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Dear Mr. Brule,

(Ms. Peterson - I formally request copies of this communication be forwarded to all Board of Selectman members)

(Mr. Campo - I formally request copies of this communication be forwarded to all Representative Town Meeting Members and all Board of Finance members)

On Thursday, August 20, 2020 I was forwarded a social media message written by Town of Waterford Director of Fire Services Bruce Miller in what appears to be a request from you. It was an interesting read, to say the least.

First, to the point that Mr. Miller makes about part-time employees working from the Quaker Hill Fire Station. If Mr. Miller's statement is correct, could you forward me a copy of the document that he sent to Chief Ukleja? The Town must have sent us something in writing to let us know that the Town, as tenants of our property, would be ceasing to use our property effective on a certain date; correct? I am sure the Town would not want to be held liable for damage to our property caused by one of it's employees after the date the Town was no longer going to be a tenant; correct?

Second, the confusing issue of what the Town of Waterford, or is it Mr. Miller, is really doing in the Quaker Hill Fire Station. In June of 2020, Town of Waterford part-time firefighters attempted to sign-up for shifts at the Quaker Hill Fire Station only to be informed by Mr. Miller that there were going to be no more shifts there, and those hours had been transferred to shifts at the Cohanzie Fire Station. Again, where was the notice to the owners of the property, the Quaker Hill Fire Company Incorporated, that the Town of Waterford was no longer going to be a tenant of our property? Please forward me a copy of that notice. Since the Town of Waterford through Mr. Miller contends that the Town always intended to end using the Quaker Hill Fire Station effective July 1, 2020, and that we as Officers of the department are misleading them, why does the Town of Waterford continue to send it's employees to our property to work?

Third, Mr. Miller makes a statement that we are misleading the members of our community by not telling them that there is a new contract being signed between the Town of Waterford and the five independent fire companies and/or fire departments that currently exist in the Town of Waterford. I would like a copy of a draft version of each contract, which I know you will deny that you have to provide me, so I will settle for a draft copy of the supposed contract between the Town of Waterford and the Quaker Hill Fire Company Incorporated, which as the Assistant Deputy Chief of the Company I would be entitled to. I would also like a copy of the signed Ground Rules established between the Town of Waterford and the Quaker Hill Fire Company Incorporated pertaining to the negotiations of this contract, a list of the dates that negotiating sessions took place, the names of people in attendance at these sessions, and who the people in attendance represented.

Fourth, Mr. Miller on behalf of the Town of Waterford refers to the creation of the Town of Waterford Fire Department. According to the Connecticut General Statutes, no municipality may create a fire department on top of an existing volunteer fire service organization without a pre-existing written agreement between the parties that details indemnification / remuneration of the volunteer organization. I would like a copy of the written agreement between the Town of Waterford and the Quaker Hill Fire Company Incorporated. I don't seem to have a copy of that agreement for some reason, but I do have in my notes from the multiple Public Safety and Protection committee meetings that I attended that Town Attorney Robert Aveena stated, repeatedly, that "a new agreement" would have to be made with each organization before the ordinance could be enacted. Again, I would like a copy of that "new agreement" between the

Town of Waterford and the Quaker Hill Fire Company Incorporated so that I may share it with the members of the community that I serve.

Please send the information as requested to any of the locations listed below.

Thank you

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