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Chairman S. Naomi Rodriguez

Mr. Brian Cronin 12 Erins Way Ledyard, Connecticut 06339

Dear Mr. Cronin:

With the receipt of your September 3, 2024 resignation from the Library Commission the Town Council would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your sixteen years of commitment and dedication in serving your community during a time of significant growth, change, and challenges.

Your contributions in working to ensure Ledyard Libraries remained progressive by embracing the everchanging Technology Age providing free access to valuable resources such as the internet, computers, kindles, on-line services, virtual and interactive learning in a welcoming, friendly environment which included the addition of the serene outdoor patio, where patrons can relax and read a book in a setting where they are surrounded by nature and New England native plantings.

Ledyard Libraries is a critical resource for our residents, and this was especially evident during the Covid-19 pandemic. 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 genealogy, 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 who were, for the first time, navigating how to work from home, was of significant value to our community.

Volunteers such as yourself are the backbone that has made Ledyard a welcoming place to live, learn, and raise a family. Your work on the Library Commission has been instrumental in fostering the love of reading, critical thinking, and lifelong learning for the young and old alike.

The Town of Ledyard has benefited from your many years of dedication and integrity as you were an integral part in ensuring that our libraries have continued to remain accessible to our community, and we are truly grateful.

With Our Sincere Appreciation,

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cc: Library Director