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Robert Cushman,

Right to Know

It's Your

Complainant(s)

against

Notice of Meeting

Docket #FIC 2013-739

Chief, Police Department, Town of West Hartford; Police Department, Town of West Hartford; and Town of West Hartford, Respondent(s)

August 19, 2014

Transmittal of Proposed Final Decision

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 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, 1st floor, Hartford, Connecticut, at 2 p.m. on Wednesday, September 10, 2014. 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 27, 2014.* 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, an <u>original and fourteen (14) copies</u> must be filed *ON OR BEFORE August 27, 2014.* 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 27, 2014*, 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

Wendy Paradis

Acting Clerk of the Commission

Notice to: Robert Cushman

Patrick G. Alair, Esq. Robert J. Krzys, Esq.

2014-08-19/FIC# 2013-739/Trans/wrbp/CAL//LFS

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CONNECTICUT

In the Matter of a Complaint by

Report of Hearing Officer

Robert Cushman,

Complainant

against

Docket #FIC 2013-739

Chief, Police Department, Town of West Hartford; Police Department, Town of West Hartford; West Hartford Police Officers Association; Jeffrey A. Swank; and Daniel Bedford

Respondents

August 8, 2014

The above-captioned matter was heard as a contested case on July 21, 2014, at which time the complainant and the Chief, Police Department, Town of West Hartford, and Police Department, Town of West Hartford appeared. The West Hartford Police Officers Association, Jeffrey A. Swank, and Daniel Bedford also appeared and moved to intervene as parties. There was no objection to the motion and it was granted. The case caption has been amended accordingly. All the parties then presented testimony, exhibits and argument on the complaint.

By facsimile filed with the Commission on August 4, 2014, the complainant stated that he wished to withdraw his complaint. The Commission takes administrative notice of such withdrawal.

The following orders by the Commission are hereby recommended on the basis of the record:

- 1. Based on the withdrawal of the complaint, the case is hereby dismissed.
- 2. The Commission commends both parties on having negotiated a settlement following the hearing and without full adjudication.

Clifton **M**. Leonhardt as Hearing Officer