When you and Andrew bought your beautiful home, you were welcomed with open arms and we all watched as you both brought your home to new life. You quickly joined many organizations and became emerged in the community.

However, your position as Mayor, has been grossly abused.

Your position as head of the Council is to lead our public meetings and any other duties that is voted by the Council. These are your only duties, nothing more, nothing less.

1. You presented yourself to Julie Basol the director of the Vergennes Partnership in your position as Mayor and told her publicly that she would never have been chosen if it was up to you. It was not your place to comment at all. The Vergennes Partnership is NOT a City controlled Committee. It also shows your true disrespect for her and women in general.

2. In a legally warned Council meeting in your continued badgering of Chief Merkel you were asked if you had taken the time to express your concerns to the Chief directly and you answered twice that the two of you had talked. It was later discovered that is was an outright lie. In your words, you “misspoke”. Really, you would forget that detail?

3. You continue to correspond with the Sheriff despite the complaint the Sheriff department has filed against the City. You have been instructed many times by the Council and the manager to cease and desist but you continue to have your secret conversations.

4. The police oversight committee was not a decision made by the Council but by you alone with members that were hand chosen by you. There was no invitation to the public to submit their names to be considered. You hoped to continue with your secret meetings until you were cornered by the public. Only then did you go to the Council. This is an especially important committee that should be able to make their recommendations without your input or guidance.

5. You alone are responsible for the new police union. The City prides itself in having open communications with all our departments. That communication has now been stifled by you. History will prove that will
change forever our direct contact with our officers. We have the best police department as it exists today.

6. What “storm” are you hoping to bring to our City? You alone again are dividing the City. Signs of Black Lives Matter and We support our local police should be going hand in hand.

7. The ultimate bullying comes again directly from you Mr. Mayor. Your threat to the City manager, David Austin and even more directly to me is an outrage. This will not stop me from having my opinions and expressing them in the future. You are coming from a place I do not understand and never will. If this sitting Council accepts this conduct from the Mayor, then shame on you all!

You have pushed me to this statement, and all of this is true and can be proven so I suggest strongly that you examine your real intentions and step down as Mayor immediately.