## FREEDOM OF INFORMATION COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CONNECTICUT

In the Matter of a Complaint by Nicholas B. Wynnick,

Report of Hearing Officer

Complainant

Docket #FIC81-6

against

April 22, 1981

City and Town of Ansonia; and Ansonia Library Board of Directors

Respondents

The above captioned matter was heard as a contested case on April 21, 1981, at which time the complainant and the respondent board appeared, stipulated to certain facts, and presented testimony, exhibits and argument on the complaint.

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

- 1. The respondent board is a public agency as defined by  $\S 1-18a(a)$ , G.S.
- 2. By a letter filed with the Commission on January 8, 1981, the complainant alleged that the respondent board violated § 1-21, G.S., by holding a regular meeting less than thirty (30) days after filing their schedule of regular meetings for the ensuing year.
- 3. The respondent board submitted the schedule of its 1981 regular meetings to the town clerk on December 8, 1980; the meeting at issue was held on January 5, 1981.
- 4. It is concluded that the respondents violated § 1-21, G.S., by holding the January 5, 1981 meeting less than thirty (30) days after notice of said meeting was filed with the town clerk's office.

The following order by the Commission is hereby recommended on the basis of the record concerning the above captioned complaint:

- 1. The respondent board shall henceforth comply with § 1-21, G.S., by not holding its regular meetings sooner than thirty (30) days after filing the schedule of its regular meetings with the town clerk's office, as prescribed by said statute.
- 2. The respondent board has been previously in violation of the same provision of § 1-21, G.S., and ordered henceforth to comply therewith. The Commission therefore cautions the respondent board that future violations may result in the respondent board being fined.

Commissioner Judith Lahey as Hearing Officer

Approved by order of the Freedom of Information Commission at its regular meeting of May 27, 1981.

Wendy Pal Briggs
Wendy Raje Briggs
Clerk of the Commission