



# TOWN OF STONINGTON

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### Planning & Development Committee

Re: Identification of major impacts regarding the redaction of records in accordance with section §12-217 of the Connecticut General Statutes

Municipal employees have always strived to administer the laws of the State of Connecticut with the utmost diligence and professionalism. We realize in a changing world that we presently reside in, certain classes of individuals are concerned about the welfare of their families, as a result of the duties and responsibilities that they perform in order to protect the public at large. Occasionally there are laws passed that have significant impacts on municipal agencies that need to be readdressed, §12-217 is one such provision.

- The property location and the mailing address may be one in the same; however only the mailing address is redacted. If the location was redacted it would create disconnects among municipal departments as the major link for land records, assessor records, tax records, building records, and emergency records.
- The law provides for redaction of the mailing address; however correspondence is required to be mailed for billing, notification of abutters regarding zoning issues and many other reasons.
- There is a false sense of security for an individual as records, other than municipal, are easily available through the internet.
- Open records provides public accountability.

Respectfully submitted,

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