FREEDOM OF INFORMATION COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CONNECTICUT

In the Matter of a Complaint by

FINAL DECISION AFTER REMAND

Gregg Haythorn and Jenn Haythorn,

Complainants

against

Docket #FIC 2020-0504

Chairman, Board of Finance, Town of Weston; Board of Finance, Town of Weston; and Town of Weston,

Respondents

February 22, 2023

The above-captioned matter was heard as a contested case on January 14, 2022, August 3, 2022, and September 19, 2022, at which times the complainants and the respondents appeared and presented testimony, exhibits and argument on the complaint. Due to the Covid-19 pandemic and the state's response thereto, the January and August hearings were conducted remotely through the use of electronic equipment, pursuant to §149 of Public Act 21-2 (June Sp. Sess.), and §1 of Public Act 22-3 (effective May 1, 2022), and the September hearing was conducted in person.¹

A Proposed Final Decision, dated December 17, 2022, was considered and amended by the Commission at its regular meeting of January 25, 2023. After discussion, the Commission voted unanimously to remand the matter to the hearing officer to take additional evidence. By Notice and Order dated January 27, 2023, the hearing officer ordered the respondents to submit additional evidence, in the form of affidavits, to the Commission on or before February 10, 2023.

By email dated January 31, 2023, the complainants informed the Commission that they wished to withdraw their complaint in this matter. The Commission takes administrative notice of such email.

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

¹ On March 25, 2020, the Governor issued Executive Order 7M, thereby suspending the provisions of Conn. Gen. Stat. §1-206(b)(1), which requires the Freedom of Information Commission to hear and decide an appeal within one year after the filing of such appeal. Executive Order 7M was applicable to any appeal pending with the Commission on the issuance date and to any appeal filed on or after such date, through June 30, 2021. The complaint in this matter was filed on October 7, 2020.

1. Based on the withdrawal, the complaint is dismissed.

Approved by Order of the Freedom of Information Commission at its regular meeting of February 22, 2023.

Jennifer Mayo

Acting Clerk of the Commission

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:

JENN HAYTHORN AND GREGG HAYTHORN, 6 Winthrop Hls, Weston, CT 06883

CHAIRMAN, BOARD OF FINANCE, TOWN OF WESTON; BOARD OF FINANCE, TOWN OF WESTON; AND TOWN OF WESTON, c/o Attorney Ira W. Bloom, Berchem Moses P.C., 1221 Post Road East, Westport, CT 06880 and Attorney Nicholas R. Bamonte, Berchem Moses PC, 1221 Post Road East, Westport, CT 06880

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