

Dear Natick residents,

I want to thank you for allowing me to serve on your behalf for the last ten years, eight years on School Committee and almost two years on the Board of Selectmen. It has been an honor and a privilege to serve the residents of Natick in these two capacities; however, I write now to share that I will not serve the last year of my three-year term on the Board of Selectmen, as I make a shift in my life professionally.

My plan is to return to school in the fall, which will not allow me to continue to serve you in the manner that is required. Given the “mature” age at which I am making this change, I don’t feel that I can wait another year to start what will be a multi-year process. Municipal service is a serious time commitment, which I will not do if I cannot serve with an appropriate level of engagement. In fairness to the residents, I will relinquish the last year of my term to someone who can fully commit the time and attention needed to serve the community in a holistic manner.

By leaving my term after two years, this creates a unique opportunity of a one-year term on the Board of Selectmen. There are two three-year positions open for the March election, and now there will also be this one-year term to serve on the Board, which is a complex entity with varied responsibilities. It is a board that requires at least some prior municipal service and a broad-based appreciation for the interests and needs of all residents. Selectmen must understand both the immediate and long-term impact to our residents from the decisions made and actions taken by the Board and by the town’s administration, over which the Board has oversight.

When I leave the Board in March, I will take pride in effecting a change in leadership for our town; helping to transition Melissa Malone, our new Town Administrator; increasing responsiveness to residents; fostering collaboration with other boards; and working closely with my fellow Board members to help govern Natick responsibly and respectfully.

I will continue to serve with full enthusiasm until the March election on March 26<sup>th</sup>, 2019. I have told the Board not to expect any fewer meetings, nor any less intensity from me over these remaining months. There is work to be done, which we will endeavor to do collectively with the residents of Natick as our first priority.

Many thanks,

Amy Mistrot, Chair  
Natick Board of Selectmen