

## LETTER OF RESIGNATION

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TO: Carlene Kelleher, Chairperson  
Rick Ives, First Selectman  
Planning & Zoning Commissioners  
Brooklyn Citizenry

July 9, 2014

FROM: Deane Rettig

All:

It is with great internal conflict that I write this Letter of Resignation from my position as a Commissioner of the Brooklyn Planning & Zoning Commission.

As many of you know, I have a deep passion for our National and State Constitutions (to which we as Commission Members swear an oath) and to maintaining order by following rules and regulations.

Over my 7+ years as a member of this Commission, I have struggled internally with reconciling the differences between protecting individual freedom and property rights with the drafting of regulations. Regulations that many times infringe upon those very same freedom and rights we have sworn an oath to uphold. A constitutional Government, when not constrained by its Constitution and the people, inevitably tramples on those very same individual freedom and rights that it has been instituted to protect.

It is my feeling that I no longer have anything I can offer the Town of Brooklyn as a Planning & Zoning Commissioner, because I am no longer comfortable with drafting regulations that conflict with my oath and belief in personal freedom and property rights; other than continually supporting the enforcement of those same rules and regulations to which I might oppose.

Although... I do believe in State Rights, as provided in the 10<sup>th</sup> Amendment of the Constitution. Therefore, I have requested consideration to volunteer in the capacity of Commissioner (or Alternate) on the Inland Wetlands Commission, which derives its regulations directly from the State. This will allow me the opportunity to continue to support our beloved Town and protect a portion of its character, hopefully with no (or at least less) internal struggle.

I would like to thank the Town of Brooklyn for the opportunity to volunteer for the Planning & Zoning Commission.

I would like to thank the Planning & Zoning Commission members for putting up with me. I am quite content with knowing that whether through argument or agreement we have still managed to develop friendships.

I hereby respectfully resign my position as a member of the Brooklyn Planning & Zoning Commission, effective upon receipt of this Letter of Resignation.

Warmest regards,

