LAWSUIT AGAINST FALMOUTH DISMISSED AFTER DAN O’SHEA COMPLIES WITH FOAA LAW

March 31, 2014
By Editor:

Dan O’Shea, School System Business Manager, takes it upon himself to waste time and taxpayers’ money redacting some of the least consequential words we could ever imagine in an answer to any FOAA request. Read the email below from Poore and then the Motion to Dismiss paragraph 8 where all the secret words are listed in Italic.

Who could believe that the word “Maine” would qualify under any condition to be redacted from any reply?

Just remember this idiot has control of our $30,000,000 school checking account! How many other half-baked decisions has O’Shea made just this year like this ridiculous redacting one?

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From: Michael Doyle [mailto:seller99@msn.com]
Sent: Thursday, February 27, 2014 5:31 PM
To: Nathan Poore
Subject: FOAA FOLLOWUP

Nathan,

A few nights ago I picked up the Grant Application docs from the STEM teacher at the Police Station.

There were a number of redactions. What was redacted and why was it redacted?

This constitutes an unsupported removal of information from a public document.

Provide either an unredacted answer or specifications supporting the redactions that support a protected item under the current FOAA of Maine.

Michael Doyle
766.6644
Mr. Doyle,

I will review the redactions again and get back to you next week with a response to your questions.

Regards,

Nathan A. Poore, Town Manager
Town of Falmouth
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From: Nathan Poore
Sent: Thursday, March 13, 2014 12:17 PM
To: 'Michael Doyle'
Subject: RE: TWO WEEKS AND COUNTING

Mr. Doyle,

We decided to seek guidance from the AG office. There were redactions that I want to reconsider and make them public but I am waiting for a response from the AG. I should have a response to you soon.

Regards,

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From: Michael Doyle [mailto:seller99@msn.com]
Sent: Thursday, March 13, 2014 8:09 AM
To: Nathan Poore
Subject: TWO WEEKS AND COUNTING

Nathan,

Did you mean next week this year?

Michael

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To: seller99@msn.com
Subject: RE: TWO WEEKS AND COUNTING
Date: Tue, 18 Mar 2014 13:47:40 +0000

Mr. Doyle,

Dan O’Shea has reached a decision based on conversations with Brenda Kielty. Mr. O’Shea has decided that the redactions were not necessary and has agreed to amend our original response to your request. All documents previously submitted to you with redactions will be resubmitted to you without redactions. I have decided to mail the version without redactions to you via USPS.

Regards,

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The Dismissal, click here