



The Commonwealth of Massachusetts
William Francis Galvin, Secretary of the Commonwealth
Public Records Division

Manza Arthur
Supervisor of Records

August 26, 2024
SPR24/2281

Denise Quist
Town Clerk
Town of Winthrop
Town Hall
One Metcalf Square
Winthrop, MA 02152

Dear Ms. Quist:

I have received the petition of Carole Mietzsch appealing the response of the Town of Winthrop (Town) to a request for public records. See G. L. c. 66, § 10A; see also 950 C.M.R. 32.08(1). On August 3, 2024, Ms. Mietzsch requested the following:

All emails, text messages or any other electronic or written communication by and/or between members of the Winthrop Town Council for all matters regarding MBTA 3A or Winthrop zoning matters from their private email, or electronic accounts. As well as all electronic by and/or between the Winthrop Town Council members through their private email or cellular telephone accounts on all matters regarding MBTA 3A or Winthrop zoning matters.

Please also provide all emails, text messages or any other electronic or written communication including private email or electronic accounts including cellular telephone accounts by and/or between the EOHLIC, Senator ... and the Winthrop Town Council members on all matters regarding MBTA 3A or Winthrop zoning matters.

The Town responded on August 5, 2024, providing numerous responsive records. Unsatisfied with the Town's response, Ms. Mietzsch petitioned this office, and this appeal, SPR24/2281, was opened as a result.

Subsequent to the opening of this appeal, based on an email from the Town to Ms. Mietzsch and this office on August 14, 2024, I understand that the Town intends to provide a supplemental response to Ms. Mietzsch. Accordingly, said response must be provided in a manner consistent with the Public Records Law and its Regulations within ten business days. A

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copy of any such response must be provided to this office. It is preferable to send an electronic copy of the response to this office at pre@sec.state.ma.us. If issues remain unresolved, Ms. Mietzsch may appeal the substantive nature of the Town's supplemental response within ninety days. See 950 C.M.R. 32.08(1).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Manza Arthur". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Manza" being more prominent and the last name "Arthur" following in a similar style.

Manza Arthur
Supervisor of Records

cc: Carole Mietzsch