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Subject: Fwd: Confidential

To: Holly Marchand <selectmen.clerk@berkleyma.us>

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Date: Wed, 05 Jun 2024 18:16:12 +0000

From: jvincentbos@berkleyma.us

Subject: Re: Confidential

To: Taxcollector@berkleyma.us

Cc: Matthew Chabot <selectmen@berkleyma.us>, Holly Marchand
<selectmen.clerk@berkleyma.us>, Joe Freitas <jfreitasbos@berkleyma.us>

Hi Wendy,

Thank you for your email. I want to note that there are mistatements in this email.

As noted in my previously email - all emails sent by public officials are public record, there is no confidentiality and I have confirmed this with the appropriate legal authorities. I am sharing these and my responses with the Town Adminstrators Office.

1. When a master key is lost it is standard protocol to change the locks. It is not personal it is professional protocol. This is why I sent the email I did. My apologies for calling you by the wrong elected position title.
2. The information that was shared via facebook was never confidential and I never stated that it was. Your statement below "That was promised to be confidential on facebook if anyone had any questions" is a manipulative statement. You private messaged me on facebook and slandered other town officials, both appointed and elected. You are an elected official and I made clear to you that as such you should not be spreading gossip or slander about others. I have included our conversation here on this chain as evidence of what was and what was not said. I have nothing to hide.
3. I am not going to address your accusatory statements against me in depth.. While I support open communication and transparency, any further false allegations or defamatory statements that are made against me will compel me to consider all available legal avenues, including those related to slander, to protect my reputation and the integrity of the board which is here to serve the residents of Berkley.

Jennifer Vincent

Quoting Taxcollector@berkleyma.us:

Good morning ,

I hope you both had a good night sleep , I however did not , While my mind racing basically being called a thief and untrustworthy without saying a word. I would like to give you a few tid bits of what my life has been like Since one of your Board members has been elected. As Far as Mr Freitas he knows and has witnessed it. But to bring Ms Vincent up to par.

Seems that One of the Board members has been talking about me at the fire department. I have so many real friends in this Town , As much gets back to me. At the fire department it was said that my office was being moved because The Assistant treasurer could not stand being around me anymore. That she had threatened to quit if she was made to stay in the office. I brought that to Mr.Freitas's and he said there was no plans to move either side. I let it go. I asked the Assistant that day if there was any issues .. her response was that she loved being with me and the Assistant Tax Collector.

I went home and thought about it more and not having a good day because not only did I lose my job and my retirement. (Thank you Ms Vincent). I was getting pinged that someone from Town tried to use the credit card. I was not Treasurer as of the 11th of May. I went to the Town Admin and the Town Treasurer and they said they would take care of it. I had given the Assistant Town Admin the list of things that needed to be done ASAP. And I spoke with the Assistant Treasurer and I asked her to kindly remove my name from Harpers payroll, BC Retirement, Blue Cross and Mass Teachers. As well as all the Banks.

There were things that I needed personally out of my file for Bristol country Retirement as I had a meeting with them and I would not even go into my own personnel file to get the stuff I needed. The Assistant Treasurer helped me and told me I could retrieve my own folder. I gave a list of things to the New Treasurer and all the contact people that are directly able to help her with the transition, I also told her if they needed. I would make myself available to go with her to any of these banks to make the transition easier. She said that she had lots of vacation time at her other job and would let me know. I like her, She is a very nice person and I assured the Assistant Treasurer that she would be fine to work with . I felt bad for her as she was very mis informed about what the expectations of the job was.

A few weeks later, I got pinged again that someone was using the card, Mind you , The account is in my name and the others are only authorized users. I wrote and email I believe to the Town Admin that nothing had been changed over. This is a fraud issue. I am no longer Treasurer, yet I am being expected to allow purchases made after the 11th to be authorized. I reached out to the Commissioner of Revenue and asked if I should be allowing this. He told me that the New Treasurer should have been bonded no more than 10 days after the election. Usually the process is 10 days. Mind you it had been over the 10 day mark when I decided to take matters in my own hands and zero out the card limit and close the account. To protect myself from any fraud charges.

It was a big ruckus in Town hall mainly with the Town Accountant that was telling anyone that would listen that I screwed her up. That she was never told and that is simply untrue. She and I had an a discussion as well as the Assistant Town Admin. Remember I cannot email because at this point the Town Admin and the Assistant Town Admin had deleted my account in email so I had no official email .

I am not sure why the Town accountant feels it is ok to send out an email to all departments saying that I am being difficult and closed accounts with no notice and that she is in a mess. Imagine losing your job, retirement all based on lies and allegations that not one person took the time to reach out and ask me if anything was true. I reached out and Ms Vincent called me a gossip. And proceeded to forward that letter to the one telling the lies.

That was promised to be confidential on facebook if anyone had any questions.

