

Freedom of Information Commission
of the State of Connecticut

In the Matter of a Complaint by)
Raymond E. Lewis, Complainant) Report of Hearing Officer
against) Docket #FIC 76-50
Town of Seymour, Board of Fire) April 21, 1976
Commissioners of the Town of)
Seymour, Board of Fire Chiefs of)
the Town of Seymour,)
Respondents)

1. The respondents are public agencies as they are the Town of Seymour and its Board of Fire Commissioners and its Board of Fire Chiefs.
2. On March 16, 1976 respondent Board of Fire Commissioners held a duly noticed, regularly scheduled meeting.
3. Minutes of said meeting were filed on April 8, 1976.
4. On March 18, 1976, respondent Board held a meeting to discuss purchase of fire equipment. No votes were taken at this meeting.
5. The March 18, 1976, meeting was not held in keeping with P.A. 75-342 in that the meeting was not properly noticed, nor was public attendance permitted.
6. At a meeting held on March 26, 1976, the acquisition of fire equipment was discussed and voted upon. The meeting of March 26, 1976, was duly noticed and conducted in the manner provided by P.A. 75-342.

ORDER

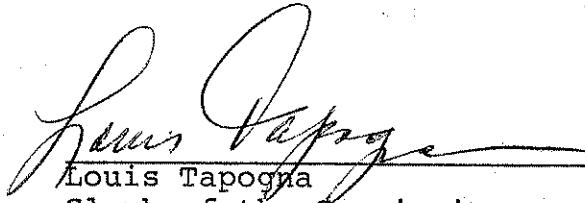
1. As the meeting of March 16, 1976, was held in keeping with P.A. 75-342, sec. 6, the complaint is dismissed as to the March 16, 1976 meeting, minutes of that meeting being on file as required by the Act.
2. The meeting of March 18, 1976, was not held in keeping with P.A. 75-342. However, no vote was taken and a valid meeting was later held on March 26, 1976 to consider the subject taken up at that meeting. The complaint is dismissed as to the March 18, 1976, meeting.
3. The Commission calls to the attention of the respondents the need for careful compliance with sec. 6 of P.A. 75-342 in the future conduct of its meetings, the filing of notices concerning votes, and the maintenance of minutes.



Commissioner Helen Loy

as Hearing Officer

Approved by order of the Freedom of Information Commission on
April 28, 1976.



Louis Tapogna
Clerk of the Commission

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