

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF CONNECTICUT

In the Matter of a Complaint by

FINAL DECISION

GEMNISEW, LLC,

Complainant

against

Docket #FIC 2024-0544

Town Manager, Town of North Branford;
and Town of North Branford,

Respondents

March 12, 2025

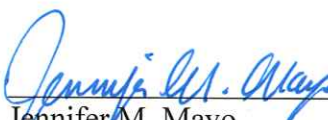
The above-captioned matter was scheduled to be heard as a contested case on February 24, 2025, at 9:30 am, at which time the respondents appeared, but the complainant did not appear to prosecute the case.

The hearing officer notes that Attorney Bryan L. LeClerc, counsel for the respondents, appeared at the hearing with one witness. Specifically, it is noted that Attorney LeClerc appeared with Town Manager Michael Downs. Attorney LeClerc represented that he had spent the better part of three days reviewing the search results, preparing the responsive records for disclosure, and preparing for the hearing. Attorney LeClerc further represented that the respondents had provided the complainant with 507 pages of responsive records, free of charge. Town Manager Downs represented that he had spent two hours working on the request and preparing for the hearing, while five members of his staff had spent approximately 28 additional hours conducting electronic record searches, reviewing the search results and organizing the responsive records.

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.

Approved by Order of the Freedom of Information Commission at its regular meeting of March 12, 2025.



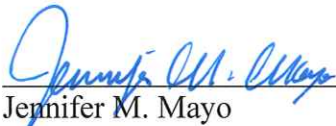
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PURSUANT TO SECTION 4-180(c), G.S., THE FOLLOWING ARE THE NAMES OF EACH PARTY AND THE MOST RECENT MAILING ADDRESS, PROVIDED TO THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION COMMISSION, OF THE PARTIES OR THEIR AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE.

THE PARTIES TO THIS CONTESTED CASE ARE:

GEMNISW LLC, c/o Attorney Edward T. Lynch, Jr., Anderson, Reynolds & Lynch, P.C., One Liberty Square, 2nd Floor, New Britain, CT 06050-0235

TOWN MANAGER, TOWN OF NORTH BRANFORD; AND TOWN OF NORTH BRANFORD, c/o Attorney Bryan L. LeClerc, Berchem Moses PC, 75 Broad Street, Milford, CT 06460



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