



OPEN MEETING LAW COMPLAINT FORM

Office of the Attorney General
One Ashburton Place
Boston, MA 02108



Town
Clerk
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Please note that all fields are required unless otherwise noted.

Your Contact Information:

First Name: Mark Last Name: Newman

Address: PO Box 583

City: Monterey State: MA Zip Code: 01245

Phone Number: 413-645-4436 Ext. _____

Email: newmanmark57@yahoo.com

Organization or Media Affiliation (if any): _____

Are you filing the complaint in your capacity as an individual, representative of an organization, or media?
(For statistical purposes only)

- Individual
- Organization
- Media

Public Body that is the subject of this complaint:

- City/Town
- County
- Regional/District
- State

Name of Public Body (including city/town, county or region, if applicable): Board of Selectman, Sandisfield, MA.

Specific person(s), if any, you allege committed the violation: Selectboard Chairman George Riley

Date of alleged violation: June 18, 2021

Description of alleged violation:

Describe the alleged violation that this complaint is about. If you believe the alleged violation was intentional, please say so and include the reasons supporting your belief.

Note: This text field has a maximum of 3000 characters.

The posting of meetings and agendas, without proper number of days and lack of information for the agenda. The practice of changing postings and agendas continues to this day. The way the Selectboard Chairman is interpreting the open meeting law is know any board or committee can post a meeting any time by simply placing a meeting agenda on the town bulletin board.

What action do you want the public body to take in response to your complaint?

Note: This text field has a maximum of 500 characters.

I would like a written response. I believe open meeting law training is needed by an unaffiliated source. Don't circumvent the town clerk.

Review, sign, and submit your complaint

I. Disclosure of Your Complaint.

Public Record. Under most circumstances, your complaint, and any documents submitted with your complaint, is considered a public record and will be available to any member of the public upon request.

Publication to Website. As part of the Open Data Initiative, the AGO will publish to its website certain information regarding your complaint, including your name and the name of the public body. The AGO will not publish your contact information.

II. Consulting With a Private Attorney.

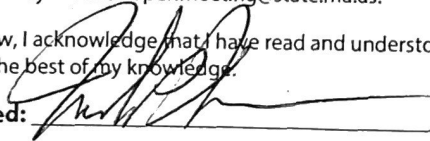
The AGO cannot give you legal advice and is not able to be your private attorney, but represents the public interest. If you have any questions concerning your individual legal rights or responsibilities you should contact a private attorney.

III. Submit Your Complaint to the Public Body.

The complaint must be filed first with the public body. If you have any questions, please contact the Division of Open Government by calling (617) 963-2540 or by email to openmeeting@state.ma.us.

By signing below, I acknowledge that I have read and understood the provisions above and certify that the information I have provided is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Signed: _____



Date: _____

July 11 2021

For Use By Public Body

Date Received by Public Body:

For Use By AGO

Date Received by AGO:

RE: URGENT! Please post today

newmanmark57@ya.../Inbox

**Harasyko, Dolores** <townclerk@sandisfieldma.gov>

To: Riley, George <griley@sandisfieldma.gov>

Cc: Mark Newman <newmanmark57@yahoo.com>, Bowman, Alexander <abowman@sandisfieldma.gov>

Jun 28 at 10:58 AM

Good morning.

Obviously I could not respond this email as I was not in the office on Friday, June 18 and on vacation the following week so today is the first time seeing this email. The Town Hall is closed on Friday. A bigger problem is Friday, June 18 was the legal observance day for Juneteenth which is a legal holiday in Massachusetts. You cannot post a meeting on a legal holiday. I don't know how you want to rectify having had a meeting on Tuesday, June 22. It should have been posted on Thursday, June 17. I was here that day until 4pm.

From: Riley, George <GRiley@sandisfieldma.gov>**Sent:** Friday, June 18, 2021 10:26 PM**To:** Harasyko, Dolores <TownClerk@sandisfieldma.gov>**Subject:** Re: URGENT! Please post today

Hi Dolores, regarding the previous email. I recall your saying that the website is not the official posting site - the bulletin board is. So I posted the agenda on the bulletin board earlier today.

Still, if you would put it up on the website Monday morning, I'd appreciate it.

Thanks,

George

PS: We do need to have other people with access to the website. Let's talk about this soon.

From: Riley, George**Sent:** Friday, June 18, 2021 12:32:31 PM**To:** Harasyko, Dolores**Subject:** URGENT! Please post today

Hello Dolores,

I know you're not in the office today but this needs to be posted today, and I don't know who else can do this.

I'm happy to do it but I can't log in to the website.

George Riley, CFRE

Sandisfield Select Board

66 Sandisfield Road

Sandisfield, Mass. 01255

Town of Sandisfield
Board of Selectmen
June 22, 2021

Posting and agenda for a finance **work session** to be held on Tuesday June 22 at 4:00 PM at the Town Hall Annex, 66 Sandisfield Road, Sandisfield, MA

Invited participants include: Tom Scanlon, Teresa Spohnholz, Margaret McClellan, Roger Brown

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://zoom.us/j/94905505446?pwd=WmhkbUExaUdPZ21ham9TREFWS3FHQT09>

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Agenda:

1. Review & discuss draft of **Independent Accountant's Report on Applying Agreed-Upon Procedures** from Scanlon & Associates, LLC