1. Board Of Ethics Meeting Documents

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Cc: Mr. Paul deBary Greenwich Board of Ethics c/o Office of the Town Attorney, Department of Law – Town Hall, Greenwich

SUBJECT: Request for Information re: Robert Seale

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Attachments

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- Ethics_TOG_103020120001.pdf (2.68MB)
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See attachment – did your term expire March 31, 2015 and John Margenot term expire March 31, 2015?

Are the only current contacts for the Greenwich Board of Ethics Robert F. Grele (R) and Lee Ann Tolzmann (R)?

Please confirm.

Enough is enough already – I need immediate assistance with many problems existing in the State of Connecticut and the Town of Greenwich/Byram.
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- TOG_Ethics_dept_032320160001.pdf (863.39KB)
Mr Bocchino

Please see below

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Please clarify

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2. Can you provide to me a copy of the 'checklist' as per the "Statement of financial interests"?

   an SFi provides a checklist or reminder to the official / employee to be mindful of potential conflicts of interest and it provides a baseline of information which can be compared to subsequent years for the purpose of determining potential misuse of office for financial gain"

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Please confirm

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Thomas K. Jones
Ethics Enforcement Officer
Connecticut Office of State Ethics
18-20 Trinity Street
Hartford, CT 06106
From: Laureen Taylor [mailto:taylm@att.net]
Sent: Thursday, March 24, 2016 10:35 AM
To: Jones, TJ K
Cc: Buxo, Diane; Laureen Taylor; zRepresentative Mike Bocchino; Paul deBary; <john.wayne.fox@greenwichct.org>; Reeves, Peggy; Bromley, Ted
Subject: Status of request for assistance submitted by Taylor

Attorney Jones

I'm sorry but each response you provide is not a 'user friendly' response but instead 'lawyer speak'

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One immediate question

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Thomas K. Jones
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18-20 Trinity Street
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860-263-2400 V
860-263-2402 F
March 23, 2016, 11:12 pm (CST)

Reference: Four attachment documents

Mr. Jones and/or Mr. Bocchino, please respond to the question recorded on the page

“Did Mike Bocchino prepare a written statement explaining the conflict of interest with the August 17, 2015 email communication to Laureen Taylor?”

Please reply

Laureen M. Taylor
Agent in Charge, Parcel ID 04-1442/S (Byram Section of Greenwich)
March 23, 2016

TO: State of Connecticut Legislation and Elections Administration Division

ATTN: Peggy Reeves, Assistant to the Secretary of the State for Elections, Legislative and Intergovernmental Affairs

ATTN: Theodore Bromley, Staff Attorney, Legislation and Election Administration Division

ATTN: Bernard Liu, Staff Attorney, Legislation and Election Administration Division

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RE: Request for Guidance re: ‘Conflict of Interest disclosures’ related to Mike Bocchino (R), State Rep, 150th District

Reference:
Attachment Doc 1 = Additions to Byram Cemetery Doc Study 3-24-15
Attachment Doc 2 = Bromley Liu 03232016 which is information related to my interest to communicate with Attorneys Bromley in Liu; to date, I’ve received no communication from either one.

All,

Please review the attachment documents and below.

I have explained to Mr. Thomas Jones that the ‘conflict of interest’ pertains to Mike Bocchino serving as the treasurer for the Greenwich Preservation Trust. During one phone discussion occurring between us, Mr. Jones made comment that perhaps Mike Bocchino did not receive payment for his work role with the Greenwich Preservation Trust.

I have requested that the Greenwich Preservation Trust and Mike Bocchino provide information to me regarding the employment status of Mike Bocchino with the Greenwich Preservation Trust; I’ve received no response.

Below is email communication from the Director of the Greenwich Preservation Trust, Josephine ‘Jo’ Conboy. Notice the date of May 29, 2015. I call your attention to the date of April 20, 2015 which is the date of ‘electronic signature’ provided by
Mike Bocchino on the form, ‘Statement of Financial Interests for 2014’.

