

Statement of the Board of Selectmen, May 5, 2010

Due to allegations received by the Town, the Board of Selectmen was legally and morally obligated to have the matter reviewed.

The Board wishes to state that after a thorough investigation of the matter by James B. Lampke, Esq., the Board has accepted his finding and has concluded that there was no wrong doing and thus no discipline is warranted as relates to Jean Kitchen, Vanessa Hale, Vera Kollias, and Karen Galligan.

Also, contrary to reports, Carla McAuliffe, Brian Ballantine, Fire Chief John Mauro, and Doreen Ferguson were only among the witnesses and were never the subject of the investigation.

It should be further noted that Police Chief Jane Moran was not the source of the complaints or matters that were reviewed which led to this situation.

The Board wishes to emphatically state its support and respect for all the employees of the Town and in particular those involved in this matter. The employees want to reassure the Board and the residents of the Town that they will continue to work together for the benefit of the Town of Southborough.

The Board would like to take this opportunity to comment on rumors regarding former Town Planner Vera Kollias. Any idea that Ms. Kollias was asked to leave her position as Town Planner is completely false. The Board of Selectmen had absolutely nothing to do with Ms. Kollias's resignation. It knew her as an outstanding and dedicated employee who left her position solely on her own initiative to make a positive career move. The Board wishes Vera Kollias the very best in the future and regrets her departure as a great loss to the Town of Southborough.