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Dear Supervisor Murray:

This is a petition submitted under G.L. c. 66, §10A(a) and 950 C.M.R. 32.08(1) of the Massachusetts Public Records Law and Public Records Access Regulation, appealing the failure to provide a timely response to a public record request committed by the Town of Townsend Records Access Officer (RAO).

Specifically, on June 22, 2017, I transmitted a public records request to the RAO via first class mail, postage prepaid. More than 10 business days has passed since the transmission of my request without receiving any response.

The RAO has a statutory duty to respond to my public record request within 10 business days. See G.L. c. 66, §6A(b); G.L. c. 66, §10(a); see also 950 C.M.R. 32.04(5)(a); 950 C.M.R. 32.06(2)(a). The RAO's failure to provide a response to my public record request is a violation of the Massachusetts Public Records Law and Public Records Access Regulation. The RAO is now required by law to provide all records responsive to my request free of charge. See G.L. c. 66, §10(e); 950 C.M.R. 32.06(2)(c).

Pursuant to G.L. c. 66, §10A(a), please command the RAO to immediately provide all records responsive to my request free of charge, in accordance with the statutory mandates of G.L. c. 66, §10(e) and 950 C.M.R. 32.06(2)(c).

All associated correspondence under 950 C.M.R. 32.08(1)(g)1-2, is attached to this petition. Pursuant to 950 C.M.R. 32.08(1)(h), a copy of this petition and attachments has been transmitted to the RAO via first class mail, postage prepaid.

Thank you for your prompt attention to this matter.

Truly yours,


Michael Dreslinski

Enclosure

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June 22, 2017

VIA FIRST CLASS MAIL

Records Access Officer
Town of Townsend
Town Hall
272 Main St.
Townsend, MA 01469

Dear Record Access Officer:

Pursuant to G.L. c. 66, §10(a) and 950 C.M.R. 32.06(2)(b), the Massachusetts Public Records Law and Public Record Access Regulation, I respectfully request a paper copy of the following records:


- (1) All written communications/notices provided to (former) Police Chief Robert Eaton by the Town of Townsend regarding his employment termination, including but not limited to those communications which outline the allegations and reasons for his termination.

Please be advised that this is my second request for this information. My first request, dated April 27, 2017, has not yet received any response. This second request is my good-faith effort to resolve the matter without commencing civil litigation under G.L. c. 66, §10A(c) to enforce the mandatory disclosure clause of the Public Records Law.

Pursuant to G.L. c. 66, §10(d)(v) and 950 C.M.R. 32.07(2)(k), I request that all record access fee(s) be waived due to my financial inability to pay said fee(s), and the significant public understanding of government activity and operation allowed by record disclosure. All records received in response to this public record request shall be broadly disseminated to the public through available communication channels.

In accordance with G.L. c. 66, §10(a-b) and 950 C.M.R. 32.06(2)(a), responsive records should be mailed to me at the above address. Should you have any questions, do not hesitate to contact me.

Truly yours,



Michael Dreslinski

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