

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF CONNECTICUT

In the Matter of a Complaint by

FINAL DECISION

Jean D. William,

Complainant

against

Docket # FIC 2025-0740

Tax Assessor, Assessor's Office, City of
Stamford; Assessor's Office, City of
Stamford; and City of Stamford,

Respondents

June 24, 2026

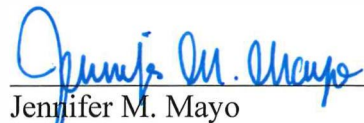
The above-captioned matter was scheduled to be heard as a contested case on May 6, 2026, at which time the respondents appeared, but the complainant failed to appear.

The hearing officer notes that Attorney Michael Toma, counsel for the respondents, appeared at the hearing with a witness. Specifically, it is noted that Attorney Toma appeared with the Tax Assessor for the City of Stamford. Attorney Toma represented that he and the witness interrupted their other duties to prepare for and to appear for the hearing. He also stated that they drove a very long distance to appear for the hearing and that he spent six hours reviewing the records at issue, consulting with the Tax Assessor, and otherwise preparing for the hearing. Attorney Toma further noted that the Tax Assessor provided the complainant with 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 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 resources.

Approved by Order of the Freedom of Information Commission at its regular meeting of June 24, 2026.


Jennifer M. 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:

JEAN D. WILLIAM, 45 West North Street, Stamford, CT 06902

TAX ASSESSOR, ASSESSOR'S OFFICE, CITY OF STAMFORD; ASSESSOR'S OFFICE, CITY OF STAMFORD; AND CITY OF STAMFORD, c/o Attorney Michael S. Toma, Office of Corporation Counsel, City of Stamford, 888 Washington Boulevard, Stamford, CT 06904


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