

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF CONNECTICUT

In the Matter of a Complaint by
James J. D'Elia, Jr.

FINAL DECISION

Complainant

Docket #FIC 84-194

against

February 13, 1985

Enfield Town Council

Respondent

The above captioned matter was heard as a contested case on January 4, 1985 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 respondent is a public agency within the meaning of §1-18a(a), G.S.

2. By letter filed with the Commission on September 17, 1984 the complainant alleged that the minutes of the respondent's September 4, 1984 meeting were not available for public inspection until September 14, 1984.

3. At the hearing, the complainant agreed to revise the complaint letter to delete the following material: on page 1, the first sentence in the second paragraph from the word "As" to the comma; on page 2, sentences 3 through 6 in the first paragraph and the last sentence in the last paragraph.

3. It is found that because of a large workload and personal obligations, the stenographer submitted the minutes to the Town Clerk on September 14, 1984, which violated §1-21(a), G.S., because the minutes were not available for public inspection within seven days of the September 4, 1984 meeting.

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

1. Henceforth, the respondent shall act in strict compliance with §1-21(a), G.S., by making minutes of its meetings available for public inspection within seven days of the meetings.

2. The respondent should be aware that, pursuant to §1-21(a), G.S., a record of votes of each member of a public agency must be available for public inspection within forty-eight hours of the meeting at which they were taken.

Approved by order of the Freedom of Information Commission at its regular meeting of February 13, 1985.



Mary Jo Policoeur
Clerk of the Commission