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March 10, 2015

Brian Johnson 61 Stafford Road Holland, MA 01521

Dear Mr. Johnson:

We understand that on January 24, you filed a complaint with the Holland Board of Health (the Board), alleging a violation of the Open Meeting Law, G.L. c. 30A, §§ 18-25. The public body is required to notify our office of the complaint and any remedial action taken to address the complaint. G.L. c. 30A, § 23(b); 940 CMR 29.05(5). Our office received notification and a response from the Board on February 4.

Under the Open Meeting Law, a complaint is ripe for review by our office when the complainant files a copy of the initial complaint with the Division of Open Government, provided that at least 30 days have passed since that complaint was filed with the public body. G.L. c. 30A, § 23(b); 940 CMR 29.05(6). We sent you a letter on February 24, stating that if we did not receive the original complaint from you by March 9, we would presume the action taken by the public body was sufficient and would close this file. Our office currently has no record of a complaint filed by you in this matter. Therefore, we now consider this matter closed.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions or believe anything stated in this letter to be inaccurate.

Sincerely,

Hanne Rush

Assistant Attorney General Division of Open Government

cc: Kenneth Ference, Chair, Holland Board of Health