

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION COMMISSION  
OF THE STATE OF CONNECTICUT

In the Matter of a Complaint by

FINAL DECISION

John Murphy,

Complainant

against

Docket #FIC 2016-0285

David Merchant, Mayor, Town of  
Plymouth; and Town of Plymouth,

Respondents

November 16, 2016

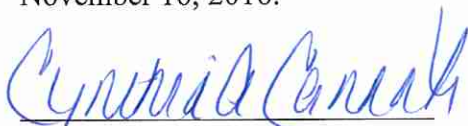
The above-captioned matter was scheduled to be heard as a contested case on July 11, 2016 at 11:00 A.M., at which time Attorney William Hamzy appeared on behalf of the respondents, but the complainant did not appear to prosecute the case.

The hearing officer notes that Attorney Hamzy represented that, prior to the scheduled hearing, he had spent considerable time meeting with the staff members who had assembled the responsive records. Attorney Hamzy also represented that he had also spent considerable time reviewing the responsive records before they were disclosed to the complainant. The hearing officer notes that, in connection with the instant appeal, the complainant had issued seven separate requests for copies of records to the respondents, all of which were dated March 10, 2016.

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.

Approved by Order of the Freedom of Information Commission at its regular meeting of November 16, 2016.



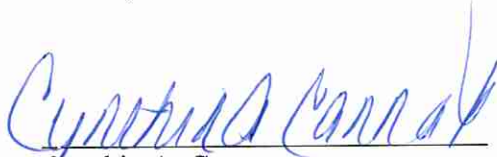
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PURSUANT TO SECTION 4-180(c), G.S., THE FOLLOWING ARE THE NAMES OF EACH PARTY AND THE MOST RECENT MAILING ADDRESS, PROVIDED TO THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION COMMISSION, OF THE PARTIES OR THEIR AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE.

THE PARTIES TO THIS CONTESTED CASE ARE:

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Plymouth; and Town of Plymouth  
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