Please contact me in follow up as I am interested to obtain guidance from the appropriate departments within the State of Connecticut concerning appropriate ‘conflict of interest disclosures’ for Mike Bocchino as well as the partnership between the Greenwich Preservation Trust and the State Historic Preservation Office.

Please also note that today, I attempted to gain assistance from the Town of Greenwich Ethics unit; I’ve received no reply from Attorney Paul deBary to my email submissions. I object!

Sincerely,

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From: Josephine Conboy [mailto:gptrust0909@aol.com]
Sent: Friday, May 29, 2015 10:27 AM
To: anne young
Cc: Denise Savageau; dmecky@greenwichhistory.org; ericaicp@verizon.net; nanran50@yahoo.com; Laureen Taylor
Subject: Re: Additions to Byram Cemetery Report

Excellent research Anne. I concretely the cemetery should be placed on the NRHP.

Jo

Sent from my iPad
On May 29, 2015, at 10:46 AM, anne young <anne_h_young@hotmail.com> wrote:

Denise,

Thank you for allowing for a generous review period to be able to produce further documentation to be added to the report. I have attached in a pdf what I could uncover and I hope that you and others find it a worthwhile addition. I enjoyed seeing Laureen's articles which were a huge help in my locating others from the Port Chester Journal.

Look forward to the June 4th meeting.

Best,

Anne

<ADDITIONS TO BYRAM CEMETERY DOC STUDY 3-24-15.pdf>
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TO: Town of Greenwich, Ethics Unit  
FROM: Laureen M. Taylor BSN, RN  
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MML LLC  
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800 Corporate Drive STE 301  
PMB # 413  
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RE: Report to the Town of Greenwich Ethics Hotline concerning  
#1. Michael Bocchino, Treasurer, Greenwich Preservation Trust. State Rep for 'Byram District'  
#2. Robert Seale, former TOG employee as the 'nuisance abatement officer' and the Deputy director, Planning & Zoning.  

Dear Attorney Debary:  

Today, March 11, 2016 I called the TOG ethics line #888-432-2777 at 10:37 am (EST) and 10:40 am (EST).  
I attempted to reach "Robert Ciska (? Sp)" but he did not 'pick up' the call via the auto attendant system. I left a voice mail requesting a return call.  

I then attempted to leave a voice mail on the designated 'option 1' line for the 'hotline voice mail reporting system'. However, the system indicated that it was unavailable to leave message.
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Two ethics issues:
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a) Did Michael Bocchino disclose on the 'forms' when he accepted office his position as the Treasurer, Greenwich Preservation Trust and if not, is this a violation ethics rules?
b) Should Michael Bocchino have disclosed to Laureen M. Taylor when she sought assistance regarding a 'land use' matter involving the Ancient (Lyon) family cemetery on Byram Shore Road that he had a 'conflict of insterest' to assist the questions given his position as the Treasurer for the Greenwich Preservation Trust?

2) Robert Seale, former Town of Greenwich employee for 'nusisance abatement officer' with later transfer to the Deputy Director, Planning and Zoning Department
a) Was Robert Seale Discharged for providing information to Laureen M. Taylor re:
#1 ethics referral in relation to concerns/problems with the Town of Greenwich public service departments and the State of Connecticut 'historical/land use' departments regarding the Ancient (Lyon) family cemetery on Byram Shore Road?
#2 a letter dated September 12, 2014 addressed to Laureen M. Taylor Executrix, Estate of Maureen S. Tracey (see attachment) re: 302 Delavan Avenue, Greenwich, CT 06830 given the problems connected to the real estate involving mismanagement of land records by the Greenwich court of probate?
-----Original Message-----
From: Laureen Taylor [mailto:taylm@att.net]
Sent: Monday, March 07, 2016 10:32 AM
To: 'conndcj@ct.gov'
Cc: 'mike.bocchino@housegop.ct.gov'; 'taylm@att.net'; 'john.wayne.fox@greenwichct.org'; 'Colasanto, Suzanne'; 'Libbin, Martin'; 'Palmer, Roberta'
Subject: Status of Ethics complaint submitted to the State of Connecticut 'Ethics oversight' unit

All,

I called the State of Connecticut 'Ethics unit' number 860-263-2400 to inquire about the status of the complaint submission I sent regarding Michael Bocchino/Greenwich.  

