

I want to announce that this is my last meeting as a Commissioner. My husband and I decided last fall that we were going to move back inland in the near term. In January we accelerated the process. We have a house going up that's going to be ready in July. I originally planned to continue serving until the new house was ready to move into, but over the last several weeks I've rethought the plan.

Although I enjoy working with most of the town staff and I would particularly like to call out the public works and police department: their responsiveness and hard work is exceptional. But I'm unwilling to continue working in the environment created by town hall leadership. They're supposed to work at the pleasure of the Board. It's never been my pleasure to have to deal with lack of transparency; evasion of responsibility; selective application of policies and enforcement; and inadequate planning and project management. It's unnecessarily difficult and time consuming to accomplish things for Holden Beach.

To the board: it's become clear in the last couple of months we're not on the same page when it comes to who and how we choose to tackle the challenges ahead. There are difficult decisions the Board has to make in the upcoming season, and particularly what to prioritize and how to fund the priorities. I really believe these types of decisions should be made by individuals with a long term vested interest in Holden Beach. And since I'm no longer in that category, I will go to the county government complex and resign by the end of this week.

To the residents who voted for me, and particularly the ones who spent considerable time sending me information, advice and constructive criticism to help me make decisions, thank you.

To everyone, I hope you have a carefree, fun-filled summer; I'm planning to. Thank you.