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Hi Nicole,

Thank you for your response. I updated the story once again to add "I have nothing further to add beyond the information in my OML complaint." as you requested.

Please note that your comments on social media are incorrect and disproven by this very email thread and the article itself. You stated "Contrary to what was reported in the article, I did respond to Sudbury Weekly's request for comment. That can be verified through a public records request."

The original story, which ran before you responded, called out that you hadn't responded. The article was promptly updated once you did respond, with a good faith effort to ensure Sudbury Weekly was publishing the statement in the manner you intended.

It would be irresponsible to remove the original line that said you hadn't responded, which is why the "Update" is added in bold font with a date to make sure that readers understand that something changed *after* publishing the story.

I would also like to remind you that you shared public records with Sudbury Weekly when you were the chair of the committee, including multiple attachments in a February 11, 2025 email. When you suggest that the formal record request process is the only appropriate method for media to request public records, your own actions defy your assertion.

In past experiences the RAO has been an unreliable or difficult resource for accessing public records. In one case he did not even respond until long after the record request deadline had passed, and I had to include the Town Clerk and Town Manager on the thread to get a response. Screenshot of that email exchange below.

In an August 30, 2024 response to a record request, I received the following response from the RAO "This is not in my realm and have no information on your question..."

Again - public records are public records and nobody is required to use the formal process. But in the context of how SPS regularly bungles the record request process, it certainly makes sense that people would utilize other methods for requesting public records, and I appreciated your prompt sharing of public records upon request last year.

Thanks,
Kevin