Next after this horrific day at Town hall thanks to the Town Accountant, Town Admin and one of your Board members. I came home early because I was not feeling well. I started having chest pain so bad that I had to call 911. I was brought to Morton Hospital for a nice 3 day vacation. NOT. After many tests I found out I was not dying much to Ms Vincents and Ms McCrohans dismay. The Police chief showed up after he must have heard the call and sadly I was not sure if he was a plant to see if I was faking or if he was concerned for real. Given the fact that he is always in closed door meetings with the Town accountant and one of your Board members.

Fast Forward to the end of the weekend. Sunday night, I get a nice text from the Assistant Treasurer (group to Joellen and I) . I can show you if you would like to see it. Saying that she would still be close to us and come visit us . I was not sure what was the reason for that , I asked and she said that the Selectmen decided to move the Treasurer office, (after I had already told the Town Admin that I was toitaly ok with sharing with The new Treasurer because I didn't want the Assistant and I was there to answer any questions she may have.) Well come to find out She claimed she had no idea, that at the end of the shift on Thursday the POLICE department came into the office to move the desks. My response was that I had purchased some of the things on my own and how come I was not notified. Then I realized it was not her call.

I called Mr Freitas and asked him why, He said he had no clue, he said he was not notified of anyone being moved. My heart sank, No more 3 of us.

Being on a medical leave for 5 days, I had to go to First Citizens bank to get money to leave for Florida on the 6th, I saw my rep there was I was Treasurer, He said your name is still on these accounts, That the Treasurer had not come in to change anything now this is almost a month later, I called the Town Admin and nothing new , he will NOT take my calls I am suppose to only respond in writing to him. Well no email , I decided to text him and then he did not respond. At this point I heard in my head that the Commission of Revenue said It needed to be changed before 10 days, Being that no one would take my call and I did not have The new Treasurer contact I decided to close the Accts. Asking that the check be made payable to the Town, I called my Attorney and she said Wendy, DO NOT transport that money , you are no longer bonded for the Town and given the history of the Town Accountant making false allegations, I listened and did not try to be helpful.

Well, That caused another ruckus at Town hall. The Town Accountant was clearly distraught that this caused her inconvenience. Ok I could go to Jail for Fraud, But she had to actually do something right and just.

This is my life, I make the decisions on what happens under my name and on my watch. I AM NO LONGER THE TREASURER. I am not sure why I am the wrong one here. This is clearly all personal.

Fast forward to June 4th, While on a medical leave, I remember that I had time sensitive demands that needed to be mailed. I went in simply to do that. While I was there. The Town Admin sent me a blunt email that I had to forfeit my master key, I did not have it with me as I was in only for a short time. I was taken back by this request I must admit as since that building has been open I have had a master key, While I totally understand I should not be allowed in the Selectmen office. I am not sure why I am the only person that has been asked to return my key, MANY MANY employees have a master key. I asked the Town Clerk if she was asked to give her key back. She said nope. SO let me get this straight, I am the only one that has been on the Alarm Alert for 10 years, I was bonded for 29 million dollars and I have been distrusted to hold a key to offices. I bet I still have not been removed from the Alarm deactivation people.

To get an email from Ms Vincent saying that they needed to get a quote to change the locks. Let me get this straight, so the new Treasurer, The Town Clerk can get into my office, however I can not be entrusted to hold a master key? And to boot The Police chief was added to the request. I would think that she would be more concerned about a selectmen making decisions for the Town after signing something under the pains and penalties of perjury knowing she was clearly lying. Never mind wanting to raise everyone's taxes but hers. But I went home and got my key after intentionally telling the Town admin I lost it. Thank you for making my case stronger that you are singling me out. And now including the Police chief who mind you came to my house to make sure I was not faking. Later being told that one of your Board members said that I was faking and that funny how I chose to do this when my husband was at work AGAIN. I was clearly not faking, am I suppose to be afraid to call 911 for fear of her making allegations as she is a member of CERT and gets the calls on her phone to respond.

That is another issue in itself. She accused me of telling people she was having an affair with someone on the fire department. NOPE never happened. She said this in Front of the Assistant Town Admin and the Town admin .

Ms Vincent, I am tired of you and the other selectmen making false claims against me when you have no idea what you are talking about. I have reached out to you many times to sit with me to tell you about the past things that you should be aware of. I have been nothing but kind and never posted anything negative about you during the election or otherwise. I thought you were caring, understanding and approachable and a TRUE individual. But knowing that you are believing a clear fibber, Makes me question my opinion of you . Fact is you DID NOT want my support, you refused to put a sign in my yard. But chose to support someone that clearly is a nice woman, but unknowledgeable which also makes me question your motives and my past opinion of you . We can fix this if you want to .. I am always open to forgiveness. But I am a truth person and a Loyal person. I will not slander people to hurt them. However I am tired of protecting people that have hate in their heart and want to take EVERYTHING that mattered from me, your choices hurt me and my family. I would never do that to you. PERIOD.

I am not a thief I am not a liar FACT.

I hope you have a good day.

Wendy Cochrane

Tax Collector.

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