

JAMES PETER DEMETRI

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North Reading Select Board
Ms. Kathryn M. Manupelli, Chair
Mr. Stephen J. O'Leary, Vice Chair
Mr. Andrew L. Shultz Liaison to ZBA
Mr. Richard F. Wallner
Ms. Liane R. Gonzalez

Dear Michael and Select Board Members,

I am writing to inform you of my decision to resign my volunteer position on the North Reading Board of Appeals, effective January 10th.

I am disappointed with the appointment process taken by the Select Board Liaison to the ZBA. Per the Select Boards policy and customary procedures, the Liaison and ZBA committee Chair make their recommendations to the Select Board for appointments. I was never informed by the Liaison that he disagreed with my recommendation. As ZBA Chairman, I was not offered the opportunity to present my argument to the Select Board because I was wrongly led to believe that the Liaison and my recommendations were agreed upon. The Liaison also failed to consider the Associate Members for appointment. Selecting community volunteers to serve on boards and committees are the responsibility of the Select Board, who, in the best interest of the town, and out of common courtesy, should make appointments in a respectful and thoughtful manner. The process selected by the Liaison was a disservice to Mr. O'Leary, the Associate Members, newly appointed member Mr. Breen, the Town of North Reading, and myself.

I have been a North Reading ZBA Member for over twenty years, and have enjoyed working with, and meeting so many wonderful people. I want to thank you for the opportunity to serve the Community of North Reading.

Thank you,

James Peter Demetri