From: <u>Jandl, Lauren</u>

To:

Subject: Public Records Request

Date: Thursday, November 10, 2022 6:53:24 PM
Attachments: 2022-11-10 Jandl PRA Response to Vanamburg.pdf

Mark Vanamburg,

Please find the attached correspondence related to your public records request.

Thank you,

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Dear Mark Vanamburg:



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## STATE OF VERMONT OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL 109 STATE STREET MONTPELIER, VT 05609-1001

November 10, 2022	
Mark Vanamburg, via email to:	
Re: Public Records Request	

I write in response to your Public Records Act request. Due to an administrative error, the Attorney General's Office has only today become aware of your request. In your letter, dated October 13, 2022, you requested:

1. Please provide documentation regarding which type of tax the Town of Leicester taxes is requiring from me in regards to my private land and property; "direct" or "indirect," or other taxing category, naming the specific category.

The Attorney General's Office is not the custodian of the records you seek. You may consider contacting the Vermont Department of Taxes and/or the Town of Leicester with your request.

2. Please provide certified documents showing the Town of Leicester's lawful and constitutional authority, including statutory law (positive law) to tax, directly or indirectly, my personal, private property, including on land and home, since it is being applied as neither direct or indirect.

You appear to be seeking legal advice and/or information from publicly available sources. Vermont statutes are available to the public online at <a href="https://legislature.vermont.gov/statutes/">https://legislature.vermont.gov/statutes/</a>. If you are seeking legal advice, you may consider contacting the Vermont Bar Association's <a href="Lawyer Referral Service">Lawyer Referral Service</a> for assistance with locating an attorney.

3. Please provide documentation of who the responsible party representing the Town of Leicester who authorized said taxes, and their jurisdiction on this issue, to include signature and printing of that name on this document. There must be statutory law (positive law) that exists which allows this taxation, but it cannot be in conflict with the Constitution.

The Attorney General's Office is not the custodian of the records you seek, and here again, you appear to be seeking legal advice and/or information from publicly available sources. You may consider contacting the Vermont Department of Taxes and/or the Town of Leicester with your request. Additionally, Vermont statutes are available to the public online at <a href="https://legislature.vermont.gov/statutes/">https://legislature.vermont.gov/statutes/</a>. If you are seeking legal advice, you may consider contacting the Vermont Bar Association's <a href="Lawyer Referral Service">Lawyer Referral Service</a> for assistance with locating an attorney.

4. Please provide contact information and the name of the entity that claims superior title on my land, and the names and contact information of persons holding positions as agents for this entity and their titles in regards to the demanded taxes on my land and property. Please provide documents proving the alleged claim to superior title to my private land and property. For, in order to tax something the entity that impose the tax must hold and prove superior title of ownership and prove jurisdiction over the alleged "tenant" and over the land/property in question.

The Attorney General's Office is not the custodian of the records you seek. You may consider contacting the Vermont Department of Taxes and/or the Town of Leicester with your request. Additionally, Vermont statutes are available to the public online at <a href="https://legislature.vermont.gov/statutes/">https://legislature.vermont.gov/statutes/</a>. If you are seeking legal advice, you may consider contacting the Vermont Bar Association's <a href="Lawyer Referral Service">Lawyer Referral Service</a> for assistance with locating an attorney.

5. Please provide documents showing and proving when and how this entity, or persons, allegedly and lawfully obtained superior title to my land.

The Attorney General's Office is not the custodian of the records you seek. You may consider contacting the Vermont Department of Taxes and/or the Town of Leicester with your request.

6. Please provide proof that this entity lawfully obtained superior title to my land without contradicting the Constitution for the United States of America and its amendments, without violating my Constitutional rights and without employing the use of color of law.

Here again, you appear to be seeking legal advice and/or information from publicly available sources. Vermont statutes are available to the public online at <a href="https://legislature.vermont.gov/statutes/">https://legislature.vermont.gov/statutes/</a>. If you are seeking a legal opinion, you may consider contacting the Vermont Bar Association's <a href="Lawyer Referral Service">Lawyer Referral Service</a> for assistance with locating an attorney.

- 7. [no item identified]
- 8. Please provide documentation showing the **method of assessment**, the rules for assessment, the financial criteria used for this assessment, and copy of independent, certified appraisal of said property, that complies with the Continental Constitutional requirements for taxation.

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<u>https://legislature.vermont.gov/statutes/</u>. To the extent you seek legal advice, you may consider contacting the Vermont Bar Association's <u>Lawyer Referral Service</u> for assistance with locating an attorney.

9. Please provide a complete record of all taxes paid by me on the property listed below, since its purchase by me on October 21, 2002, to include itemization of taxes for land, taxes for buildings on said land, or any other taxed item.

The Attorney General's Office is not the custodian of the records you seek. You may consider contacting the Vermont Department of Taxes and/or the Town of Leicester with your request.

Please be aware that any future public records requests may be submitted electronically by completing the request form available on the Attorney General's Office's website, <a href="https://ago.vermont.gov/Public-Records-Request-Form/">https://ago.vermont.gov/Public-Records-Request-Form/</a>, or by emailing your request to <a href="majorage-ago-public-records-requests@vermont.gov">ago.publicrecords-requests@vermont.gov</a>.

Sincerely,

/s/ Lauren Jandl

Lauren Jandl Chief of Staff