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Boston town clerk resigns amid heated disagreements with Town Board

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The Boston town clerk embroiled in controversy with Town Board members for more than a year has resigned.

Jennifer A. Mule handed in a letter of resignation and keys to the office Monday, Councilman Jay Boardway said. He said she had not been seen in the clerk's office in more than three weeks, after the Town Board found she and Gary T. Ballowe did not obtain building permits for renovations to the home they owned and fined the couple \$35,000 May 9.

Ballowe is the brother of Town Supervisor Martin Ballowe.

Mule and Gary T. Ballowe bought the property at 7305 Omphalius Road in 2012, and they said they asked Code Enforcement Officer William G. Ferguson if they needed building permits for planned improvements. He sent a letter saying no permits were required.

Disagreement between the board and the clerk started more than a year ago.

The town settled a complaint the clerk filed with the state Division of Human Rights alleging that she had been subjected to harassment, and the board appointed clerks to work in the the town clerk's office whom Mule refused to recognize as her deputies.