

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF CONNECTICUT

In the Matter of a Complaint by
Judith Leveen and John Sepelak

FINAL DECISION

Complainants

Docket #FIC 84-38

against

December 3, 1984

Stratford Housing Authority

Respondent

The above captioned matter was heard as a contested case on September 24, 1984, in conjunction with Docket #84-37 and 84-47 which involve similar parties and facts, at which time the complainants and the respondent appeared, stipulated as 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 respondent is a public agency within the meaning of §1-18a(a), G.S.

2. By letter filed with the Commission on March 9, 1984, the complainants alleged that the respondent provided inadequate public notice of a special meeting on February 20, 1984, and that the respondent provided inadequate notice to John Sepelak who had filed a written request to be notified of all meetings.

3. It is found that the respondent called a special meeting for 1:30 p.m. on Monday, February 20, 1984, which was Washington's Birthday. The notice for the special meeting was given to the Town Clerk on Friday, February 17, 1984 at 11:27 a.m.

4. It is concluded that the respondent violated §1-21, G.S., by failing to provide 24 hours notice of a special meeting, excluding Saturdays, Sundays and holidays.

5. It is found that the respondent called the special meeting of February 20, 1984 on February 16, 1984.

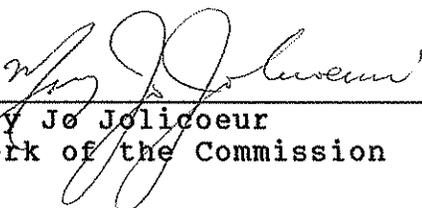
6. It is found that the respondent mailed a notice of the special meeting to John Sepelak on February 17, 1984.

7. It is concluded that the respondent gave John Sepelak such notice of the February 20, 1984 meeting as it deemed practical, in compliance with §1-21c, G.S.

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

1. Henceforth, the respondent shall comply strictly with the provisions of §1-21, G.S., by providing 24 hours notice of special meetings, excluding Saturdays, Sundays and holidays.

Approved by order of the Freedom of Information Commission at its regular meeting of November 28, 1984.



Mary Jo Jolicoeur
Clerk of the Commission