Per "Ann Morgan" the emails have been submitted to the "Legal Department". Regarding 'turn around time' "A few days" Ms. Morgan Stated, 'I'll let them know you called maybe they can respond sooner".

See also the below communication.

Sincerely,
Laureen M. Taylor BSN, RN

-----Original Message-----
From: Laureen Taylor [mailto:taylm@att.net]
Sent: Monday, March 07, 2016 9:56 AM
To: conndcj@ct.gov
Cc: 'Colasanto, Suzanne'; 'Palmer, Roberta'; john.wayne.fox@greenwichct.org; taylm@att.net; 'Libbin, Martin'
Subject: FW: DELIVERY FAILURE: User robert.seale (robert.seale@greenwichct.org) not listed in Domino Directory

TO: chief State's Attorney Kevin T. Kane

Cc: State of Connecticut Housing court Resources Attorney Suzanne Colasanto
       ATTN: Martin Libbin, Roberta Palmer

Cc: Town of Greenwich counsel John Wayne Fox

RE: Status of Robert Seale , town of Greenwich, Deputy Director of Planning & Zoning

Attorney Kane,
Today I called the Town of Greenwich Department of Human Resources (203-622-7734) to inquire about the Status of Robert Seale. The female who answered the call transferred my call to the planning and Zoning Dept. I spoke with "Jenise" (?) Spelling who confirmed that Robert Seale no longer working at the Town of Greenwich. I asked when he discontinued the position. Jenise stated "I don’t know, Human Resources should have that information". I asked to speak with Katie DeLuca and Jenise stated "She's in a meeting". I asked Jenise to transfer my call to Human Resources Dept. My call was transferred to the incorrect Department. I asked the employee who answered the call to transfer my call to the department of Human resources. A voice mail recording 'picked up' and I left a message requesting a return call to my cell number 774-262-9356.

Please contact me to discuss all of these problems existing in the Town of Greenwich and State of Connecticut involving 'ethics' problems ( I will send one additional email to highlight the importance of 'ethics' in all that we do). Seems to me that most employees at the Town of Greenwich and State of Connecticut would benefit from 'ethics training' and assurances that no employee will face 'reprisal actions' for involvement with 'ethics referrals' provided to interested parties like me and 'Ethics disclosures'. I fear that reprisal actions in the form of job loss has occurred with the former Town of Greenwich employees, Diane Fox (Town Planner) and Robert Seale (Deputy Director of Planning and Zoning) who provided information to me/provided 'honest responses' to the inquiries I submitted to them.

Sincerely,
Laureen M. Taylor BSN, RN
Tax Payer, Property owner Byram Section of Greenwich
Phone: 774-262-9356

-----Original Message-----
From: Postmaster@greenwichct.org [mailto:Postmaster@greenwichct.org]
Sent: Friday, March 04, 2016 4:41 PM
To: Laureen Taylor
Subject: DELIVERY FAILURE: User robert.seale (robert.seale@greenwichct.org) not listed in Domino Directory

Your message

Subject: Matter re: Ancient (Lyon) family cemetery on Byram Shore Road involving duties and obligations - State Rep, Michael Bocchino

was not delivered to:

robert.seale@greenwichct.org

because:

User robert.seale (robert.seale@greenwichct.org) not listed in Domino Directory
TO: State of Connecticut Office of Governmental Accountability, Office of State Ethics

Cc: Interested parties

I forward this below communication and the attachment doc to supplement the email I sent earlier today to ose@ct.gov 'Subject: Request for Assistance, State of Connecticut, Office of Governmental Accountability, Office of State Ethics'.

This matter involving the Ancient (Lyon) family cemetery on Byram Shore Road is extremely important.

I believe there have been multiple violations of 'ethics' on the local and State levels with the site work/ desecration that occurred at the cemetery.

