



OPRA-24-0168

Date: April 12, 2024

Requestor's Name: NJ Anonymous

Dear NJ Anonymous,

The Township of Warren received your Open Public Records Act (OPRA) request on April 2, 2024. The official Records Custodian, Cathy Reese received your OPRA request on April 2, 2024. As such, the seven (7) business day deadline to respond to your request is on April 12, 2024. This response to your request is being provided to you on the (7) seventh business day after the custodian's receipt of said request.

Your OPRA request sought access to the following:

"Emails to and from Somerset Associates representatives regarding their property at 15 Mountain View Road beginning January 2023 to today with:

Planning Board Chair Dan Gallic, Planning Board members, Township Planner John Chadwick, Board Engineer Christian Kastrud, Township Administrator Mark Krane, Township Committee Mayor Victor Sordillo, Township Committee Deputy Mayor Lisa Lontai, Township Committee members."

Response;

This first part of your request is overly broad and vague because it requires research for emails to and from unidentified representatives of Somerset Associates, LLC.

You requested:

"Emails to and from Township Committee Members, Mayor Victor Sordillo, Deputy Mayor Lisa Lontai regarding the Somerset Associates property at 15 Mountain View Road beginning January 2023 to today."

This second part of your request requires additional time beyond the seven (7) business days to fulfill as we had to have the emails extracted by a third party IT Vendor and we just received the emails today. We need sufficient time to review the emails and redact accordingly for confidential documentation. OPRA allows custodians to seek extensions of time pursuant to N.J.S.A. 47:1A-5.i. Specifically, OPRA states that, "the requestor shall be advised by the custodian when the record can be made available. If the record is not made available by that time, access shall be deemed denied."

Your request requires an extension of time until April 19, 2024.

If your request for access to a government record has been denied or unfilled within the seven (7) business days required by law, you have a right to challenge the decision by Township of Warren to deny access. At your option, you may either institute a proceeding in the Superior Court of New Jersey or file a complaint with the Government Records Council (GRC) by completing the Denial of Access Complaint Form. You may contact the GRC by toll-free telephone at 866-850-0511, by mail at P.O. Box 819, Trenton, NJ, 08625, by e-mail at grc@dca.state.nj.us, or at their web site at www.state.nj.us/grc. The GRC can also answer other questions about the law. All questions regarding complaints filed in Superior Court should be directed to the Court Clerk in your County.

Sincerely,

Cathy Reese

Township Clerk, Township of Warren

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