

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION COMMISSION  
OF THE STATE OF CONNECTICUT

In the Matter of a Complaint by  
Fred S. O'Donnell,  
Complainant

Report of Hearing Officer

against

Docket #FIC80-10

Groton Long Point Association,  
Respondents

August 27, 1980

The above captioned matter was heard as a contested case on April 15, 1980, at which time the complainant and the respondent appeared and presented testimony, exhibits and argument on the complaint.

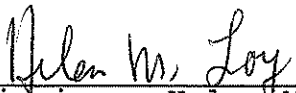
After consideration of the entire record, the following facts are found:

1. The respondents are public agencies within the meaning of §1-18a(a), G.S.
2. By letter filed with the Commission on January 16, 1980, the complainant alleged that the respondent violated the Freedom of Information Act as codified at Chapter 3 of the General Statutes because it failed to provide him with copies of the minutes of the respondent association's meeting on May 3, 1958.
3. The respondents alleged that there was no violation of the Freedom of Information Act because there was no meeting of the respondent association on May 3, 1958.
4. On December 28, 1979, the complainant requested a copy of the minutes of the May 3, 1958 meeting.
5. On January 6, 1980, at a meeting of the directors of the association, the secretary of the association told the complainant that she would provide him with a copy of the minutes as soon as the copy machine which is used by the respondent was fixed.
6. At that time, the secretary had not attempted to find the minutes of the association meeting in the minute books.
7. When the copy machine was fixed the secretary checked the minute book and found minutes dated May 3, 1958 for only the Zoning Commission and the Board of Directors of the Groton Long Point Association.
8. The secretary provided the complainant with copies of all the minutes she could find for May 3, 1958.
9. The complainant remained unsatisfied because he believed there were minutes for a meeting of the respondent for May 3, 1958.


10. It is found that there are no minutes of a meeting of the respondent for May 3, 1958.

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.

  
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Commissioner Helen M. Loy  
as Hearing Officer

Approved by order of the Freedom of Information Commission on September 10, 1980.

  
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Leslie Ann McGuire  
Clerk of the Commission