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Subject: Resignation from the Amesbury City Council

Good morning,

After a great deal of thought, I have decided that this is the right time for me to step away from the Amesbury City Council. Please accept this letter as my resignation, effective immediately. This was not a decision I made lightly. My time on the Council has reinforced for me just how important it is for people to show up and be involved at the local level. I am grateful to have had the opportunity to be part of meaningful changes in Amesbury and to have contributed my voice and perspective along the way.

At the same time, I would be less than honest if I said that my decision was simply about having other priorities. I genuinely believe that every member of the Council wants what is best for Amesbury and that, at the end of the day, we are all working toward the same goal of seeing our community succeed. However, good intentions alone do not always lead to a productive working environment.

The dynamics of the Council have changed during my time in office, and the energy surrounding the work feels different today than it did when I first chose to serve. Too often, I have found our time and energy consumed by negativity and discussions that do not move the work of the City forward. I have reached a point where I am no longer willing to continue investing my time in a process that too often feels unproductive.

For a position that is largely an act of public service, that matters. Serving requires time away from our families, careers, and other responsibilities, and I believe that sacrifice should result in meaningful and productive work. At this point in my life, I need to be more intentional about where I make that investment, and I no longer believe continuing in this role is the right choice for me.

I leave with gratitude for the experience and especially for the people I have had the opportunity to learn from along the way. I have worked with people who challenged my thinking, shared perspectives different from my own, and taught me lessons about leadership, government, and community that I will carry with me.

I am proud to have served Amesbury. Stepping away from the Council does not change how much I care about this community, and I look forward to continuing to contribute in other ways.

Thank you,

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