

June 22, 2017

Townsend Records Supervisor
272 Main St.
Townsend, MA 01469

To whom it may concern,

Under the Massachusetts General Law chapter 66, section 10, The Sun requests requests you provide copies of any and all internal affairs reports involving Townsend Police Officer George Reidy.

Exemption (c) of the public records law does not apply to the file containing information from an internal affairs investigation performed to address complaints against an employee and possible misconduct (Worcester Telegram & Gazette Corporation v. Chief of Police of Worcester, & another, 58 Mass. App. Ct. 1 (2003).

Additionally, The Sun requests you provide copies of minutes from Board of Selectmen executive sessions held on June 13, 2017 and June 21, 2017 as well as any and all documents presented at or related to those executive session discussions.

The Massachusetts Attorney General's guide to the Open Meeting Law states that executive session minutes must be released "once disclosure would no longer defeat the purposes of the executive session." The guide also states "at the time of a request, the public body has not conducted a review of the minutes to determine whether continued nondisclosure is warranted, the body must perform such a review and release the minutes, if appropriate, no later than its next meeting or within 30 days, whichever occurs first."

I am a reporter with The Sun and I am seeking these records for the purpose of gathering news. Therefore, I request a waiver of any fees associated with this request. However, please inform me prior to filing the request if there will be any fees with an itemized list of how the cost will be incurred.

Under recent changes to the public records law, you have 10 days to provide the document. If there is any cost involved, or should you have any questions, please contact me at clisinski@lowellsun.com or (978) 970-4776.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,
Chris Lisinski
Reporter, The Sun