
FOI request re Clinton Housing, INc.

4 messages

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Mon, May 16, 2016 at 12:44 PM

Mr. Carr,

Your Freedom of Information request regarding Clinton Housing Inc. has been forwarded to me as town counsel.

As town counsel, I can advise you that Clinton Housing Inc. is a private non-profit Corporation and therefore not subject to disclosing its records pursuant to the Connecticut FOIA. That I know of the town has no records regarding the corporate organization or internal workings of the Clinton Housing Inc. That I know of the town has provided it with no funding. That I know of, it has not shared its corporate governance documents or other items with the town.

As to the coincidence of my being the agent for service for the corporation, be advised that I have many clients, some non-profit, most private. Many of my clients have come to me because of my acquaintance with them through my work as town counsel in Clinton and other towns or referral or otherwise. This does not make my private clients public entities subject to the FOIA. Nor do I undertake to share my consultations with my private clients with my public clients. I have not done so in this case.

Now, putting aside my position as town counsel and commenting as a private attorney, I would respond that your comment, that the court of public opinion will somehow take a dim view of this private entity trying to do good work to house the elderly in the community, is really just bullying and silly. You really need to find something more productive to occupy your time.

Best,

John S. Bennet, Esq.

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Mon, May 16, 2016 at 2:01 PM

Mr. Bennet:

Thank you for your response. May I assume that you are not aware of the file in the First Selectman's office that includes the attached letter to the Connecticut Department of Housing regarding this project?

I am not going to speculate on the motives of this developer by email.

Public documents indicate that a purchase contract for 8 Liberty Place exists. If this is merely a case of a private entity trying to do good, then there should be no reason to deny public access to this purchase agreement.

The plan as outlined to the DOH is to pay \$640,000 for this parcel. The purchase agreement will merely validate that figure and any expose any other stipulations.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Regards,

Kirk Carr
203 505 5818

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2 attachments

 **8 Liberty Place DOH Letter December 2014.pdf**
1974K

 **DRB 9 Liberty Place.pdf**
532K

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Mr. Carr,

Then you have the documents the Selectman's office has.

As to the rest it is a private transaction between private parties.

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