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## Carolyn's deleted sent emails

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Maxim Ledoux <maximledoux@gmail.com>

Mon, Nov 27, 2017 at 2:00 PM

To: lloydwood@tuftonboro.org, bill.marcussen@tuftonboro.org, walbee@roadrunner.com

Dear Lloyd, Bill, and Chip,

I hope you had a good Thanksgiving holiday with family and friends.

You are perhaps under the impression that if you ignore me long enough I will give up and go away. If this is the case, then you are mistaken.

In any case, the fact is that you are ignoring me and have not made available to me the emails that I requested on November 3, 2016. In fact, your attorney admitted that the emails were deleted from Carolyn's account, a possible criminal violation of the statute (91-A:9).

Therefore, because of your obstructionism, I am making the following reasonably described Right to Know Request for *electronic records*:

**All town-related emails SENT OR RECEIVED by Bill Marcussen and Lloyd Wood on or between January 1, 2016, and February 29, 2016. This includes all attachments to emails, and covers *any and all email accounts used by Bill or Lloyd.***

From the emails I have received so far, it is quite apparent that all of the selectmen routinely use personal email accounts to send or receive emails related to the town. There is nothing inherently illegal about that, so long as the open meetings requirements are not violated, but the use of personal email accounts does not mean you can withhold governmental records from disclosure under RSA 91-A.

Of course, only emails having to do with town business would be considered governmental records. I am not requesting personal emails from Bill and Lloyd's personal email accounts, only emails that have to do with town business. For your own sakes, I suggest in the future you use only your [@tuftonboro.org](mailto:@tuftonboro.org) email addresses for public business, because it will make it easier for *you* to comply with 91-A.

I urge you to adopt a positive approach to Right to Know requests, particularly when it comes to electronic records. You could make all electronic records available on the town website, released on a recurring schedule, subject to appropriate, statutorily-allowed exclusions.

To be very clear: This is not a new Right to Know request. This is an extension of the Right to Know request that you have been attempting to thwart for over a year. I wouldn't be making it if you hadn't consistently stonewalled me.

Thank you,  
Max