

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF CONNECTICUT

In the Matter of a Complaint by)
Carol Cambareri; Joseph Cambareri;) Report of Hearing Officer
Lea Salafia; and Mike Salafia,)
Complainants) Docket #FIC77-198
against) December 6, 1977
Town of Cromwell; the Chairman)
of the Zoning Commission of the)
Town of Cromwell; and the Zoning)
Commission of the Town of)
Cromwell, Respondents)

The above captioned matter was heard as a contested case on October 27, 1977 at which time the complainants and the respondents appeared and presented testimony, exhibits and arguments on the complaint.

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

1. The respondents are public agencies within the meaning of §1-18a(a), G.S.

2. By letter of complaint filed with this Commission on October 3, 1977, the complainants alleged the failure of the respondent zoning commission to provide notice of a meeting after the complainants had filed a written request for same.

3. The complainants' written request for notice of meetings specified notice of those meetings concerned with the operation of a certain sand pit in the area of the complainants' property.

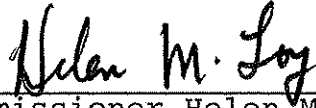
4. The respondents claimed there was no requirement under §1-21c, G.S., to provide notice of the meeting in question because the time period of one year from the date of request had elapsed.

5. It is concluded that there is no need to determine whether the time period for providing notice had elapsed, because the complainants' request for notice is not a written request for notice of special or regular meetings in accordance with §1-21c, G.S.

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

1. The complaint is hereby dismissed.

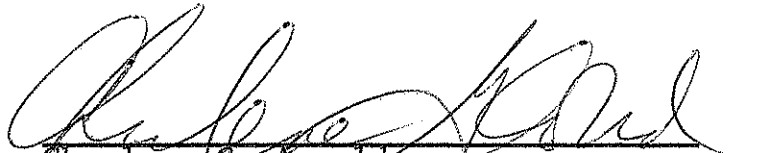
2. While the respondent commission is not required to furnish notice of specific types of meetings by the Freedom of Information Act, as codified in Chapter 3 of the General Statutes, the Commission believes that as a matter of public policy, citizens who seek such notice should receive it.



Commissioner Helen M. Loy

as Hearing Officer

Approved by order of the Freedom of Information Commission on
December 19, 1977.



Charlene G. Arnold
Clerk of the Commission