

October 22, 2026

Plymouth Select Board & Town Manager
Town Hall
26 Court Street
Plymouth, MA 02360

Dear Plymouth Select Board and Mr. Brindisi,

I am writing to resign, effective immediately, from my position as a member of the Plymouth Airport Commission.

I am taking this step because I do not believe I can continue to serve consistent with the conflict-of-interest law without the Special Municipal Employee designation I requested and pursuant to which I always believed was in place.

As I outlined to the Select Board when I applied for appointment to the Airport Commission, my husband and I own an aviation business at the airport and our involvement and contacts in the aviation industry are widely known. I felt then and today that my experience and aviation related knowledge and contacts were a positive attribute for service to the Town and Airport Commission.

The state law that describes the purpose of an Airport Commission explicitly requires at least one of the members appointed to have experience in aeronautics and my knowledge and experience was unique.

I did not volunteer to serve because for any personal reason or to influence or effect my family's business interests. These interests were established long before I agreed to serve.

I came to the Select Board recently because I did not know that the Airport Commissioners were not Special Municipal Employees who are entitled provided there is compliance with the special state ethics requirement to conduct business in the same community.

I want to be clear that I am resigning now because I believe this is the legally appropriate course without the designation in place. If the Select Board grants the Special Municipal Employee designation to the Airport Commission in the future, I would welcome the opportunity to be reinstated and continue serving.

I have been transparent about my ties to the airport since my initial application in 2019, and nothing about that has changed. As the Town's records will show, I have filed Disclosures of Appearance of Conflict of Interest and Disclosures by Non-Elected Municipal Employee of Financial Interest with the Town in 2019, 2022, and 2026, and I have always recused myself from any vote in which my business, or my husband's, had any direct financial interest.

I have appreciated the opportunity to serve our town. Over the past 13 years I have organized the Plymouth Airshow and the Props & Hops community event, raised money for the beautification of the airport, hosted community fundraisers in our hangar, and most recently worked with my husband to help bring the Navy Blue Angels over the Mayflower — all as volunteer efforts to connect the local community with the airport.

I believe a commission with members who have direct aviation and business experience, as the statute itself states, serves the Town well, and I hope to be able to continue contributing to that in the future.

Thank you.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Karin Goulia', with a stylized, flowing script.

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