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Ginger Fiore <gfiore@eastonct.gov>

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Wednesday, November 8, 2023 4:06 PM

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David Bindelglass

Relief from Requestor

**Attachments:** 

FOI letter 11.8.23.docx; June Logie's FOI requests.pdf

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Please see attached sent on behalf of First Selectman David Bindelglass.

FOI



Ginger Fiore, Assistant to the First Selectman

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# Town of Easton

David Bindelglass First Selectman

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November 8, 2023

Freedom of Information Commission 165 Capitol Avenue, Suite 1100 Hartford, CT 06106

Sent electronically

To Whom It May Concern:

As First Selectman of the Town of Easton, I am requesting relief from a requester that the Town of Easton alleges is a vexatious requester, under the provisions of section 1-206. Specifically, I am asking for a review by the Executive Director, with ultimate review by the commission.

Between August 28, and October 5, we have received 7 FOI requests from a single individual six of which were received between October 2 and October 5 (attached). All are loosely related to a single property which the requestor has been trying to attack for several months for what she believes is building and zoning violations. They involve multiple departments in Easton Town Hall. The last is a request for copies of checks for permit payments and their posting dates and to which accounts. Our Director of Finance finds this to be an extremely onerous request. This individual has on multiple occasions viewed the building and planning and zoning files for this property which consists of all permits. She has spent many hours in Town Hall and the staff has made attempts to answer her inquiries in person as well as in writing. She has been given unfettered access to the files she has asked to review. It would appear that her requests, therefore are duplicative. One request asked for the contracts and job descriptions for the Building Inspector, Land Use Consultant and Zoning Enforcement Officer. While this request was filled, it is difficult to imagine what the relevance is to the information she is seeking. It is purely harassment. While not directly related to the requests for information per se, when she is asking questions about the information that is provided to her by staff she becomes abusive to those who provide the information if it is not what she wants to hear.

At times she has brought different departments to a virtual standstill while they try to accommodate her and her requests. She has destroyed Town Hall morale. The purpose of her requests is to work with a disgruntled neighbor to shut down a riding rink that borders the neighbor's property and has been in place for several years. At this point, after several months her motives are unclear. Still the requests persist.

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This is the latest conduct by this individual who is well known to our local FOIA representative, Thomas Hennick. The town believes these requests are to harass the officials in town government and attempt to force them to alter the decisions they make to a different set of decisions which favor her cause. I understand that there is a high burden of proof in denying freedom of information requests, but in this case, I believe it is justified. The process is clearly being weaponized to force action which is not indicated. I hope you will give the Town of Easton every consideration in evaluating this claim.

Thank you for your time and I look forward to your response.

David Bindelglass First Selectman Town of Easton

From:

Karen Velky

Sent:

Thursday, November 2, 2023 9:40 AM

To:

**Ginger Fiore** 

Subject:

FW: second FOIA request

From: mwcaim@optonline.net <mwcaim@optonline.net>

Sent: Thursday, October 5, 2023 9:28 PM To: Karen Velky < kvelky@eastonct.gov>

Subject: second FOIA request

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Thank you for your quick response. The second FOIA request for the ZEO reports for the 422 Sporthill property will most likely take longer and if you want to start with 2023 and go backwards and give it to me by year that would be fine starting with 2023. If it is easier I can revise the request for 2023 and then send in another request for 2022 and so on if that is easier for you. Please let me know. I am trying to respect your time as I know you are busy.

From:

Peter Howard

Sent:

Thursday, November 2, 2023 9:28 AM

To:

**Ginger Fiore** 

Subject:

FW: FOIA request

From: June Logie <mwcaim@optonline.net>
Sent: Thursday, October 5, 2023 7:55 AM
To: Peter Howard <phoward@eastonct.gov>

Subject: FOIA request

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Dear Mr. Howard; Easton Building Inspector

Pursuant to The Freedom of Information Act (FOIA), 5 U.S.C. § 552, I am requesting to view and possible copies of the following information: Any and all building inspection documentation and or inspection reports for 422 Sporthill Road-property for the years 2020 to present.

