

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION COMMISSION  
OF THE STATE OF CONNECTICUT

In the Matter of a Complaint by

FINAL DECISION

Deanna Bouchard,

Complainant

against

Docket #FIC 2017-0358

Arthur Shilosky, First Selectman,  
Town of Colchester; Tricia Dean,  
FOI Coordinator, Town of Colchester;  
and Town of Colchester,

Respondents

December 13, 2017

The above-captioned matter was scheduled to be heard as a contested case on September 8, 2017 at 11:00 A.M., at which time the respondents appeared, but the complainant did not appear to prosecute the case.

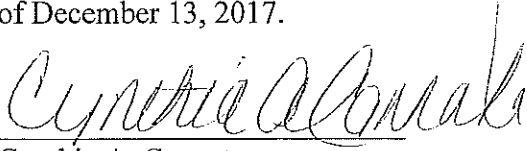
The hearing officer notes that Attorney Matthew D. Ritter, counsel for the respondents, appeared at the hearing with a witness. Specifically, it is noted that Attorney Ritter appeared with Ms. Tricia Dean, Executive Assistant to the First Selectman for the Town of Colchester. Attorney Ritter represented that he had spent considerable time reviewing records, meeting with his witness and generally preparing for the contested case hearing. Attorney Ritter further represented that he had spent approximately five hours of time working on matters related to this case. The hearing officer further notes that Ms. Dean's appearance at the hearing meant that she missed a half day of work. In addition, it took Ms. Dean thirty-five minutes to travel from Colchester to arrive at the hearing on time, only to have a three minute hearing and travel back to Colchester.

It is difficult to understand why, with all of the available means of technology, the complainant failed to notify the Commission that the hearing was not necessary.

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 with prejudice.
2. The complainant is admonished for her failure to appear at the hearing in this matter, which failure resulted in a waste of scarce state and local resources.

Approved by Order of the Freedom of Information Commission at its regular meeting  
of December 13, 2017.

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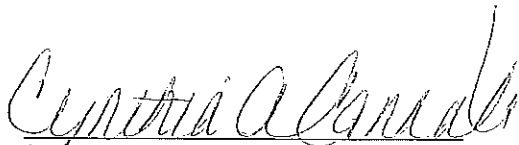
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PURSUANT TO SECTION 4-180(c), G.S., THE FOLLOWING ARE THE NAMES OF EACH PARTY AND THE MOST RECENT MAILING ADDRESS, PROVIDED TO THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION COMMISSION, OF THE PARTIES OR THEIR AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE.

THE PARTIES TO THIS CONTESTED CASE ARE:

**DEANNA BOUCHARD**, 16 Meadow Drive, Apt. 3, Colchester, CT 06415

**ARTHUR SHILOSKY, FIRST SELECTMAN, TOWN OF COLCHESTER;  
TRICIA DEAN, FOI COORDINATOR, TOWN OF COLCHESTER; AND  
TOWN OF COLCHESTER**, c/o Attorney Matthew D. Ritter, Shipman & Goodwin, LLP, One Constitution Plaza, Hartford, CT 06103



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