

Freedom of Information Commission
of the State of Connecticut

In the Matter of a Complaint by)
Dorothy K. Wilmot, Complainant) Report of Hearing Officer
) Docket #FIC 76-94
against)
Town of Coventry and Town Council) July 6, 1976
of the Town of Coventry,)
)
) Respondents)


The above captioned matter was heard as a contested case on June 29, 1976, at which time the complainant and the respondents appeared and presented testimony, exhibits and argument on the complaint.

After consideration of the entire record, the following facts are found:

1. The respondents are public agencies.
2. The complainant alleged, and the respondents admitted, that certain fiscal estimates which were included in the respondent council's preliminary budget for 1976-1977 were omitted from the final budget submitted by the respondent council to the town meeting. The complainant contends that this omission constitutes a violation of P.A. 75-342.
3. It appears that sufficient copies of the preliminary budget were not available to the town meeting. The complainant did, however, have access to the preliminary budget.
4. The omission of the fiscal estimates from the final budget described in paragraph 2, above, does not constitute a violation of P.A. 75-342 and therefore the Commission lacks jurisdiction to grant relief in this case.


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. Nothing herein shall be construed as either approving the action or judging the propriety of the respondent council in omitting the above-described fiscal estimates from its final 1976-1977 budget, or in providing insufficient copies of its preliminary budget to the Coventry town meeting.



Commissioner Herbert Brucker

as Hearing Officer
Approved by order of the Freedom of Information Commission on
July 14, 1976.



Louis J. Tapogna, Clerk, Freedom of Inf.