

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION COMMISSION  
OF THE STATE OF CONNECTICUT

In the Matter of a Complaint by

FINAL DECISION

Joe Rodorigo,

Complainant

against

Docket #FIC 2017-0018

Chairman, Planning and Zoning  
Commission, Town of Beacon  
Falls; Planning and Zoning  
Commission, Town of Beacon  
Falls; and Town of Beacon Falls,

Respondents

April 26, 2017

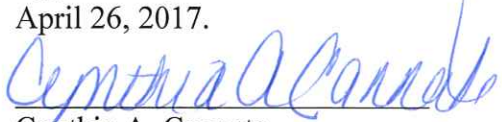
The above-captioned matter was scheduled to be heard as a contested case on March 29, 2015 at 1:00 P.M., at which time the respondents appeared, but the complainant did not appear to prosecute the case. The case captioned was amended at the start of the proceedings to accurately reflect the names of the respondents.

The hearing officer notes that Attorney Frederick D. Stanek, counsel for the respondents, appeared at the hearing with two witnesses. Specifically, Attorney Stanek appeared with Christopher J. Bielik, the First Selectman for the Town of Beacon Falls, and Kevin McDuffie, the Chairman of the Planning and Zoning Commission for the Town of Beacon Falls. Attorney Stanek represented that he spent considerable time preparing for the contested case hearing, including meeting with his witnesses on two separate occasions, conducting legal research and drafting and filing a motion to dismiss. Attorney Stanek represented that, in total, he spent approximately six hours preparing for the day's hearing. Finally, Attorney Stanek represented that he left Oxford and traveled forty-five minutes to arrive at the contested case hearing on time, while First Selectman Bielik and Chairman McDuffie represented that they departed from the Town of Beacon Falls and likewise traveled forty-five minutes to arrive at the contested case hearing on time.

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 his 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 April 26, 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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Chairman, Planning and Zoning Commission, Town of  
Beacon Falls; Planning and Zoning Commission, Town  
of Beacon Falls; and Town of Beacon Falls  
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