

Freedom of Information Commission
of the State of Connecticut

In the Matter of a Complaint by)
William H. Goodspeed, Complainant) Report of Hearing Officer
against) Docket #FIC 76-78
City and Town of New Britain and the) June 2, 1976
Board of Water Commissioners of the
City and Town of New Britain,
Respondents)

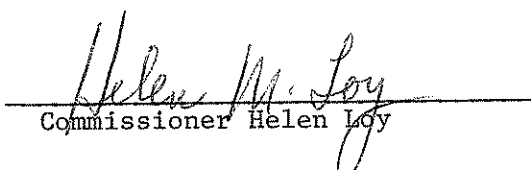
The above captioned matter was heard as a contested case on May 27, 1976, at which time the complainant and the respondents appeared and presented testimony, exhibits and argument on the complaint.

After consideration of the entire record, the following facts are found:

1. The respondents are public agencies.
2. After the meeting of the respondent board on April 12, 1976, all the commissioners of such board toured the water filtration plant. The operation of the filtration plant is a matter over which the respondent board has supervision, control and jurisdiction.
3. It is concluded that this tour constituted a meeting of the respondent board within the meaning of §1(b) of P.A. 75-342.
4. No votes were taken at such meeting.
5. Notice was not given of such meeting and minutes were not published.

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

1. The respondent board shall forthwith amend the minutes of its April 12, 1976 meeting to include the tour of the water filtration plant of same date and the subjects of any discussions thereat.
2. Henceforth the respondent board shall strictly and in all respects comply with the provisions of P.A. 75-342 and this opinion.


Commissioner Helen Loy

as Hearing Officer

Approved by order of the Freedom of Information Commission
on June 9, 1976.


Louis J. Tapogna, Clerk of the Commission