

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF CONNECTICUT

In the Matter of a Complaint by
Ralph P. Lawson; and Shepaug Valley
Education Association,

Complainants

Report of Hearing Officer

against

Docket #FIC79-133

Shepaug Valley Regional School
District #12,

April 17, 1980

Respondents

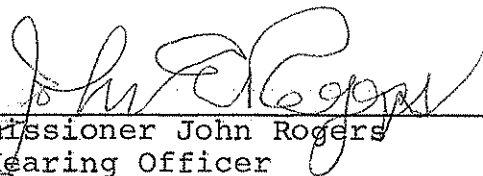
The above captioned matter was heard as a contested case on December 20, 1979 and January 25, 1980, at which times the complainants and respondent appeared and presented testimony, exhibits and argument on the complaint.

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

1. The respondent is a public agency within the meaning of §1-18a(a), G.S.
2. By complaint filed with this Commission June 15, 1979, the complainants alleged that the respondent board of education had met secretly prior to May 14, 1979 to discuss a reorganization plan for the Shepaug Valley Regional School District #12.
3. §1-21i(b) G.S. sets forth a jurisdictional requirement that appeals to this Commission must be made within thirty days of the denial of any right conferred by the Freedom of Information Act at §§1-15, 1-18a, 1-19 to 1-19b, inclusive, and 1-21 to 1-21k, inclusive.
4. The complainants failed to prove that any secret meetings took place within thirty days of the filing of the complaint.

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.



Commissioner John Rogers
as Hearing Officer

Approved by order of the Freedom of Information Commission on May 14,
1980.


Leslie Ann McGuire
Clerk of the Commission