

Roxanne Maher

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Subject: FW: Town of Ledyard - Question - Informal Gathering - FOIA Response

Hello Community Relations Cmt for DEI:

I reached out to FOIA Russell Blair to obtain clarification regarding a joint Barbeque.

Please see his response below.

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From: Blair, Russell <Russell.Blair@ct.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, July 1, 2026 10:48 AM
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Subject: RE: Town of Ledyard - Question - Informal Gathering

Hi Roxanne,

I think that could fall under the exception for a **social meeting**, as long as they are not conducting town business at the barbecue. I realize that is likely to be a topic of conversation, but I think its important for board members to understand they can't use this gathering as a replacement for the discussion and votes they'd take at a meeting.

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Good Morning Russell:

I hope your summer is going well.

I have a question as to whether a Barbeque with the members of the Town Council and Board of Education would be considered a meeting.

I appreciate your clarification on this type of informal gathering.

Thank you,
Roxanne

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