All of this speaks to the poor 'oversight' system in place for planning and zoning, land use, permits etc in Greenwich. Also the inappropriate access and influence with the Town of Greenwich public service departments involving the private town of Greenwich law firms most notably Ivey Barnum & O'Mara and Whitman Breed Abbott & Morgan LLC (Attorney Margaret Conboy, whose mother is Josephine Conboy, Director, Greenwich Preservation Trust) serves as legal counsel for the Greenwich Preservation Trust).

Several years ago, I discussed a problem with the Town of Greenwich ethics officer Mr. Paul DeBary involving attorney Stephen G. Walko with Ivey Barnum & O'Mara, LLC, Greenwich Lawfirm.

Attorney Walko formerly served as the Chairman of the Greenwich Board of Estimate and Taxation, and also the State Rep for Byram District (Michael Bocchino is the successor for the State Rep position). However, I did not move forward with the internal process for the ethics complaint submission as much burden was placed upon me to complete letters, reports, forms.

Ultimately, based on a prior complaint submission I made to the Statewide Bar Counsel involving a 'botched commercial lease' prepared by the Stamford Law Firm, Diserio Martin O'Connor & Castiglioni, LLP that was 'reviewed and dismissed' by Attorney Eugene J. Riccio (counsel to the Statewide Bar,
Stamford/Norwalk Area; Attorney Riccio has office space at the Ivey Barnum O'Mara, Greenwich Law firm), I was left with the impression that no 'complaint process' is taken seriously on either local or state levels involving certain influential attorneys/law firms to include: Dierio Martin O'Connor & Castiglioni (Stamford) and Greenwich firms, Ivey Barnum & O'Mara and Whitman Breed Abbott & Morgan.

Please reply to the questions I noted in the email sent earlier today.

Laureen M. Taylor
Tax payer/Property owner, Byram Section of Greenwich
Phone: 774-262-9356

-----Original Message-----
From: Robert Seale [mailto:Robert.Seale@greenwichct.org]
Sent: Thursday, October 15, 2015 8:37 AM
To: Laureen Taylor
Cc: taylm@att.net
Subject: Re: FW: Property record Card, Jeffery Stewart parcel

Laureen,
The Byram Cemetery violation file may be available with the zoning enforcement office. I am sorry I was unable to attend the 10/8 meeting, but I had conflicting appointments at that time.

In regards to our conversation, here are my suggestions for following up on some of your issues or concerns.

If you believe unethical practices are happening between committees and other members of Town Hall, you should follow up with Paul deBary, Chairman of the Board of Ethics at paul@debarylaw.com

If you believe additional fines or penalties should be applied to the offending neighbor, you should reach out to the Selectmen's office for further guidance, but I do not believe they will be able to help you.
From: "Laureen Taylor" <taylm@att.net>
To: <robert.Seale@greenwichct.org>
Cc: <taylm@att.net>
Date: 10/15/2015 09:03 AM
Subject: FW: Property record Card, Jeffery Stewart parcel

Hello Mr. Seale,

Thank you for calling me on Tuesday in response to the request for assistance/information sheet I submitted October 13, 2015 (see attached).

Please confirm that you will send out a response letter as you stated your plan to do so.

Again, I was disappointed that you did not participate in the October 8 meeting as you stated you discussed with Denise Savageau in advance of the meeting however, Denise did not address the planning and zoning issues. Also, I would like to confirm the procedures for how an interested party may view the planning and zoning file on the 'Byram cemetery' as you stated that you have a separate file.

Please confirm.

Sincerely,
Laureen (Dee) Taylor
Phone: 774-262-9356

Mailing address:
Mr. Seale and Ms. Savageau,

Provided is copy of the property record card for 04-2203/S parcel abutting the Ancient (Lyon) Family cemetery on Byram Shore Road.

As I provided the attachment docs with below email, with regard to the one labeled attachment 2, please confirm how I may view the determination made by the Town of Greenwich on the matter.

