
From: Kirsten Hildonen
Sent: Tuesday, November 28, 2023 11:53 AM
To: Michael Malaguti
Subject: FW: Recording of Supervisors of Checklist Meetings for public access/awareness

Kirsten

From: Jonathan Esposito <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Tuesday, November 28, 2023 11:02 AM
To: Kirsten Hildonen <KHildonen@londonderrynh.org>
Cc: Kristin Grages <kgrages@londonderrynh.org>; Barbara MacDonald <bmacdonald@londonderrynh.org>; Brian McCurley <bmcCurley@londonderrynh.org>; DOJ-Election Law <electionlaw@doj.nh.gov>; Elections <elections@sos.nh.gov>; Jonathan Kipp <jkipp@londonderrynh.org>; Sherry Farrell <sfarrell@londonderrynh.org>; dcaron@londonderrynh.org
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Jonathan Esposito
[REDACTED]

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From: Kirsten Hildonen
Sent: Saturday, December 23, 2023 8:02 AM
To: Drew Caron
Subject: Fwd: Recording of Supervisors of Checklist Meetings for public access/awareness

Hi Drew,

I am forwarding you this email chain for your awareness, since the original author was not using your correct email. Please let me know if you have any questions at all about what is being discussed.

Merry Christmas!

Best,
Kirsten

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From: khildonen@londonderryh.org <khildonen@londonderryh.org>
Sent: Saturday, December 23, 2023 7:58:31 AM
To: Kristin Grages <kgrages@londonderryh.org>; J E <[REDACTED]>
Cc: Barbara MacDonald <bmacdonald@londonderryh.org>; DOJ-Election Law <electionlaw@doj.nh.gov>; Elections <Elections@sos.nh.gov>; Jonathan Kipp <jkipp@londonderryh.org>; Sherry Farrell <sfarrell@londonderryh.org>; dcaron@londonderryh.org <dcaron@londonderryh.org>; Michael Malaguti <mmalaguti@londonderryh.org>; Kellie Caron <kcaron@londonderryh.org>
Subject: Re: Recording of Supervisors of Checklist Meetings for public access/awareness

Hello Jonathan,

I believe that Kristin has already materially answered your question above. The Town tries to record and broadcast Board meetings where possible and practicable. However, depending on the individual Board's business needs and the meeting rooms available, recording is not always an option. The Supervisors of the Checklist meet in the Town Clerk's office, which is not equipped with recording equipment.

The Supervisors of the Checklist meetings are noticed in accordance with 91-A:2 and open to the public. Members of the public are always welcome to attend.

I wish a Merry Christmas to you and your family.

Best,
Kirsten

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From: Kristin Grages <kgrages@londonderryh.org>
Sent: Friday, December 22, 2023 12:34:43 PM
To: J E <[REDACTED]>
Cc: Kirsten Hildonen <KHildonen@londonderryh.org>; Barbara MacDonald <bmacdonald@londonderryh.org>; DOJ-Election Law <electionlaw@doj.nh.gov>; Elections <Elections@sos.nh.gov>; Jonathan Kipp <jkipp@londonderryh.org>

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Mr. Esposito,

Supervisor Meetings are held in the Town Clerk's office to accommodate the clerical, computer and public portions of our meetings. Recording equipment is currently not available to accommodate recording in that location.

Kristin Grages

On Dec 22, 2023, at 12:13 PM, Jonathan Esposito <[REDACTED]> wrote:

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Thank you for clarifying that they are not recorded. My request is that they be recorded as this is in accordance with both transparent and open government, as well as the available resources to the town.

Could you kindly reply to my request as a taxpayer that they be recorded going forward, with either an affirmative or negative? Because the request was that they would be recorded starting on 12. 18. 23, but I still have not received a reply to that request even in your email today.

I believe as the chair you have the authority to make that request of Drew and Kirsten can assist you.

I also take exception to your statement that my correspondence was not relevant to your duties of maintaining the voter checklist. Questioning the transparency of the appointee process as well as the integrity of the supervisors who examine the checklist is directly relevant to your duties under law. Your characterization of my correspondence is materially false.

Please advise if you will be directing the recording of future public meetings of the Supervisors.

Jonathan Esposito
[REDACTED]

From: Kristin Grages <kgrages@londonderrynh.org>

Sent: Friday, December 22, 2023 12:08:05 PM

To: J E <[REDACTED]>; Kirsten Hildonen <KHildonen@londonderrynh.org>

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Mr. Esposito,

Thank you for your email. Meetings of the Supervisors of the Checklist are open to the public but are not recorded.

We do not have a precedent of reading citizen correspondence into our meeting minutes and did not include yours as it was not relevant to our work of maintaining the voter checklist at that meeting.

Wishing you a warm holiday season,

Kristin Grages

Kristin Grages
Supervisor of the Checklist, Chairman
Town of Londonderry
[REDACTED]

From: Jonathan Esposito <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Friday, December 22, 2023 11:39 AM
To: Kirsten Hildonen
Cc: Kristin Grages; Barbara MacDonald; DOJ-Election Law; Elections; Jonathan Kipp; Sherry Farrell; dcaron@londonderrynh.org
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Good morning, I am just following up on this correspondence as I did not receive any response from the town of Londonderry. The supervisors of the checklist met on Monday 12. 18. 23 and I am unaware at this time if my request as a taxpayer was obliged, and the meeting recorded.

I understand the holiday weekend is upon us, but I would like a substantive reply to this request within a reasonable time after the holiday weekend.

I believe I am due a reply, per Section 1 article 8 of the NH constitution, which clearly states that government entities shall be accessible, transparent, and -responsive-.

Especially in light of the fact that my citizen correspondence to the supervisors was not included in the meeting minutes per my request, it is as vital as ever that the supervisors of the checklist and the town of Londonderry make these proceedings available to the public.

I await your reply

Jonathan Esposito

From: Jonathan Esposito <[REDACTED]>
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