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James Quattro,

Complainant(s)

against

Notice of Meeting

Docket #FIC 2011-524

Town Clerk, Town of East Hartford; and Town of East Hartford,

Respondent(s)

August 20, 2012

Transmittal of Proposed Final Decision Dated August 20, 2012

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 dated August 20, 2012, 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, Ist floor, Hartford, Connecticut, at **2 p.m. on Wednesday, September 12, 2012.** 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 August 31, 2012.* 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, the Commission requests that an <u>original and fourteen (14) copies</u> be filed *on or before August 31, 2012.* 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 <u>fourteen (14)</u> <u>copies</u> be filed *on or before August 31, 2012* 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: James Quattro

Frank Cassetta, Esq.

2012-08-20/FIC# 2011-524/Trans/wrbp/VRP//KKR

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CONNECTICUT

In the Matter of a Complaint by

Report of Hearing Officer

James Quattro,

Complainant

against

Docket #FIC 2011-524

Town Clerk, Town of East Hartford; and Town of East Hartford,

Respondents

August 20, 2012

The above-captioned matter was heard as a contested case on February 21, 2012, at which time the respondents appeared and presented testimony and argument on the complaint. The complainant failed to appear, and the hearing officer recommended that the case be dismissed for failure to prosecute.

At the request of the complainant, who represented to the Commission at its June 27, 2012 meeting that he had not received notice of the February 21 hearing until after the hearing, the matter was re-opened to give him a second opportunity to be heard.

The matter was then scheduled to be heard on July 23, 2012, at which time the respondents appeared, but the complainant again failed to appear. The notice of that hearing was mailed on July 13, 2012, and Commission staff attempted to leave a telephone message for the complainant all that morning, but his phone was busy. United States Postal Service records show that delivery was attempted on July 15, 2012, but that the complainant did not pick up the mail item until July 26, 2012, well after the hearing date. As a courtesy, he hearing officer attempted to call the complainant on the morning of the hearing, two hours before the time of the hearing, but the phone did not answer.

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

1. The complaint is dismissed for failure to prosecute.

As Hearing Officer

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