

**STATE OF CONNECTICUT**  
**STATE ELECTIONS ENFORCEMENT COMMISSION**

In the Matter of a Complaint by Greg L. Haythorn,  
Weston

File No. 2020-074

**COMMISSION DISMISSAL**

1. This complaint was received November 9, 2020. Commission staff docketed this complaint on November 10, 2020. The Commission as detailed herein dismisses this matter by motion and order of the Commission pursuant to General Statutes § 9-7b, as detailed herein.
2. Complainant alleges that the Town of Weston, after cancelling its Spring 2020 budget referendum pursuant to the Governor's emergency orders pertaining to the pandemic, unlawfully approved a budget referendum through an improper process. .
3. Complainant asserts that:

*While this was consistent with Governor emergency orders, and consistent with cancellations in many other CT municipalities, not all towns chose to cancel their referendums outright ( e.g. Vernon "drive-up" referendum balloting). Weston cancelled without enacting any emergency measures to ensure the integrity of the Board Governance budget process.*
4. Pursuant to its authority in General Statutes 9-7a (g) (1), as amended by June Sp. Sess. Public Act 17-02, the Commission conducted a preliminary investigation. At this time, the Commission therefore determines to take no further action under these specific and narrow circumstances.
5. Complainant's allegations turn on the application of municipal ordinance and the General Statutes Title, 7, governing municipalities. .
6. The Commission is limited by its jurisdiction to General Statutes, Title 9 governing elections. The Commission declines therefore to interpret and apply either municipal ordinance or Title 7, General Statutes to these facts and circumstances.
7. The Commission makes no judgement as to Complainant's substantive claims or factual representations of this complaint.



8. After preliminary investigation, the Commission determines that the complaint does not allege violations of election laws pursuant to Title 9, General Statutes.
9. Pursuant to Public Act 17-02, section 274 (currently codified as General Statutes 9-7a (g),(l)), the Commission dismisses this complaint, after preliminary investigation, for failure to allege any substantial violation of state election law supported by evidence.

**ORDER**

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

That this matter is dismissed.

Adopted this 16<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2020 at Hartford, Connecticut.

  
Anthony J. Castagno, Chair  
By Order of the Commission  
  
Salvatore H. Bramante, Vice Chair