

## TOWN OF LISBON, NEW HAMPSHIRE

Incorporated 1763

## OFFICE OF TOWN ADMINISTRATOR

46 School Street Lisbon, New Hampshire 03585 TEL: (603) 838-6376

FAX: (603) 838-6790

February 9th, 2017

Honorable Members of the Board of Selectmen,

Following receipt of a copy of the citizens' petitioned warrant article to eliminate the Town Administrator position, and having already dealt with a similar petition to remove me from this position in July of this year, I have come to the conclusion that my position with the Town of Lisbon as Town Administrator has become untenable.

Despite attempts to work with staff for the betterment of the community and to implement the directives of the Selectmen, I have faced nothing but opposition, false accusations, and obstinacy from the staff to my work in this position with the Town.

I therefore tender my resignation, effective February 10th, 2017.

I believe strongly that the Town needs to have a Town Administrator to keep department heads accountable to the governing Board of Selectmen, and with the petition submitted to the voters to eliminate this vital position, I can only hope that by removing myself from this position, the ill-guided attempt to eliminate all oversight of staff with the Town Administrator position will fail, and a new TA can be hired to continue the progress that we have made to revitalize Lisbon and ensure that the residents of Lisbon, not its governmental employees, determine the future of this town.

Sincerely, Daniel J. Merhalski, MPA