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## Public Records Sleazy Tactics

In late February a computer technician hacked into Selectman Mike O'donnells town owned computer in an effort to obtain public records requested by Steven Dewhurst. O,donnell learned of the incident when informed by Chief Parker that his password had been reset. It's not clear why no one thought to ask Selectmen O'donnell for the password rather than go to the expense of hiring a technician to access his computer via unscrupulous means. Dewhursts requested public records pertaining to correspondence between Selectmen O'donnell and Jack Franey, Paul Johnson, Bobbi Frugoli, Dawn Padovani and Rod Forrester since April 28, 2007 (the day Jack Franey was elected Treasurer Collector). The request and the records released are posted on fixcarver.com for all to see. We support all public records requests . Ironically Dewhursts request clearly demonstrates that Selectmen O'donnell and Treasurer Collector Franey are squeaky clean with regards to their use of public resources. We thank Steve Dewhurst for paying \$122.50 to prove that nothing improper transpired between Selectman O'donnell and the people listed on the request.

This week is sunshine week celebrating open government and freedom of information issues. As citizens we condemn the sleazy, underhanded tactics used by town officials to obtain this information. Political abuse of these laws are unconscionable. We are aware of no other requests for public records that were obtained by hacking into the individuals computer. It's clear that this incident was motivated as a rouse to invade Odonnell's computer and view its contents for political reasons.

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