**Subject:** Freedom of Information Law Request - August 24, 2012 **Date:** Friday, August 24, 2012 2:37:01 PM Eastern Daylight Time

From: Jenny Stein

To: Mary Mills

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August 24, 2012

## **Dear Trustees:**

Under the provisions of the New York Freedom of Information Law, Article 6 of the Public Officers Law, I hereby request a copy of records or portions thereof pertaining to (or containing the following):

From January 1, <u>2011</u> to the present, all communications/correspondence/memos/emails (including all notes regarding conversations in person or by phone or by video chat) between Village officials/Village appointees/Village employees and any village residents and/or property owners related to the topics of: a) Actual or potential sites within and/or around Cayuga Heights for activities related to deer management; and

b) Permission forms/release forms related to deer management activities, including documents that have been completed and/or signed and submitted by individual residents and property owners.

Under current New York State law, if an agency has the ability to scan records in order to transmit them via email and doing so will not involve any effort additional to an alternative method of responding, it is required to do so. In that instance, transferring a paper record into electronic format would eliminate any need to collect and account for money owed or paid for preparing paper copies, as well as tasks that would otherwise be carried out. In addition, when a paper record is converted into a digital image it remains available in electronic format for future use.

If all the requested records cannot be emailed to me, please inform me by email of the portions that cannot be emailed and advise me of the cost for reproducing the remainder of the records requested. If, for any reason, any portion of my request is denied, please inform me of the reasons for the denial in writing and provide the name and address of the person or body to whom an appeal should be directed.

As you know, the Freedom of Information Law requires that an agency respond to a request <u>within five</u> <u>business days</u> of receipt of a request. Therefore, I would appreciate a response as soon as possible and look forward to hearing from you shortly.

Sincerely, Jenny Stein PO Box 149 Ithaca, NY 14851