

Keith R. Jacques

From: jmccurry@Biddefordmaine.org
Sent: Thursday, February 18, 2016 1:09 PM
To: ContactallCouncilors@Biddefordmaine.org
Cc: acasavant@Biddefordmaine.org; jbennett@Biddefordmaine.org; krj@woodedlaw.com
Subject: Fwd: Maine Freedom of Access Request

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Begin forwarded message:

From: "Jacques, Keith" <krj@woodedlaw.com>
Date: February 18, 2016 at 9:55:23 AM EST
To: Melissa Bednarowski <contact@standup4me.org>
Cc: "Bennett, James" <jbennett@Biddefordmaine.org>, "McCurry, John" <jmccurry@Biddefordmaine.org>, "Casavant, Alan" <acasavant@Biddefordmaine.org>
Subject: RE: Maine Freedom of Access Request

Melissa:

I have had an opportunity to discuss your email below with Councilor Quattrone. As you know, your FOAA requests are public as are FOAA requests received by others and the City's response to them. I understand that Councilor Quattrone inquired regarding the number of FOAA requests that the City had received over a certain period and who had served them on the City. He was provided with that public information.

Keith

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From: Melissa Bednarowski [mailto:contact@standup4me.org]
Sent: Wednesday, February 03, 2016 12:59 PM

To: Keith R. Jacques

Cc: James Bennett; McCurry, John (jmccurry@Biddefordmaine.org); Casavant, Alan

Subject: Re: Maine Freedom of Access Request

Good Afternoon Keith,

I was told on Friday by my councilor, Robert Quattrone, that my past FOIA requests were nothing by a nuisance to the city. Not one of my requests has involved said councilor. I am writing to you to ask why he was provided this information and what purpose informing him served? It is concerning enough that I had to file the requests to garner needed information, it is even more discouraging that a city councilor would publicly ridicule his constituent for making a legal and justified request - as proven by the city's response, and furthermore to then hear in a court of law on Monday that fellow constituents received email information from the Mayor, without a FOIA request, for personal use in a civil case. Should I expect similar behavior for any future FOIA requests I may make? If so I will be redirecting my request to the MFOIC. This harassment and bias actions will not be tolerated.

A timely response is appreciated.

Regards,

Melissa

On Fri, Dec 18, 2015 at 10:47 AM, Keith R. Jacques <krj@woodedlaw.com> wrote:

Melissa:

The City's response will be mailed today.

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From: Melissa Bednarowski [mailto:contact@standup4me.org]

Sent: Thursday, December 17, 2015 1:11 PM

To: Keith R. Jacques

Subject: Re: Maine Freedom of Access Request

Keith,

Please provide an updated status on this request.

Thank you,

On Mon, Nov 16, 2015 at 9:40 AM, Keith R. Jacques <krj@woodedlaw.com> wrote:

Melissa:

I am writing to acknowledge receipt of your FOAA request. The City anticipates that it will be in the position to respond to the request by December 20, 2015.

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From: Melissa Bednarowski [mailto:contact@standup4me.org]
Sent: Monday, November 09, 2015 10:31 AM
To: Keith R. Jacques
Subject: Maine Freedom of Access Request

Melissa L. Bednarowski
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November 9, 2015

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Dear Attorney Jacques,

Under the **Maine Freedom of Access Act § 402 et seq.**, I am requesting an opportunity to inspect and obtain copies of public records that pertain to Stand Up 4 ME. Specifically, I am requesting email and Facebook messenger correspondence from Mayor Alan Casavant's city and personal accounts during the period of June 2015-November 8, 2015.

If there are any fees for searching or copying these records, please inform me of the amount. However, I would request a waiver of all fees in that the disclosure of the requested information is in the public interest and will contribute significantly to the public's general understanding. This information is not being sought for commercial purposes.

If you intend to deny this request, I will expect to hear from you within the five business days mandated by the law. Also, if you expect a significant delay in responding to this request, please contact me with information about when I might expect copies or the ability to inspect the requested records.

Thank you for considering my request.

Sincerely,

Melissa L. Bednarowski

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"Notice: Under Maine's Freedom of Access ("Right to Know") law, documents - including emails - in the possession of public officials about City business are classified as public records. This means if anyone asks to see them we are required to provide them. There are very few exceptions. We welcome citizens' comments and want to hear from our constituents, but please keep in mind that what you write in an email is not private and could show up in one of the local newspapers."