

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION COMMISSION  
OF THE STATE OF CONNECTICUT

In the Matter of a Complaint by

FINAL DECISION

Raymond R. Baginski, Sr.  
Southington Taxpayers Assoc.,

Docket #FIC83-114

Complainant(s)

November 16, 1983

vs.

Town of Southington, Town  
Council of Southington and  
Board of Tax Review of  
Southington

Respondent(s)

The above entitled matter was scheduled for hearing on August 30, 1983 at which time only the complainant appeared and presented testimony and argument.

1. The respondents are public agencies within the meaning of §1-18a(a), G.S.

2. By complaint filed with the Commission on May 23, 1983 the complainant alleged that on May 9, 1983 he was denied access to three lists:

- a. the list of taxpayers who phoned for appointments with the board of tax review
- b. the list of taxpayers who kept appointments with the board of tax review
- c. the list of taxpayers receiving reductions or increases in their tax assessments

3. The complainant acknowledges that the list of taxpayers who phoned for appointments no longer exists, see #FIC83-32, Southington Taxpayers Association vs. Southington Town Council and Board of Tax Review.

4. The complainant admits also that while the remainder of the information he seeks is available in some form from the respondents, that it may not be available in list form.

5. The complainant is willing to compile his own lists from the data maintained by the respondents.

6. It is found that the information sought by the complainant and discussed at paragraphs 2(b) and 2(c) exists in public records as defined at §1-18a(b), G.S. and §1-19(a), G.S.

7. It is found that if the information exists in list form the complainant is entitled to receive copies of the lists.

8. It is further found that if the information exists in some other form that the complainant is entitled to inspect the records and compile his own lists.

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

1. The respondent shall provide the complainant with copies of the lists requested by him and described herein at paragraphs 2(b) and 2(c) or alternatively, allow him to inspect the records which would permit him to make his own lists.

Approved by order of the Freedom of Information Commission at its regular meeting of November 9, 1983.

  
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Mary Jo Policœur  
Clerk of the Commission