



March 24, 2023

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Dear Mr. and Mrs. Haythorn:

After the Town of Weston filed a Petition for Relief from Vexatious Requesters (“Petition”) with the Freedom of Information Commission (“FIC”) on March 3, 2023, the Board of Selectmen received your email correspondence dated March 4, 2023, in which you requested that the Town work with you towards resolution of the pending Petition.

In response to your outreach, this Board wished to engage with you further towards potential resolution of all pending disputes between you and the Town, with the mutual understanding that this Board does not have any authority over pending disputes between you and the Board of Education.

At the Board of Selectmen’s request, Selectman Martin Mohabeer made initial contact with you and offered our shared willingness to pursue a mutually agreeable outcome. As an initial step, we requested that you first withdraw all pending ethics complaints against Town Attorney Ira Bloom and his firm, Berchem Moses PC, to enable participation and assistance by Berchem Moses PC in any efforts towards potential resolution. On March 9, 2023, by email to this Board, the current Town of Weston Board of Ethics Chairman, and Attorney Bloom, you withdrew all ethical claims against Attorney Bloom and his firm.

We appreciate your first step towards resolution by withdrawing the ethics complaint, and we recognize that productive discussions have occurred between you and Selectman Mohabeer. For these reasons, we are hopeful for an ongoing, mutually respectful relationship between you and the Town, and we offer the following in hopes that this professional courtesy will continue going forward.

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To that end, we confirm our understanding of each party's respective positions as follows:


1. You have agreed to formally withdraw:
 - a. all pending and prior requests for records made to the Town and/or its officials, employees or other agents pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act;
 - b. all pending appeals and/or complaints filed by you with the FIC involving the Town and/or its officials, employees or other agents; and
 - c. all pending ethics complaints against any other Town officials, employees or other agents, including the complaints filed by you:
 - i. dated 1/3/23 against Steve Ezzes, Rone Baldwin, Jeff Farr, Amy Gare, Richard Bochinski, Samantha Nestor and Jonathan Luiz; and
 - ii. dated 1/9/23 against William Weiss, Ruth Israely, Jonathan Luiz and Samantha Nestor.
2. Once all of the matters identified above have been withdrawn, the Town will formally withdraw the Petition with the FIC.
3. The Town of Weston, including its elected and appointed officials, staff and other agents, will continue to comply with the obligations of a public agency under the Freedom of Information Act, as it has always done in the past. For all matters, including any obligations as a public agency under the FOI Act, the Town always strives for improved performance and will continue to consider and implement potential ways to achieve this goal.
4. You have raised questions regarding the public's understanding of the upcoming town-wide revaluation of real property for the Grand List of October 1, 2023, which occurs every five years pursuant to state law. In response, we are advising you that the Town has already scheduled and planned for the following public education and communications, so that residents have ample opportunity to understand the upcoming revaluation process:
 - a. direct mail to residents;
 - b. digitally accessible materials posted on the Town's website, including but not limited to non-privileged public records and non-proprietary information that is not exempt from public disclosure by law or contractual agreement;
 - c. email newsletters;
 - d. podcast and radio presentations; and
 - e. at least one public information session.
 - f. In addition, the Town will continue to explore other potential ways to enhance communications and transparency to the public regarding the revaluation process.

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As we have outlined above, going forward we wish to continue the Town's relationship with you in a good faith, respectful manner.

Sincerely,


Samantha Nestor, First Selectwoman


Martin Mohabeer, Selectman


Amy Jenner, Selectwoman