

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF CONNECTICUT

In the Matter of a Complaint by)	
Vincent W. Oswecki, Jr.,)	Report of Hearing Officer
Complainant)	
)	Docket #FIC77-197
against)	
)	November 1, 1977
Town of Stafford; and the Zoning)	
Enforcement Officer of the Town)	
of Stafford; and the Planning and)	
Zoning Commission of the Town of)	
Stafford, Respondents)	

The above captioned matter was heard as a contested case on October 24, 1977, at which time the complainant and the respondents appeared, stipulated to certain facts, 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 within the meaning of §1-18a(a), G.S.

2. By letter dated September 13, 1977, the complainant requested from the respondent zoning enforcement officer complaints concerning Arthur and Carmen Bromley.

3. Having failed to receive a reply within four business days, the complainant brought the present complaint by letter to the Commission dated September 28, 1977 and filed with the Commission on September 30, 1977.

4. The respondent zoning enforcement officer did not find, after conducting a search of the files, any written complaints brought against Arthur and Carmen Bromley.

5. Arthur Bromley testified that one such complaint was shown to him in August, 1976 by the previous zoning enforcement officer.

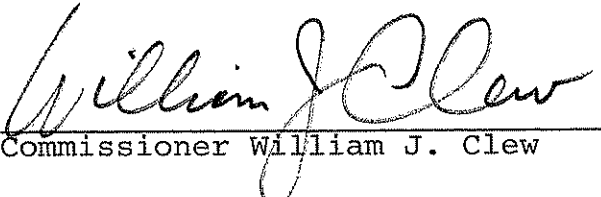
6. The respondent zoning officer has promised to conduct another search of the files to determine whether or not the written complaint shown to Arthur Bromley in August, 1976 exists therein and, if such document exists, to promptly provide the complainant with a plain copy of the same.

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

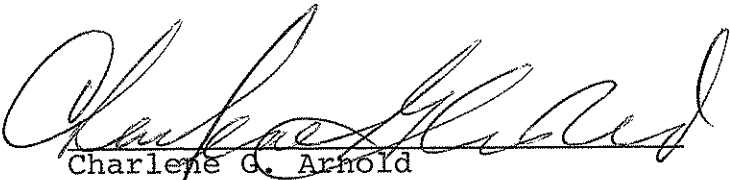
1. The respondent zoning enforcement officer shall forthwith conduct a diligent search of the files to locate the written complaint shown to Arthur Bromley in August, 1976.

2. If such document exists in the files, the respondent zoning enforcement officer shall provide the complainant with a plain copy of the same.

3. The respondent zoning enforcement officer is advised that this matter could probably have been resolved amicably and without a hearing in Hartford had she simply replied to the complainant's request within the four business days required under §1-21i, G.S.


Commissioner William J. Clew
as Hearing Officer

Approved by order of the Freedom of Information Commission on
November 9, 1977.


Charlene G. Arnold
Clerk of the Commission