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Chairman

cc: Library Director