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**To:** Matthew Chabot <selectmen@berkleyma.us>  
**Subject:**

Matt,

Good morning. I regret having to bring this up at the start of your day, but I feel it's necessary for me to address these matters before moving forward.

Since my email on February 14th, outlining my need for structured communication with Wendy, several incidents have occurred that I must bring to your attention. I find it increasingly difficult to focus on my work amidst unwarranted comments and baseless public records requests. These challenges have led me to consider leaving, although I am committed to persevering as I genuinely love my job.

On Thursday, March 24, 2024, following a department head meeting, I was engaged in a closed-door discussion with the Chief of Police, the Assistant Town Admin, and Selectman McCrohan regarding a personal matter. During this time, Wendy interrupted the meeting to discuss past communications with Harpers, causing a disturbance before leaving abruptly.

Later that same day, Wendy approached me as I was preparing to leave, she questioned if I knew she had been sectioned because of Matt, additionally in my presense she told Holly to tell Matt to increase the legal line because she will be suing the town as a result of another town resident who had submitted papers for the elected treasurers position, further disrupting my workflow.

On March 27, 2024, Wendy once again approached me, informing me of actions she had taken regarding an email I had sent. She also informed me of the unauthorized dissemination of confidential information, attributing responsibility to you. This situation has escalated, with implications for legal action and accusations against me. I want to reiterate my commitment to my role within the organization. However, the current environment is detrimental to both my productivity and well-being. As someone who values honesty and integrity, I find it exhausting to continually fact-check information provided to me.

Over the past seven months, I have endured excessive public records requests and baseless claims, both from residents outside of town hall and elected officials within. These challenges, coupled with the need to reassure colleagues like Holly about their job security, have taken a toll on my physical and mental health.

On Thursday, March 28, I made the decision to stay home due to the physical toll these situations have taken on me. I used this time to address outstanding accounting issues, despite these not being by myself, they are a necessity to move forward. Maintaining professionalism in such circumstances has become increasingly challenging.

Matt, I am drawing a line. This is my final request that Wendy refrain from approaching me without a third party present and that non-work-related contact outside of business hours ceases. My priority is my mental and physical health, which I consider more important than any job. Please understand that this is not a threat but rather a necessary step to ensure I can effectively perform my duties.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Ashleigh Haslam