

Hello Southborough,

This is a hard but yet exciting note for me to share with you all. To the amazing residents of Southborough that have overwhelmingly supported me during my time on the Select Board, I thank you truly from the bottom of my heart. Being elected twice and serving these last 6 years has been a true honor.

I asked you to let me be your voice and I believe for the most part I have achieved that goal. All decisions I made were always with the best interest of the Town at heart, some were unpopular and were very hard to make. And looking back, I would have some done differently. I have learned a lot about Southborough and about myself. The thing I will treasure most is all the conversations with so many of you and getting to really know what matters most to you.

But the time has come to refocus my time and energy. Who knew when I volunteered on my first Commission in 2005 I would still be here 18 years later. I am still dedicated to Southborough and have much more to offer. I worked very hard in my time on the Select Board to collaborate and bring various groups together that needed to find solutions or should have a seat at the table in a discussion to ensure their input was included. Working together we made the first substantial zoning change in decades for the Down Town. We worked together to create a process for public shade trees when there was confusion and many other opportunities to work together to find solutions that benefited all of Southborough.

I have served with some of the most gracious, dedicated and wonderful people and I am blessed to have had the opportunity, and I thank them for their many years of selfless service to the Town. Most importantly, I want to thank the employees for the amazing jobs they do, for always being there to assist during my tenure and showing me the value of some of the most dedicated employees this Town is lucky to have. I appreciated them every day.

Working closely with the Planning Board and the Planning Department on various issues over the past few years and myself being very process driven, I believe the Planning Board is a great fit for my next service. Planning has a great group of volunteers that I have tremendous respect for and look forward to serving with. The Department is one of the finest in the Town. I am excited to announce that I will not be returning papers for my seat on the Select Board, but will be pulling papers for a seat on the Planning Board.

Again, thank you all for the tremendous support you have shown me over the last six years and with your continued support I look forward to serving you on the Planning Board!!

Looking forward to seeing you on May 9th at the polls,

Lisa Braccio