

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF CONNECTICUT

In the Matter of a Complaint by

FINAL DECISION

Louise Czar,

Complainant

against

Docket #FIC 2016-0520

Edward Brown, President,
Bantam Fire Company; and
Bantam Fire Company,

Respondents

January 11, 2017

The above-captioned matter was scheduled to be heard as a contested case on September 29, 2016 at 2:30 P.M., at which time the respondents appeared, but the complainant did not appear to prosecute the case.

The hearing officer notes that Edward Brown, President of the Bantam Fire Company, appeared at the hearing with Jane Sparks, Treasurer of the Bantam Fire Company. Mr. Brown represented that, under cover letter dated July 29, 2016, he provided the complainant with all of the records that she requested free of charge. Mr. Brown further represented that it took approximately five hours of his time, Mr. Spark's time and the respondent's secretary's time to gather and review the records responsive to the complainant's request. Finally, the hearing officer notes that Mr. Brown and Ms. Sparks represented that they traveled an hour from Bantam in order to arrive at the scheduled hearing on time, and, took a half a day off from work in order to do so.

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.
2. The complainant is admonished for her failure to appear at the hearing in this matter, which failure resulted in a waste of scarce state and local resources.

Approved by Order of the Freedom of Information Commission at its regular meeting of January 11, 2017.



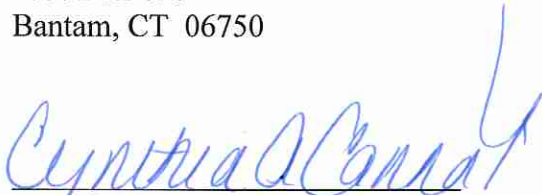
Cynthia A. Cannata
Acting Clerk of the Commission

PURSUANT TO SECTION 4-180(c), G.S., THE FOLLOWING ARE THE NAMES OF EACH PARTY AND THE MOST RECENT MAILING ADDRESS, PROVIDED TO THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION COMMISSION, OF THE PARTIES OR THEIR AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE.

THE PARTIES TO THIS CONTESTED CASE ARE:

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Edward Brown, President, Bantam Fire Company; and
Bantam Fire Company
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Bantam, CT 06750



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