

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF CONNECTICUT

In the Matter of a Complaint by

FINAL DECISION

Theodore W. Hine,

Complainant

against

Docket # FIC 2024-0481

Chair, Town Council, Town of New
Milford; Town Council, Town of New
Milford; and Town of New Milford,

Respondents

July 23, 2025

The above-captioned matter was scheduled to be heard as a contested case on February 28, 2025, at 1:00 p.m., at which time the respondents appeared, but the complainant did not appear to prosecute the complaint.

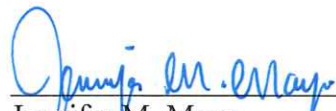
At approximately 1:10 p.m. on the date of the hearing, the undersigned hearing officer directed Commission staff to contact the complainant by telephone; however, Commission staff could not reach him. After waiting approximately twenty minutes for the complainant to appear, the undersigned hearing officer permitted the respondents to make representations on the record.

Counsel for the respondents appeared at the hearing with a witness, the Freedom of Information coordinator for the respondent town. The respondents' counsel and the witness represented the hours they dedicated to preparing for the hearing, as well as the hours of travel time to and from the hearing.

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

1. The complaint is 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 23, 2025.



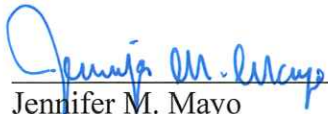
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PURSUANT TO SECTION 4-180(c), G.S., THE FOLLOWING ARE THE NAMES OF EACH PARTY AND THE MOST RECENT MAILING ADDRESS, PROVIDED TO THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION COMMISSION, OF THE PARTIES OR THEIR AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE.

THE PARTIES TO THIS CONTESTED CASE ARE:

THEODORE W. HINE, 12 Wellsville Avenue, PO Box 1689, New Milford, CT 06776

CHAIRPERSON, TOWN COUNCIL, TOWN OF NEW MILFORD; TOWN COUNCIL, TOWN OF NEW MILFORD; AND TOWN OF NEW MILFORD, c/o Attorney Joseph P Mortelliti, Cramer & Anderson LLP, 30 Main Street, Suite 204, Danbury, CT 06810 and Attorney D. Randall DiBella, Cramer & Anderson LLP, 51 Main Street, New Milford, CT 06776



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