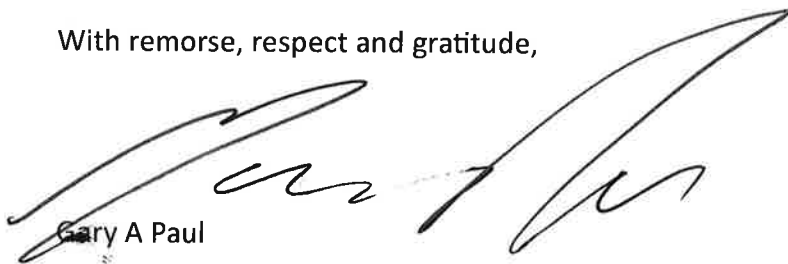


Dear Chair Naomi Rodriguez, Ledyard Town Council, Mayor Fred Allyn III

12/30/2024

It is after much careful reflection and thought that I regret to inform you that I will be resigning my seat on the town council effective immediately. Over the course of this past year, I have been struggling and along with some other recent health issues, I believe that it has and will affect my ability to serve effectively on the town council. I can only hope that in the past three years that I have served on the council that I have been able to make at least a small impact on the town I love so much. I feel it would be a disservice to the town to continue serving in light of both my physical and mental health struggles as of late. I take the role of serving on the town council seriously and believe leaders need to be attune and focused on the many needs of the community. The town of Ledyard faces many challenges ahead and I believe it is crucial that our leaders have the experience, availability and determination to guide our town to keep us on the path that will allow our community to remain strong and financially stable. I am forever grateful that I was blessed with the opportunity to serve with some incredible people over the last three years and I still find myself in awe at the many volunteers that give up so much of their time and energy in service of our town. Serving on the town council has allowed me to see and appreciate even more all the people it takes to make Ledyard such an incredible place to live, from our mayor and department heads to the sometimes behind the scenes people like our social service director and the town council administrative assistant, and of course the entire council, I am extremely grateful for you all. To all those in the community who spoke at meetings or to me personally during my service, I've listened to every word you said and took it all into consideration, understanding that each and every voice matters as we are all part of this community, and I strived to be sure we left no-one behind. I deeply apologize for all those I may have let down by resigning and beg for your understanding as I take this time to focus on my health.

With remorse, respect and gratitude,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Gary A Paul". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large, sweeping initial "G" and "P".

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