Thank you for your anticipated cooperation.

sincerely;

From:

Karen Velky

Sent:

Thursday, November 2, 2023 9:40 AM

To:

Ginger Fiore

Subject:

FW: FOIA request

From: June Logie <mwcalm@optonline.net>
Sent: Thursday, October 5, 2023 6:45 AM
To: Karen Velky <kvelky@eastonct.gov>

Subject: FOIA request

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Dear Karen Velky, Zoning Clerk

Pursuant to The Freedom of Information Act (FOIA), 5 U.S.C. § 552, I am requesting to view and possible copies of the following information: Any and all Zoning Enforcement Reports for 422 Sporthill Road-property for the years 2019 to present.

Thank you for your anticipated cooperation.

sincerely;

June Logie Sent from my iPhone

From:

Karen Velky

Sent:

Thursday, November 2, 2023 9:40 AM

To:

**Ginger Fiore** 

From: June Logie <mwcalm@optonline.net>
Sent: Wednesday, October 4, 2023 11:54 AM
To: Karen Velky <kvelky@eastonct.gov>

**Subject: FOIA REQUEST** 

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Dear Karen Velky, Zoning Clerk

Pursuant to The Freedom of Information Act (FOIA), 5 U.S.C. § 552, I am requesting to view and possible copies of the following information: Any and all permit payments receipts for <u>422 Sporthill Road</u>property from either N&C Equestrian, Highland Place LLC or Marcel Huriball for the year 2023.

Thank you for your anticipated cooperation.

sincerely;

From:

June Logie <mwcalm@optonline.net>

Sent:

Wednesday, October 4, 2023 9:44 AM

To:

**Ginger Fiore** 

Subject:

FOIA request

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Dear Ginger;

Pursuant to The Freedom of Information Act (FOIA), 5 U.S.C. § 552, I am requesting to view and possible copies of the following information: Justin Giolando Land Use contract and job descriptions for Zoning Enforcement Officer Mark Delito and Building Inspector Mr. Peter Howard.

Thank you for you anticipated cooperation.

June Logie Sent from my iPhone

## **Christine Calvert**

From:

mwcalm@optonline.net

Sent:

Monday, October 2, 2023 3:45 PM

To:

Christine Calvert

Subject:

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Dear Christine Calvert- Comptroller and Treasurer of the Town of Easton;

Pursuant to The Freedom of Information Act (FOIA), 5 U.S.C. § 552, I am requesting to view and possible copies of the following information: Any and all permit payments for 422 Sporthill Road property from either N&C Equestrian, Highland Place LLC or Marcel Huriball for the year 2023. I am requesting to see when the receipt of payment was received and processed or still in process and to what account was it posted to. Just for your information this FOIA request was written with the help of Mr. Blair from the Freedom of Information Commission should you have any questions as to how it is structured.

Please let me know as soon as possible when this public information is available for inspection and possible coping. I am looking forward to your anticipated cooperation in this matter. Thank You.

Sincerely;

From:

**David Bindelglass** 

Sent:

Thursday, November 2, 2023 10:03 AM

To:

Ginger Fiore

Subject:

FW: FOIA request

From: mwcalm@optonline.net <mwcalm@optonline.net>

Sent: Monday, August 28, 2023 8:52 PM

To: David Bindelglass < dbindelglass@eastonct.gov>; Bindelglass, David < dfbindelglass@gmail.com>

Subject: FOIA request

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Dear Board of Selectmen;

Dear Board of Selectmen;

Pursuant to The Freedom of Information Act (FOIA), 5 U.S.C. § 552, I am requesting to view and possible copies the following information: Any and all documentation with respect to the pending claims and or litigation discussed at the 08/28/2023 Board of selectmen executive session meeting. According to Freedom of information act 1-200 section 9 pending litigation: (9) "Pending litigation" means (A) a written notice to an agency which sets forth a demand for legal relief or which asserts a legal right stating the intention to institute an action before a court if such relief or right is not granted by the agency; (B) the service of a complaint against an agency returnable to a court which seeks to enforce or implement legal relief or a legal right; or (C) the agency's consideration of action to enforce or implement legal relief or a legal right".

This information is a matter of public record and I wish to inspect these records. Please let me know when I can come in and inspect these records that were discussed at tonight Special Executive Session meeting.

Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

Sincerely;