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Sent:

Tuesday, November 7, 2023 1:44 PM

To:

Rachel Kushner

Subject:

New York Freedom of Information Law Request: Town of Hartland - Seaman Norris LLP

contracts

Town of Hartland, Gasport, NY FOIL Office 8942 Ridge Rd Gasport, NY 14067

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November 7, 2023

To Whom It May Concern:

Pursuant to the New York Freedom of Information Law, I hereby request the following records:

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In the event that there are fees, I would be grateful if you would inform me of the total charges in advance of fulfilling my request. I would prefer the request filled electronically, by e-mail attachment if available or CD-ROM if not.

Thank you in advance for your anticipated cooperation in this matter. I look forward to receiving your response to this request within 5 business days, as the statute requires.

Sincerely,

Joanne Riford

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W. Ross Annable, Supervisor PHONE-716-735-7179 FAX- 716-735-3061 8942 RIDGE RD GASPORT NY 14067

November 10, 2023

Joanne Riford

Dear Ms. Riford:

This letter is to advise you that Town is in receipt of your F.O.I.L. request dated November 7, 2023 requesting the following:

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Please be advised that pursuant to Freedom of Information Law, a search of documents requested will be conducted. It is estimated that your request will be granted, granted in part, or denied within twenty business days.

Judy Slabyk

Deputy Town Clerk



W. Ross Annable, Supervisor PHONE-716-735-7179 FAX- 716-735-3061 8942 RIDGE RD GASPORT NY 14067

December 4, 2023

Joanne Riford

Dear Ms. Riford:

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You have the right to Appeal this decision. A written appeal may be directed to Hartland Town Board, Attention W. Ross Annable, 8942 Ridge Road, Gasport, New York 14067; phone (716) 735-7179.

Judy Ślabyk

Acting Town Clerk



MARGARET M. ZAEPFEL, SUPERVISOR PHONE-716-735-7179 FAX- 716-735-3061 8942 RIDGE RD GASPORT NY 14067

January 19, 2024

Joanne Riford

This letter is to advise you we received your check in the amount of \$3.50 for copies of contracts between the Town and Seaman Norris LLP.

This request was satisfied on December 5, 2023 when Christine Little picked up and paid for the copies. She requested the receipt be put into your name, Joanne Riford. See attached copy of the receipt.

This check can be returned to you.

Please advise.

Caitlin Clark
Town Clerk

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Town of Hartland 8942 Ridge Road Gasport, NY 14067 (716) 735-7179

RECEIPT #3911

12/05/2023

Riford, Joanne

Received \$ 3.50 for Foi Requests, on 12/05/2023. Thank you for stopping by the Town Clerk's office. As always, it is our pleasure to serve you.



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January 5, 2024

This is a follow up to a previous request:

To Whom It May Concern:

Please find enclosed a check for \$3.50 to satisfy the fee associated with the attached public records request.

Thank you.

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Attachments:

• Riford Res #6

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On Dec. 5, 2023:

Subject: Town of Hartland

Please see attached

Judy Slabyk Deputy Town Clerk Water Billing Clerk Town of Hartland 716-735-7179 X104 716-735-3061 Fax

On Nov. 12, 2023:

Subject: Town of Hartland

Please see attached

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Judy Ślabyk

Acting Town Clerk



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- 4. The following services shall be rendered by the Attorneys at an additional charge as follows:
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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto affix their hand and seal this $\frac{4m}{3}$ day of $\frac{2013}{3}$.

Town of Hartland

Bv:

W. Ross Annable, Supervisor

SEAMAN NORRIS LLP

By:

Brian D. Seaman, Attorney

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Agreement made this day of _______, 20 12, between THE TOWN OF HARTLAND, hereinafter referred to as "Town" and SEAMAN NORRIS LLP, hereinafter referred to as "Attorneys":

- 1. The Town hereby engages the Attorneys and the Attorneys hereby agrees to perform services upon the terms and conditions hereinafter set forth.
- 2. The term of this contract shall commence January 1, 2018, and shall terminate at the first meeting of the Town Board in January, 2019.
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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto affix their hand and seal this 3^{2} day of 5^{2} , 20^{6} .

Town of Hartland

Bv:

W. Ross Annable, Supervisor

SEAMAN NORRIS LLP

Bv:

Brian D. Seaman, Attorney



Agreement made this 3d day of 5mmy, 20 19, between THE TOWN OF HARTLAND, hereinafter referred to as "Town" and SEAMAN NORRIS LLP, hereinafter referred to as "Attorneys":

- 1. The Town hereby engages the Attorneys and the Attorneys hereby agrees to perform services upon the terms and conditions hereinafter set forth.
- 2. The term of this contract shall commence January 1, 2019, and shall terminate at the first meeting of the Town Board in January, 2020.
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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto affix their hand and seal this 4 day of _______, 20 do

Town of Hartland

Bv:

W. Ross Annablé, Supervisor

SEAMAN NORRIS LLP

By:

Brian D. Seaman, Attorney

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- 1. The Town hereby engages the Attorneys and the Attorneys hereby agrees to perform services upon the terms and conditions hereinafter set forth.
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Town of Hartland

By:

W. Ross Annable, Supervisor

SEAMAN NORRIS LLP

Bv:

Brian D. Seaman, Attorney



Agreement made this 14 day of January , 2021, between THE TOWN OF HARTLAND, hereinafter referred to as "Town" and SEAMAN NORRIS LLP, hereinafter referred to as "Attorneys":

- 1. The Town hereby engages the Attorneys and the Attorneys hereby agrees to perform services upon the terms and conditions hereinafter set forth.
- 2. The term of this contract shall commence January 1, 2021, and shall terminate at the first meeting of the Town Board in January, 2022.
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Town of Hartland

By:

W. Ross Annable, Supervisor

SEAMAN NORRIS LLP

Ву:

Anthony J. Serianni, Attorney

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Agreement made this 10.20.20, 20.22, between THE TOWN OF HARTLAND, hereinafter referred to as "Town" and SEAMAN NORRIS LLP, hereinafter referred to as "Attorneys":

- 1. The Town hereby engages the Attorneys and the Attorneys hereby agrees to perform services upon the terms and conditions hereinafter set forth.
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Town of Hartland

By:

W. Ross Amable, Supervisor

SEAMAN NORRIS LLP

By:

David J. Haylett, Jr., Attorney

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PROSECUTOR CONTRACT

Agreement made this <u>28</u> day of <u>December</u>, 20<u>23</u>, between THE TOWN OF HARTLAND, with its principal office located at 8942 Ridge Road, Gasport, New York, hereinafter referred to as "Town" and SEAMAN NORRIS LLP, having offices at 744 Davison Road, Lockport, New York.

For the purpose of continuity in the coverage of the Town of Hartland Prosecution, it is hereby agreed as follows:

- 1. Seaman Norris LLP shall provide prosecution in the Town of Hartland Town Court, with Anthony Serianni and David Haylett Jr., as the designated prosecutors until such time as this Contract is terminated by the Town Board or Seaman Norris LLP, at will without cause, or by appointment of a different prosecutor.
- 2. Services shall be billed by Seaman Norris LLP to the Town of Hartland by voucher, at an hourly rate of \$250.00 per hour.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto affix their hand and seal.

Dated: December 28, 2023

Town of Hartland

By:

W. Ross Annable, Supervisor

SEAMAN NORRIS LLP

BV:

Daniel E. Seaman, Attorney

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Town of Hartland 8942 Ridge Road Gasport, NY 14067 (716) 735-7179

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01/30/2024

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TheTownofHartland

The Town of Hartland Main Store rachelkushner@town of hartlandny.us

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