

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION COMMISSION  
OF THE STATE OF CONNECTICUT

In the Matter of a Complaint by )  
Paula C. Miller, Complainant ) Report of Hearing Officer  
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against ) Docket #FIC77-140  
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Town of Wallingford, Town Council ) August 15, 1977  
of the Town of Wallingford and )  
Public Utilities Investigating )  
Committee, Respondents )

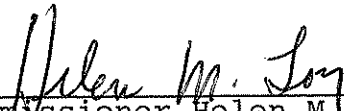
The above captioned matter was heard as a contested case on August 10, 1977, at which time the complainant and the respondents appeared and presented testimony and argument on the complaint.

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

1. The respondents are public agencies as defined in §1-18a(a), G.S.
2. On July 12, 1977 the respondent Investigating Committee, held a meeting to hear testimony by a town official regarding use of Town funds to take the official's wife to a convention in California.
3. At a point in the meeting the respondent committee unanimously voted to go into executive session to discuss "personalities."
4. The committee in the executive session heard testimony from the town official on alleged improprieties regarding the official.


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. The respondent was correctly in executive session under §1-18a(e)(1), G.S. The executive session related to the employment, performance, evaluation or dismissal of a public officer or employee.
2. The Freedom of Information Commission advises the respondent committee to review the Act so that errors in terminology do not occur at its meetings.

  
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Commissioner Helen M. Loy

as Hearing Officer

Approved by order of the Freedom of Information Commission on  
August 24, 1977.



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Charlene G. Arnold  
Clerk of the Commission