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**Notes from editor (not for publication):**

I'm just going with my gut. I don't think we should quote Sheehan, even anonymously, unless she gives permission. She's probably expecting to see it in print and might be pleasantly surprised and more forthcoming to talk about this as a result. I think we'll have better sourcing in the long haul for this weird story if we show restraint with this week's piece.



HEADLINE ELEMENTS:

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1 New Brattleboro library director resigns after less than a  
2 month

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3 Brooks Memorial Library Director Julie Perrin says the  
4 post was 'not a good match'

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5 TEXT BODY:

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6 After less than a month on the job, Brooks Memorial  
7 Library Director Julie Perrin has resigned.

8 "It is clear to me that Brooks is not a good match for  
9 me," Perrin wrote in her May 28 resignation letter to Town  
10 Manager John Potter.

11 She did not offer any other details about her decision,  
12 but did write that she had already worked the required hours that  
13 week and submitted her timesheet.

14 She said that her resignation was immediate.

15 "Considering the brevity of my tenure, I do not feel that  
16 notice is required under the circumstances," Perrin wrote.

17 She went on to thank Potter "for the opportunity, "  
18 closing her letter by saying, "I very much appreciate the kindness  
19 of the other town departments and hope that you will convey that  
20 to them. Best of luck."

21 The library was closed May 29 while folks regrouped.

22 Details are in short supply from library folks regarding  
23 Perrin's resignation, although it would appear other departments  
24 were welcoming to the new director, who took the role when  
25 longtime Director Starr LaTronica retired.

26 "Julie Perrin has decided to move on from her role with  
27 the town," said the town's human resources/finance director,  
28 Sally Cruz Nix. "We wish her well and are actively focusing on  
29 supporting our staff and finding a new library director to lead our  
30 team."

31 "The town will be heading in a different direction, and  
32 we intend to resume our efforts immediately," wrote Potter in a  
33 statement. "We're committed to identifying a strong candidate  
34 and grateful for the dedication of library staff and the  
35 community's patience during this transition in leadership."

36 Cruz Nix described Perrin as "an experienced  
37 professional, and we are grateful she accepted the role.  
38 Ultimately, she made a decision for her career. Julie was a  
39 pleasure to work with."

40 "I have no comment at this time," said Brooks Board of  
41 Trustees President Margaret Atkinson.

42 The 2020 New Hampshire Library Director of the Year,  
43 Perrin came to Brooks after nine years leading the Jaffrey Public  
44 Library. She was lauded here as bringing extensive experience in  
45 library program development, grant writing, and operations  
46 management.

47 At the time, Cruz Nix said of the 22 applicants in the  
48 competitive hiring process, all stakeholders felt Perrin was the  
49 leader who most aligned with the values and culture of the  
50 community here.

51 Jennifer Rose, Brooks Memorial Library Board of Trustees  
52 treasurer and a member of the hiring team, said then that Perrin  
53 stood out not only for her enthusiasm for Brattleboro, but also  
54 due to her diverse skill set.

55 "Julie has a background in developing imaginative,  
56 compelling activities and offerings at the library, and has  
57 experience in reaching out to the community and collaborating  
58 with different entities in town," said Rose.

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