

From: Kehne, Melanie

Sent: Tuesday, March 22, 2022 4:51 PM

To: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>; [REDACTED]
<[REDACTED]>

Subject: Public Records request

Dear Mr. Fulton,

Our response to your recent Public Records Act request is attached. If you have any issues opening the attachments, please let me know.

Best regards,
Melanie

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March 22, 2022

William Fulton

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By email to: [REDACTED]

Re: Public Records Act Request

Dear Mr. Fulton,

Thank you for letter of March 17, 2022, requesting all public records regarding “the Current Use status, inspections, and actions involving William Fulton and/or the property Located at 177 Cilley Hill RD,” between employees of the Attorney General’s Office internally and externally with the Department of Forests, Parks, and Recreation and/or the Department of Taxes, from August 2, 2021 to March 17, 2022.

The responsive public records are attached. Attorney-client privileged information has been redacted as exempt pursuant to 1 V.S.A. § 317(c)(3) and (4), and certain email communications from March 11, 2022 and March 14, 2022 between Assistant Attorneys General and General Counsel for the Department of Forests, Parks, and Recreation are being withheld as exempt attorney-client privileged, attorney work product, or both, under 1 V.S.A. § 317(c)(3) and (4).

We hope this information is helpful. If you feel that any information or records have been withheld in error, you may appeal in writing to Deputy Attorney General Joshua Diamond, by email to ago.info@vermont.gov, or by regular mail to 109 State Street, Montpelier, VT 05609.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Melanie Kehne".

Melanie Kehne
Assistant Attorney General

Attachments

From: Purvee, Meghan
Sent: Monday, March 14, 2022 11:18 AM
To: Spottswood, Eleanor
Cc: McDougall, Robert; McNamara, Ed
Subject: FW: Recording

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From: Bill Fulton <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Monday, March 14, 2022 9:47 AM
To: Thompson, Keith <Keith.Thompson@vermont.gov>
Cc: Gregory Nagurney <[REDACTED]>; gill@leg.state.vt.us; TSquirrell@leg.state.vt.us; msirotkin@leg.state.vt.us; tchittenden@leg.state.vt.us; pbaruth@leg.state.vt.us; Virginia Lyons <VLyons@leg.state.vt.us>; Christopher Pearson <CPearson@leg.state.vt.us>; kramhinsdale@leg.state.vt.us
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Mr. Thompson

This is my second request to you.

Please clarify the Departments position on the recording of its employees and agents while executing their official duties.

Was what was said by your agency council during my hearing the official position of the Department?

Should I continue to not receive a satisfactory response either way. I will be forced to notify the media of this event and take certain legal actions to protect my First Amendment rights.

The use of color of law to suppress the constitutional rights of those subject to your enforcement actions or the appearance of such is of great concern. Not only to myself, but any citizen whom may be subject to your departments actions.

While it appears you and your department have chosen not to take this matter seriously let me be clear that I view this and any issue involving constitutionality guaranteed rights as very grave.

I was informed by my council that your attorney had requested a copy of the meeting. Please inform your attorney that a copy will be made available should it be demanded during the discovery phase of any future legal actions I may choose to pursue.

Further please provide the Vermont State Bar number for your council as she advertised herself as an attorney during our interactions.

Respectfully

William F Fulton

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From: Purvee, Meghan
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To: Spottswood, Eleanor
Cc: McDougall, Robert; McNamara, Ed
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From: Purvee, Meghan
Sent: Friday, March 11, 2022 4:44 PM
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: FW: Recording

Mr. Nagurney:

I am forwarding an email that your client sent to Keith Thompson today after the UVA Appeal meeting concluded this morning. I am concerned about his mischaracterizations of what I said at the meeting, as well as his allegations. As you know, I did not state that his action of recording the appeal meeting without our knowledge or consent was illegal. I did say that we did not consent, as we were unaware that he was recording the meeting since he didn't reveal that fact at the beginning of the meeting.

Given my concerns over Mr. Fulton's mischaracterizations of what I said, I would like to request a copy of the recording that he made. I would also like to reiterate the Department's request, and Mr. Fulton's offer, to provide a copy of the letter from his Forester/Logger as well as a copy of the survey of his property.

I am happy to discuss this further if you wish.

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From: Thompson, Keith <Keith.Thompson@vermont.gov>
Sent: Friday, March 11, 2022 4:23 PM
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From: Bill Fulton <[REDACTED]>
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To: Thompson, Keith <Keith.Thompson@vermont.gov>
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Mr. Thompson

I just wanted to clarify that it is the position of the Department of Forests, Parks and Recreation, that the recording of government official's acting in their official capacity is illegal by a party present to their actions.

I view your council's comments as to the legality of such actions as a direct assault on my rights as guaranteed under the Vermont constitution and the 1st Amendment to the United States Constitution.

William F Fulton

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From: McDougall, Robert
Sent: Monday, March 14, 2022 11:42 AM
To: Purvee, Meghan
Subject: Accepted: UVA Appeal Issue