FREEDOM OF INFORMATION COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CONNECTICUT

In the Matter of a Complaint by

FINAL DECISION

Barry Natale,

Complainant

against

Docket #FIC 2016-0402

Commissioner, State of Connecticut, Department of Veterans' Affairs; and State of Connecticut, Department of Veterans' Affairs,

Respondents

April 12, 2017

The above-captioned matter was heard as a contested case on September 16, 2016, at which time the complainant and the respondents appeared and presented testimony, exhibits and argument on the complaint. This matter was consolidated for hearing with Docket #FIC 2016-0403, Barry Natale v. Commissioner, State of Connecticut, Department of Veterans' Affairs, et al., and Docket #FIC 2016-0404, Barry Natale v. Commissioner, State of Connecticut, Department of Veterans' Affairs, et al.

After consideration of the entire record, the following facts are found and conclusions of law are reached:

- 1. The respondents are public agencies, within the meaning of §1-200(1), G.S.
- 2. By letter of complaint filed May 26, 2016, the complainant appealed to the Commission, alleging that the respondents violated the Freedom of Information ("FOI") Act by denying him certified copies of certain public records.
- 3. It is found that, by email dated May 10, 2016, the complainant requested certified copies of the following records:
 - a. [a]ny and all documents that extended the March 18, 2015 deadline for submission of applications for Clerk Typist Position No. 111049 (please see CT DVA posting attached); and
 - b. [a]ny and all documents that relieved the applicants of the requirement to indicate the correct position number on their applications for the Clerk Typist position.
- 4. It is found that, by letter dated June 29, 2016, the respondents informed the complainant that a search of the respondents' files had not yielded any documents responsive to his request.

- 5. It is found that the respondents have no records responsive to the complainant's request.
 - 6. It is therefore concluded that the respondents did not violate the FOI Act as alleged.

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.

Approved by Order of the Freedom of Information Commission at its regular meeting of April 12, 2017.

Cynthia A. Cannata

Acting Clerk of the Commission

PURSUANT TO SECTION 4-180(c), G.S., THE FOLLOWING ARE THE NAMES OF EACH PARTY AND THE MOST RECENT MAILING ADDRESS, PROVIDED TO THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION COMMISSION, OF THE PARTIES OR THEIR AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE.

THE PARTIES TO THIS CONTESTED CASE ARE:

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