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June 18, 2013

Caroline Yamamoto
Chair
Williamstown Affordable Housing Committee
31 North Street
Williamstown, MA 01267

RE: Open Meeting Law Complaint

Dear Ms. Yamamoto:

We received a copy of an Open Meeting Law complaint, dated March 14, 2013, filed by Kenneth Swiatek against the Williamstown Affordable Housing Committee (the "Committee"), alleging a violation of the Open Meeting Law, G.L. c. 30A, §§ 18-25. The complaint alleges that the Committee signed a Letter to the Editor without any discussion of it during a properly posted meeting. A copy of the complaint is enclosed. The complaint was originally filed with the Committee on March 14, 2013. We received the Committee's response in a letter dated April 25, 2013.

Under the Open Meeting Law, the Attorney General has responsibility for investigating this matter. In order for us to assess the merits of the complaint we received, we request that you provide this office with the information and material below, in writing, on or before July 5, 2013:

- 1) Provide copies of any and all written correspondence, including emails, between members of the Committee that were sent or received between and including February 12, 2013 and March 4, 2013 regarding a Letter to the Editor from the Committee that was first published in the local news on March 4, 2013; and
- 2) The names and the daytime telephone numbers of the members of the Committee as it existed on March 4, 2013.

In addition, please provide this office with any and all information that you believe may be helpful to the resolution of this matter. If you have any questions

regarding the complaint, please do not hesitate to contact me at the number below.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Hanne Rush".

Hanne Rush
Assistant Attorney General
Division of Open Government
(617) 963-2820

Enclosure

cc: Kenneth Swiatek (w/o enclosure)