

January 18, 2022

Mr. Gerrit Blauvelt
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Williamstown MA 01267

Mr. Blauvelt,

The North Adams Airport Commission met on January 18, 2022, to address the most recent Open Meeting Law complaint you filed with the North Adams city clerk and with me in my role as chair of the North Adams Airport Commission on December 30, 2021. Your complaint states that the North Adams Airport Commission did not provide you with meeting minutes from 1995, 1998-2003, and 2016.

Your complaint asserted that the date of the Commission's alleged violation was December 2, 2021. The Commission did not have a meeting on that date. The Commission did meet on December 3, 2021, and in response to your emailed request, the Commission's public records officer, Angie Ellison, provided you with draft minutes of that meeting on December 15, 2021. More broadly, meeting minutes for recent meetings have been posted on the Commission website upon approval by the Commission.

The Commission is confused by your current complaint's repeated request for minutes already covered by a previous Open Meeting Law complaint, OML 2017-107. The Commission is complying with OML 2017-107, with the Commission's Secretary/Clerk in the process of recreating past minutes. The minutes for the dates specified in your public record request of September 2, 2021, will be made available as per the resolution of that request and your subsequent appeal to the Massachusetts Attorney General.

The provisions of Mass. Gen. Laws Chapter 30A, Section 23(b) contemplate that complaints under the Open Meeting Law be made within 30 days of the alleged violation. The meetings for which you are requesting minutes occurred years ago and well beyond the 30-day period set forth in the statute.

In closing, the Commission does not believe that any present violation of the Open Meeting Law has occurred. We will continue to post and provide meeting minutes of meetings as they occur within the timeframe outlined in OML guidelines 30A and the North Adams City Ordinance, 2-2.1 referring to the reporting of minutes of boards and commissions.

Sincerely,

Dan Caplinger, as chair
North Adams Airport Commission