

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF CONNECTICUT

In the Matter of a Complaint by

Carol Bryan

Complainant(s)

against

Town of Branford, Planning
and Zoning Commission of the
Town of Branford and Town Clerk
of the Town of Branford

Respondent(s)

Report of Hearing Officer

Docket #FIC80-63

October 26, 1982

The above captioned matter was scheduled for hearing on August 5, 1980 at which time the parties appeared and presented evidence and argument on the complaint.

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

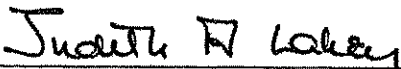
1. The named respondents are public agencies within the meaning of §1-18a(a), G.S.
2. On March 3, 1980 the complainant requested minutes of a meeting which was held January 23, 1980.
3. No minutes were provided.
4. The complainant filed her complaint with the Commission on March 11, 1980 alleging the respondent commission violated the Freedom of Information Act by failing to file minutes of a meeting which was attended by several members of the respondent commission on January 23, 1980.
5. The gathering in question included members of the Democratic Town Committee, the First Selectman, the Chairman of the Sewer Authority, the Representative Town Meeting Majority Leader, two members of the respondent commission, an alternate, the town engineer and the planning and zoning coordinator.
6. The purpose of the meeting was to have a discussion by the Democratic Town Committee of the reasons for the close elections, methods to counter adverse publicity and to reduce hostility to condominium development, and ways to improve the image of the local Democrats.

7. It is found that the gathering was not a meeting within the meaning of §1-18a(b), G.S. because it was not a discussion of matters over which the respondent commission has supervision, control, jurisdiction or advisory power.

8. It is concluded therefore that the respondent commission was not required to file minutes of the meeting in question.

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 Judith A. Lahey
as Hearing Officer

Approved by order of the Freedom of Information Commission
at its regular meeting of January 12, 1983.



Mary Jo Jolicœur
Clerk of the Commission