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From: selectmen.clerk@berkleyma.us
Sent: Thursday, June 20, 2024 12:14 PM
To: tmccrohanbos@berkleyma.us; Matt Chabot; Chief Baker
Subject: Tuesday, June 18, 2024 Incident

Good Afternoon,

I wanted to make you aware of an issue that was brought to my attention late on Tuesday as I was leaving. The Assistant Collector received a text message as a result of a fulfilled public records request.

Said request was for a "secret note" at a BOS meeting and the Chairwoman responded accordingly and the Town Clerk shared same with Ms. Cochrane, the requestor. Almost immediately after the response was shared, the Assistant Collector was interrogated via text about her participation in the alleged "secret note" and was visibly shaken over the situation. Public Records Requests should not be a facilitator for officials to abuse their power and intimidate others in Town Hall.

I felt it was crucial I share this incident, as it is clear that Ms. Cochrane is continuing to behave in a harassing and intimidating manner to a large scope of fellow staff.

Thank you,
Holly K. Marchand
Assistant Town Administrator



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From: selectmen.clerk@berkleyma.us
Sent: Tuesday, June 18, 2024 2:00 PM
To: Matt Chabot; tmccrohanbos@berkleyma.us
Subject: Update for 6/18/24

Good Afternoon,

I just wanted to update you on today's happenings. It was a relatively quiet day, but the office received a call from the Cochrane residence while I was away from my desk. I did not return the call because I am not comfortable having conversations with Ms. Cochrane without a witness. While I cannot confirm it was her, I just wanted to update you. I have requested several times that she not isolate and contact me directly, but it continues. The Town Clerk reached out to Ms. Cochrane as Tax Collector to follow up on a public records request, to which I just received an email only to me discussing same right after said missed call. I responded and copied the Town Clerk, but again, I just wanted to document the continued behavior wherein my requests to not have isolated contact are being ignored.

Thank you,
Holly K. Marchand
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