

STATE OF CONNECTICUT
STATE ELECTIONS ENFORCEMENT COMMISSION

In the Matter of a Complaint by
John T. Coffindaffer, Oxford

File No. 2012-075

FINDINGS AND CONCLUSIONS

Complainant brings this complaint, pursuant to General Statutes §9-7b, alleging that Ronan Golding (hereinafter Respondent) violated General Statutes § 9-357 by fraudulently registering to vote and §9-360 by fraudulently voting numerous times in the Town of Oxford.

After the investigation of the complaint, the Commission makes the following findings and conclusions:

1. Respondent is a citizen of Ireland who resides in Oxford, Connecticut. Respondent, as a non-citizen, would not qualify as an elector to vote in Connecticut pursuant to General Statutes § 9-20.
2. Complainant alleged that Respondent violated General Statutes §§ 9-357 and 9-360 by fraudulently voting numerous times in the Town of Oxford even though the latter is a citizen of Ireland.
3. Respondent denied all allegations against him that are subject of this complaint. Specifically, Respondent denied that he violated General Statutes § 9-357 by fraudulently registering to vote and § 9-360 by fraudulently voting.
4. Upon investigation, the Commission finds that Respondent took up residence in the United States in December 1999 and in 2002 petitioned and was awarded Lawful Permanent Resident Status according to the Immigration Officer at the Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) of the U.S. Department of Homeland Security.
5. Additionally, the Commission finds that Respondent is *not* registered to vote in the State of Connecticut. Specifically, after extensive review of Oxford town records and the Connecticut Voter Registration System (CVRS) electronic database there is no indication of a history or record of Respondent voting in the Town of Oxford either in elections or referenda since taking up residence in 1999 as detailed by ICE to Commission staff.
6. The Commission therefore finds, for reasons detailed in paragraphs 4 and 5 above, that there is a lack of evidence to support or corroborate Complainant's allegation, which remains wholly unsubstantiated.

7. The Commission concludes, for reasons detailed herein, that Respondent did not violate either General Statutes § 9-357 or § 9-360 and therefore dismisses the allegations against him.

ORDER

The following Order is recommended on the basis of the aforementioned findings:

That the complaint is dismissed.

Adopted this 15th day of May, 2013, at Hartford, Connecticut.



Anthony J. Castagno, Chairman
By Order of the Commission