Sincerely,
Laureen M. Taylor
RE: Ancient (Lyon) Family Cemetery on Byram Shore Road

Reference: Attachment 1 = Letter dated September 12, 2014 from Mr. Seale to Ms. Taylor re: 302 Delavan Ave, Greenwich, CT reference to absence of complaints and violations Attachment 2 = Letter dated October 27, 1969 from Ivey Barnum & O'Mara, LLC to Town of Greenwich Commissioner of Public Works re: 37 Byram Shore Road and the Byram Cemetery Attachment 3 = D'Andrea Survey April 2014 arranged by Mr. Jeffery Stewart for the benefit of the 'Byram Shore Neighbors' (except Carolyn and Chris Antonick) as interested parties - received by the Town of Greenwich Planning and Zoning Dept Attachment 4 = Pages from Architectural Book at the Greenwich library, 1978 data sheet referencing property abutting the Byram Cemetery

Dear Mr. Seale and Ms. Savageau,

I send this information for review and response. Please provide a letter reference to both the Ancient (Lyon) Family cemetery on Byram Shore Road (Tax ID 04-4002 and 04-4000) and also 11 Dock Street (I'll send additional email containing the property record card for Parcel ID 04-2203/S, 11 Byram Dock Street, ownership Jeffrey M and Andrea S. Stewart as the file load too large to transmit with additional attachments.

Mr. Seale, please provide the letter no later than the morning of October 8, 2015 prior to the cemetery committee meeting scheduled to begin at 3:00pm. Mr. Seale, please also confirm if you are able to attend the meeting.

Sincerely,

Laureen M. Taylor
Lineal Descendant, Thomas Lyon, Founder, Town of Byram
Phone: 774-262-9356

-----Original Message-----
From: Robert Seale [mailto:Robert.Seale@greenwichct.org]
Sent: Friday, September 12, 2014 3:54 PM
To: Laureen Taylor
Subject: Re: Request for Zoning compliance letter
You can find the letter attached.

(See attached file: PDF234.PDF)

Robert Seale
Zoning Inspector / Nuisance Abatement Officer Town of Greenwich
203-622-7753

From: Laureen Taylor <taylm@att.net>
To: "rseale@greenwichct.org" <rseale@greenwichct.org>
Cc: taylm@att.net
Date: 09/12/2014 01:06 PM
Subject: Request for Zoning compliance letter

September 12, 2014
To: robert seale, zoning inspector/nuisance abatement officer for the town of greenwich

Dear mr seale,

Thank you for the consultation at the counter today As we discussed please let me know about your ability to accommodate my request for a zoning compliance letter; you stated need to clarify with other staff to obtain approval to issue a notice to me

My contact info was provided on the paper you provided during our meeting - see attachment photo

I appreciate your plan to let me know today regarding this request

Thank you
Sincerely,
Laureen Taylor
Phone: 774-262-9356
Laureen Taylor

Sent from my iPhone

Attachments

- 1894565466.txt (4.15MB)
- TOG_ethics_form_060420150001.pdf (3.06MB)
- Tracey_plaque0002.pdf (4.19MB)
- PDF234.pdf (196.17KB)
Please note that the recent email correspondence that you have submitted to the Greenwich Board of Ethics is scheduled to be reviewed at its next regularly scheduled meeting. The meeting is to be held on Tuesday April 12th at 5:30 PM in the Gisborne conference room on the first floor of Town Hall.

Please note that the Board reviews all submissions sent to the Board as a whole to determine whether further action is appropriate regardless of whether the submission is made as a formal complaint. In that regard, I should point out that the Board has jurisdiction to investigate complaints only against Town Officers and the positions of State Representative and Treasurer of the Greenwich Conservancy do not appear to fall within the definition of Town Officer under the Code. Moreover, violations of the Code necessarily involve actions by the Town and, although your emails do describe certain Town actions, you do not appear to be alleging that the Town Officers involved, Mr. Seale and Ms. Savageau, committed a violation of the Code. Therefore, unless you provide additional information or explanation, it is possible that the Board will find that the materials you submitted do not involve allegations of violations of the Code of Ethics.

