



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

Manza Arthur
Supervisor of Records

April 12, 2023
SPR23/0655

Eva Szkaradek
Records Access Officer
Town of Acton
Town Hall
472 Main Street
Acton, MA 01720

Dear Ms. Szkaradek:

I have received the petition of Martin Y. Benson appealing the response of the Town of Acton (Town) to a request for public records. See G. L. c. 66, § 10A; see also 950 C.M.R. 32.08(1). On April 20, 2022, Mr. Benson requested the following records:

- [1] All emails sent or received between [identified individuals], from October 1, 2021 to the present...[;]
- [2] All emails, to or from [a named individual], that relates in any way to the ten key words from June 1, 2020 to the present...[;]
- [3] All emails, to or from [a named individual], that relates in any way to the five key words; from July 1, 2018 to present...[;]
- [4] All police reports that relate to the investigation of Zoom bombing incidents which occurred at school committee meetings on December 17, 2020 and January 7, 2021 as well as the Select Board meeting on January 11, 2021.

Prior Appeals

The requested records were the subject of prior appeals. See SPR22/1137 Determination of the Supervisor of Records (May 26, 2022); SPR22/1534 Determination of the Supervisor of Records (July 20, 2022); SPR22/2329 Determination of the Supervisor of Records (October 31, 2022) and SPR23/0175 Determination of the Supervisor of Records (February 10, 2023). In my February 10th determination, I closed the appeal based on the understanding that the Town would provide a further response to Mr. Benson. Subsequently, on March 30, 2023, the Town provided a response.

On March 29, 2023, Mr. Benson further petitioned this office regarding certain redactions

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made in the Town's response provided on December 30, 2022. Mr. Benson objected to the redactions made pursuant to Exemptions (c) and (f) of the Public Records Law. G. L. c. 4, § 7(26)(c), (f). As a result, this appeal was opened.

Based upon a conversation between a Public Records Division staff attorney and a Town representative, it is my understanding that the Town intends on providing a subsequent response to Mr. Benson.

Accordingly, the Town is ordered to provide Mr. Benson with said response in a manner consistent with this order, the Public Records Law, and its Regulations within 10 business days. A copy of any such response must be provided to this office. It is preferable to send an electronic copy of this response to this office at pre@sec.state.ma.us. Mr. Benson may appeal the substantive nature of the Town's 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 the most prominent part.

Manza Arthur
Supervisor of Records

cc: Martin Y. Benson
Nina Pickering-Cook, Esq.
Leo Mercado