



May 18, 2022

VIA U.S. MAIL

Dominque Winebaum
52 Cable Road
Rye, New Hampshire 03870

Re: May 11, 2022 Right to Know Request

Dear Mrs. Winebaum:

The purpose of this letter is to acknowledge receipt of and respond to your Right to Know Request dated May 11, 2022. The Town responds to your individual requests as follows:

1. **REQUEST:** Please indicate who authorized hiring Consultant Julie La Branche for additional services, namely, to write the articles in the Rye Magazine (April) and in the Town of Rye Newsletter, "TOWN OF RYE MASTER PLAN: FORGING A PATH TOWARD AN UPDATE OF THE MASTER PLAN" (Feb. 2022). This information was transmitted by Ms. Reed at the LRP Committee meeting on May 3rd which members had been unaware of.

RESPONSE: *The original contract between the Town and Ms. LaBranche may be inspected at the Town Hall during regular business hours. No further government records exist responsive to your request.*

RSA 91-A:4 requires public bodies to provide access to inspect government records. RSA chapter 91-A does not require municipalities to respond to general inquiries nor to create records which do not presently exist. To the extent that this request is an inquiry as to the identity of who authorized the hiring of a certain consultant, without reference or request to a specific government record, this request is outside the scope of RSA 91-A.

2. Please provide the written or verbal scope of work for Julie LaBranche's additional services which were "compensated." In addition to the two articles as mentioned above, did it also include the document "A Path to Resilience"? The document was included in a Planning Board agenda but never discussed.

RESPONSE: *No government records exist responsive to your request.*