If you feel that such a result would be in error, it would be helpful and appropriate for you to attend the meeting and present any additional information or explanation that you may have. Although it is not required, you are welcome, and indeed encouraged, to appear with an attorney.

When a matter is scheduled for consideration by the Board at an open meeting, it is most appropriate that further communications regarding the matter be made to the entire board at the meeting. Therefore I would appreciate it if you would limit any further correspondence with me on the matter to the subject of whether you will or should attend the meeting. If the timing of the meeting is inconvenient for you, I can arrange to have the matter postponed until our next meeting.

Thank you.
Ms. Taylor,

Mr. Margenot and I were reappointed last year. However, Rev. Tolzman resigned due to leaving the area. I haven’t been advised of her replacement yet. I appreciate your careful attention to the material concerning the Board on the Town website and will be sure to correct the information once the new member is appointed.

You may contact me or any other member of the Board for assistance with understanding the requirements of the Code of Ethics. We can also assist you in understanding the procedures for making complaints as to violations of the Code, as I have tried to do for you in the past.

You have listed a number of concerns in your various emails, but the Code only authorizes the Board to hear specific complaints of violations of the Code. Should you have such a complaint, the Board will respond expeditiously once you have made an allegation of specific conduct that violates the Code.

Please note that, the Board is not authorized to conduct investigations into the efficacy of Town operations unless there are facts that tend to indicate that a violation of the Code may have occurred. Prior to commencing an investigation into any complaint you may make, we will review it to determine if the facts alleged (which we will initially assume to be true) actually describe a violation of the Code of Ethics. If there is no specific violation of the Code alleged, the complaint will be dismissed. In that regard, please understand that the Code applies to specific persons, not departments or offices. We will need specific names, dates and descriptions of the action or inaction that occurred in violation of the requirements of the Code.

Thank you for being considerate of the particular responsibilities given to the Board by the Code of Ethics.

From: Laureen Taylor <taylm@att.net>
March 23, 2016

Attorney deBary,

Please confirm the correct point of contact for the Town of Greenwich Ethics department

See attachment – did your term expire March 31, 2015 and John Margenot term expire March 31, 2015?

Are the only current contacts for the Greenwich Board of Ethics Robert F. Grele (R) and Lee Ann Tolzmann (R)?

Please confirm.

Enough is enough already – I need immediate assistance with many problems existing in the State of Connecticut and the Town of Greenwich/Byram.

Sincerely,
Laureen M. Taylor BSN, RN
Property owner/Tax Payer, Byram Section of Greenwich
Phone: 774-262-9356
I have also attached information related to our communication in 2012.

Seems to me the Town of Greenwich has ‘deteriorated’ since 2012.

I’m certain if Thomas Lyon, Founder, Town of Byram were able to meet with us, he’d shake his head in disgust.

I shake my head in disgust.

Sincerely,
Laureen M. Taylor BSN, RN
Descendant, Thomas Lyon, Founder, Town of Byram
Commissioned Officer, U.S. Army Nurse Corps (1988-1992)

From: Laureen Taylor [mailto:taylm@att.net]
Sent: Monday, March 14, 2016 10:31 PM
To: Mary.Pepe@greenwichct.org
Cc: ethicsboard@earthlink.net; taylm@att.net
Subject: March 14, 2016 letter from Laureen M. Taylor SUBJECT: Request for Information re: Robert Seale

March 14, 2016

TO: Town of Greenwich, Department of Human Resources Mary L. Pepe, Director
Cc: Mr. Paul deBary Greenwich Board of Ethics c/o Office of the Town Attorney, Department of Law – Town Hall, Greenwich
SUBJECT: Request for Information re: Robert Seale

Dear Ms. Pepe,

Attached is the letter dated March 14, 2016 with enclosures.

I would appreciate receiving reply no later than Wednesday, March 16, 2016.

