



# FREEDOM OF INFORMATION



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Chris Ehlert,  
Complainant(s)  
against

Notice of Meeting

Docket #FIC 2014-463

First Selectman, Town of Westbrook; Chairman, Board of  
Finance, Town of Westbrook; and Town of Westbrook,  
Respondent(s)

February 27, 2015

### Transmittal of Proposed Final Decision

In accordance with Section 4-179 of the Connecticut General Statutes, the Freedom of Information Commission hereby transmits to you the proposed finding and decision prepared by the hearing officer in the above-captioned matter.

This will notify you that the Commission will consider this matter for disposition at its meeting which will be held in the Freedom of Information Commission Hearing Room, 18-20 Trinity Street, 1st floor, Hartford, Connecticut, at **2 p.m. on Wednesday, March 25, 2015**. At that time and place you will be allowed to offer oral argument concerning this proposed finding and order. Oral argument shall be limited to ten (10) minutes. For good cause shown, however, the Commission may increase the period of time for argument. A request for additional time must be made in writing and should be filed with the Commission **ON OR BEFORE March 13, 2015**. Such request **MUST BE (1) copied to all parties, or if the parties are represented, to such representatives, and (2) include a notation indicating such notice to all parties or their representatives.**

Although a brief or memorandum of law is not required, if you decide to submit such a document, an **original and fourteen (14) copies** must be filed **ON OR BEFORE March 13, 2015**. **PLEASE NOTE: Any correspondence, brief or memorandum directed to the Commissioners by any party or representative of any party MUST BE (1) copied to all parties, or if the parties are represented, to such representatives, (2) include a notation indicating such notice to all parties or their representatives and (3) be limited to argument. NO NEW EVIDENCE MAY BE SUBMITTED.**

If you have already filed a brief or memorandum with the hearing officer and wish to have that document distributed to each member of the Commission, it is requested that **fourteen (14) copies** be filed **ON OR BEFORE March 13, 2015**, and that **notice be given to all parties or if the parties are represented, to their representatives, that such previously filed document is being submitted to the Commissioners for review.**

By Order of the Freedom of  
Information Commission

W. Paradis  
Acting Clerk of the Commission

Notice to: Chris Ehlert  
John S. Bennet, Esq.

2015-02-27/FIC# 2014-463/Trans/wrbp/VDH/TAH

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION COMMISSION  
OF THE STATE OF CONNECTICUT

In the Matter of a Complaint by

Report of Hearing Officer

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Complainant

against

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Chairman, Board of Finance, Town  
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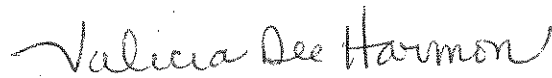
February 11, 2015

The above-captioned matter was scheduled to be heard as a contested case on February 5, 2015 at 11:00 A.M., at which time the respondents and their counsel appeared, but the complainant did not appear to prosecute the case.

The hearing officer notes that Attorney John S. Bennet, counsel for the respondents, appeared at the hearing with two witnesses—the First Selectman for the Town of Westbrook, and the Chairman of the Board of Finance for the Town of Westbrook. It is further noted that the 11:00 AM contested case hearing corresponded with terrible weather conditions. Counsel represented that, in order to arrive to the Commission on time, he and his clients had driven for over an hour through a snow storm. Counsel anticipated that it would take them just as long to return to Westbrook.

The following order by the Commission is hereby recommended on the basis of the record concerning the above-captioned complaint:

1. The complaint is hereby dismissed.
2. The complainant is admonished for his failure to appear at the hearing in this matter, which failure resulted in a waste of scarce state and local resources.



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Valicia Dee Harmon  
as Hearing Officer