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Louise Czar,
Complainant(s)
against

Notice of Meeting

Docket #FIC 2016-0520

Edward Brown, President, Bantam Fire Company; and
Bantam Fire Company,
Respondent(s)

November 18, 2016

Transmittal of Proposed Final Decision

In accordance with Section 4-179 of the Connecticut General Statutes, the Freedom of Information Commission hereby transmits to you the proposed finding and decision prepared by the hearing officer in the above-captioned matter.

This will notify you that the Commission will consider this matter for disposition at its meeting which will be held in the Freedom of Information Commission Hearing Room, 18-20 Trinity Street, 1st floor, Hartford, Connecticut, at **2 p.m. on Wednesday, January 11, 2017**. At that time and place you will be allowed to offer oral argument concerning this proposed finding and order. Oral argument shall be limited to ten (10) minutes. For good cause shown, however, the Commission may increase the period of time for argument. A request for additional time must be made in writing and should be filed with the Commission **ON OR BEFORE December 29, 2016**. Such request **MUST BE (1) copied to all parties, or if the parties are represented, to such representatives, and (2) include a notation indicating such notice to all parties or their representatives.**

Although a brief or memorandum of law is not required, if you decide to submit such a document, an **original and fourteen (14) copies** must be filed **ON OR BEFORE December 29, 2016**. **PLEASE NOTE: Any correspondence, brief or memorandum directed to the Commissioners by any party or representative of any party MUST BE (1) copied to all parties, or if the parties are represented, to such representatives, (2) include a notation indicating such notice to all parties or their representatives and (3) be limited to argument. NO NEW EVIDENCE MAY BE SUBMITTED.**

If you have already filed a brief or memorandum with the hearing officer and wish to have that document distributed to each member of the Commission, it is requested that **fifteen (15) copies** be filed **ON OR BEFORE December 29, 2016**, and that **notice be given to all parties or if the parties are represented, to their representatives, that such previously filed document is being submitted to the Commissioners for review.**

By Order of the Freedom of
Information Commission

W. Paradis
Acting Clerk of the Commission

Notice to: Louise Czar
Edward Brown, President, Bantam Fire Company; and Bantam Fire Company

FIC# 2016-0520/Trans/wrbp/VDH//LFS/2016-11-18

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF CONNECTICUT

In the Matter of a Complaint by

Report of Hearing Officer

Louise Czar,

Complainant

against

Docket #FIC 2016-0520

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

Respondents

October 4, 2016

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.



Valicia Dee Harmon
as Hearing Officer