Laureen M. Taylor
Tax Payer, Property Owner, 302 Delavan Avenue, Greenwich, CT 06830
Descendant, Thomas Lyon, Founder, Town of Byram
Phone: 774-262-9356
I have communicated concerns about the town of Greenwich operations to 'Thomas Lyon' descendants Keith and Pam

Below is one example

Also I will search for the emails I sent them (I may have deleted already as I have too many emails and need a secretary to assist me at this point) in which I had mistakenly copied Robert Seale on the email

I then told Keith and Pam that Robert Seale was a competent and helpful employee at the town of Greenwich and I appreciated his work

Now I learn that he's no longer employed at the town
Yes, I am concerned

Laureen Taylor

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: Laureen Taylor <taylm@att.net>
Date: January 3, 2016 at 10:41:28 AM CST
To: raesie <(redacted by Taylor)>
Subject: Thank you

Yes each state has different standards

For example when the construction project was under way and the tenant involved with lease negotiations to covert space from simple deli to a restaurant - I kept asking for info about the design plan - comments made that I was micromanaging
I learned about California EPA stndards required thicker filter attachment to limit grease and odors and I contacted...
the installer and he said yes the design could be accommodated for under $1,000 but the tenant refused and made claim that I was withholding the permit incorrectly by putting new restrictions

My lease prep attorney mismanaged the lease description of tenant fit out work Then the town did not obtain separate approval on the health dept form permitting the fit out work Then I attached restrictions to the permit proceeded by the fire dept ( maintained at the building dept) and when I hired appraiser to review the file. - the restriction document not in the file!

Error after error and all that concerns ' responsible officials. ' in the town is 'minimum standard' but there is deficient record keeping and no compliance Program for commercial cooking systems so many tenants exploit this and in my case I feel that I'm being harassed as my requirements and objections are being ignored

It's unbelievable!

Laureen "Dee" Taylor

Sent from my iPhone

On Jan 2, 2016, at 9:24 PM, raesie <(redacted by Taylor ) wrote:

Dee,

I am so sorry that you are having these awful issues with your family's Greenwich property. Here in Lancaster, PA, these issues relevant to the hazards associated with a commercial kitchen would never be allowed, I'm sure. The Board of Health very actively visits and rates any establishment that serves food, and subsequently shuts down any place that fails to maintain a thoroughly clean, hazard free, well-managed business. Also every one must have a PA state "food certified" employee on the premises at all times. Your problems with your property's tenant are incredible.

Hoping for the best for you,
Pam

On Sat, Jan 2, 2016 at 9:29 PM, Laureen Taylor <taylm@att.net> wrote:

I have been made sick over all of this.
It boils down to the fact that when I signed the lease with the tenant he pulled a flim flam with the description of tenant fit out work to interfere with my right to have input on the design plan for the commercial cooking operation system. The attorney I hired did not handle the paperwork correctly for this. I reported to the Statewide Bar Counsel and the lead attorney made determination that there was no problem. However, I then received insurance claim form from the lawfirm’s insurance company – no one would help me with the claim form.

The problems have been snowballing. Tenant and his attorneys trying to wear me down/cause conflict with my siblings and me so that we sell the building to the tenant – his attorneys have submitted many letters to me saying he wants to purchase – I said “not for sale”.

The permit process for the tenant fit out work and the commercial cooking operation system was ‘deficient’ too.

The town of Greenwich failed with proper oversight with construction /renovation project that I managed through my mother’s estate. Ultimately, the building process, fire department deficient for commercial cooking operation systems. Many states require strict standards (it seems there have been changes since the 2007 install at my family’s property). However, I hired Fire Risk Management Inc. to complete a safety inspection and I told them I wanted to be present to observe – they arrived/had lunch at the restaurant and did not call me as I was in the area but did not know time of arrival.

The company provided a ‘rubber stamp’ safety report.

I then became member of the National Fire Protection Association to learn about codes and standards.

High use grill systems should be cleaned quarterly – the tenant does semi annually for ‘cost control’. the Fire Department told me they will “keep eye” on things and they don’t. Fire Dept is supposed to keep records forwarded by tenants confirming the cleaning events – non-compliant with this

Fire Dept has told me the Health dept has jurisdiction for exterior grease and the Health Dept tells me it’s the Fire Dept. Every time I go to building I see grease overflow on the roof.

