

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF CONNECTICUT

In the Matter of a Complaint by

FINAL DECISION

Jason Browne,

Complainant

against

Docket #FIC 2024-0046

Town Clerk, City of New Britain;
and City of New Britain,

Respondents

July 10, 2024

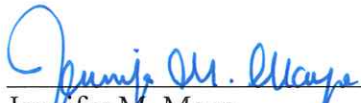
The above-captioned matter was scheduled to be heard as a contested case on June 10, 2024, at 1:00 pm, at which time the respondents appeared, but the complainant did not appear to prosecute the case.

The hearing officer notes that Attorney Mary C. Pokorski, counsel for the respondents, appeared at the hearing. Attorney Pokorski represented that, in preparation for the hearing, she spent approximately three hours reviewing the case file, preparing exhibits, and organizing her presentation. Attorney Pokorski further represented that, upon receipt of the complainant's request, her clients gathered 290 pages of responsive records and informed the complainant by letter that the cost for such records would be \$145.00. Attorney Pokorski further represented that, after notifying the complainant of the cost for the records, her clients did not hear from the complainant again.

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 for failure to prosecute.
2. The complainant is admonished for his 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 July 10, 2024.



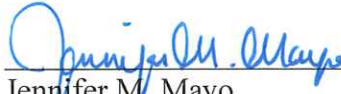
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PURSUANT TO SECTION 4-180(c), G.S., THE FOLLOWING ARE THE NAMES OF EACH PARTY AND THE MOST RECENT MAILING ADDRESS, PROVIDED TO THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION COMMISSION, OF THE PARTIES OR THEIR AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE.

THE PARTIES TO THIS CONTESTED CASE ARE:

JASON BROWNE, P.O. Box 666, Galveston, TX 77553

TOWN CLERK, CITY OF NEW BRITAIN; AND CITY OF NEW BRITAIN, c/o Attorney John F. Diakun and Attorney Mary C. Pokorski, City of New Britain, Office of Corporation Counsel, 27 West Main Street, New Britain, CT 06051



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