

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF CONNECTICUT

In the Matter of a Complaint by)	
Harry Weide, Complainant)	Report of Hearing Officer
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against)	Docket #FIC77-177
)	
Town of Stratford; and Town)	October 17, 1977
Council of the Town of Stratford,)	
Respondents)	
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The above captioned matter was heard as a contested case on September 28, 1977, 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 within the meaning of §1-18a(a), G.S.

2. On August 8, 1977 the respondent town council held a regular meeting at which time it adopted a resolution establishing a special account and allocating certain funds to the pension fund.

3. By complaint filed with this Commission on September 7, 1977 complainant alleged that the aforesaid resolution was improperly adopted in violation of §1-21, G.S., because it was not included on the agenda for the meeting of August 8, 1977.

4. Prior to every regular meeting of the respondent council, its clerk develops an agenda which contains the recommendation of each subcommittee of the council and when available, resolutions proposed by each such subcommittee.

5. The agenda item which related to the aforesaid resolution did not set forth that resolution in the form in which it was subsequently adopted by the respondent council.

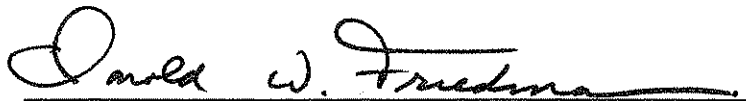
6. §1-21, G.S., contains certain notice requirements which limit the business of a meeting of a public agency to that which has been listed on the agenda unless two-thirds of the members thereof vote to approve consideration of subsequent business not on such agenda.

7. It is found that the agenda, while not reflecting the precise wording of the resolution adopted, contains sufficient information to alert the public to the business which was to be transacted by the respondent town council.

8. It is concluded, therefore, that there was no violation of §1-21, G.S.

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

1. The complaint is hereby dismissed.
2. The Commission commends the respondent town council for the format of its agenda which goes substantially beyond the requirements of §1-21, G.S., in setting forth the business to be considered at its regular meetings.



Commissioner Donald W. Friedman

as Hearing Officer

Approved by order of the Freedom of Information Commission on
October 26, 1977.



Charlene G. Arnold, Clerk
Freedom of Information Commission