State of CT air bureau told me the smoke stack should have been configured to discharge above the highest roof line –but refused to complete report with that specific info. All of this has insurance implications and other similar buildings in town. I met with the former town planner and she said, “All the building owners on Greenwich Avenue (with commercial cooking operation systems) feel the same way as you – they hate the systems if the tenants don’t take care of it.” The realtor told me her
understanding that neither the State nor the town wants to enforce a strict compliance program due to impact on the restaurant industry.

After Fire Risk Management “inspection” I applied to obtain insurance through CT Fair plan – denied due to lack of fire extinguishers present. There was nothing in the Fire Risk Management report about regular fire extinguishers.

Greenwich Fire Department has been in the news over the past years - history of problems with inspections

If anyone were to validate my claims of deficiency by Greenwich Fire Dept for oversight of commercial cooking – it could lead to a ‘class action’ type insurance problem for these systems – no one wants to open that door

Ultimately, this tenant has his ‘powerbroker attorneys’ at Ivey Barnum and this has become hostile acquisition to see us sell the real estate to the hold over tenant

I’m sick over all of this.

From: Laureen Taylor [mailto:taylm@att.net]
Sent: Saturday, January 02, 2016 7:57 PM
To: 'Jeffrey DeMaine'; 'Mark Cummings'
Cc: 'ProbateCourt@greenwichct.org'; 'Stephen P Leduc'; 'Sarah Barnett'; 'taylm@att.net'
Subject: Small Claims Court (MA); Probate Court (CT) matters

TO: Fire Risk Management, Inc
Cc: Greenwich Court of Probate
Cc: Marlborough District Court, Small Claims Court ATTN: Clerk Magistrate Paul F. Malloy c/o Stephen Leduc and Sarah Barnett

Re: Small Claims Court (MA) and Probate Court (CT) matters involving Midrare Inc. Security Deposit re: real estate located at 302 Delavan Avenue, Greenwich, CT 06830 as a potential funding source for ‘claims verified/approved’ by the Greenwich Court of Probate

All,

Please find two attachment scan docs
I contact the greenwich court of probate for guidance

There has been much confusion and problem
Associated with the parcel of land (commercial real estate) that was expected to pass correctly through the estate of
Maureen Tracey handled by the greenwich court
Of probate - it did not

I am planning a trip to Connecticut January 2016
I wish to open up an estate account to deposit
The payments associated with the real estate
( see attachments )

Time is of the essence to open the estate
Account given the check issued by the stamford
Norwalk housing court in November. 2015
According to ms Suzanne colasanto the check
Should be active for another month

I need the appropriate paperwork from the greenwich court of probate to open
An estate account

Please confirm no later than Monday December 28, 2015

Laureen Taylor

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: "Laureen Taylor" <taylm@att.net>
Date: December 24, 2015 at 10:30:14 AM CST
To: <john.wayne.fox@greenwichct.org>, <patricia.ceglio@greenwichct.org>, "Kristin Caporale" <KristinC@mackintire.com>, "Lynne Plante" <LynneP@mackintire.com>
Cc: <dana.curran@us.qbe.com>, "Daniel Donohue" <Daniel.Donohue@us.qbe.com>, "Justin Kronholm" <justin.kronholm@ct.gov>, <taylm@att.net>
Subject: Status: 12/24/2015, Insurance payment, processing

(below redacted by Taylor, 01/02/2016, 7:28 PM (CST))
TOWN OF GREENWICH

Board of Ethics

Regularly Scheduled Meeting

Tuesday June 7, 2016
5:30 P.M.

Gisborne Conference Room
1st Floor, Town Hall
101 Field Point Road, Greenwich CT

AGENDA

1. Approval of Minutes

2. Continuing Items:
   a. Email correspondence

3. Report of Chair
   a. Annual Reminder Letter

4. Other Matters

5. Adjournment