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Letter to the Editor

In the town of Carver we are living in a time of tight budgets and all our departments should be practicing fiscal restraint. Many of our employees have taken pay cuts, forgone raises or step increases and some have tried to manipulate the system as was evident at our last town meeting.

I bring this to your attention because of two recent letters I received from the Chairman of the Carver Conservation Commission in response to a public records request I made, which as a citizen is my right.

Mr. Dan Fortier answered my request in a timely manner which I do not question. What I do question and offer for your opinion, is the manner in which it was sent. His reply arrived at my home Via Certified Mail at a cost to the taxpayers of \$5.54. Now I know all of us have complained from time to time about the delivery of mail from the postal service but the fact remains that they do a very good job of sending a letter across the country for \$.44 or until the next rate increase. I don't know about you but doesn't it sound a little silly to spend an extra \$5.10 to send a letter containing general information from Carver Center to Cranberry Village in South Carver?

I decided to send a follow up letter to Mr. Fortier and ask him why he felt it was necessary to send his reply in this manner. Mr. Fortier replied to my request again Via Certified Mail with an additional \$5.10 extra postage charged to the taxpayers. He stated his reason for sending both letters in this manner is because I have a history of denying that I have my public records requests answered in a timely manner, and he felt he needed a signed receipt with my name on it for proof.

I followed up with an additional letter, asking him if he had any proof of his claim, that I deny receiving answers to public records requests in a timely manner. As of yet I have not received a reply to that letter. I did tell Mr. Fortier, that in the future if he finds it necessary to have a signed receipt for a letter sent to me, he can call my house and I will come to Town Hall and pick it up and sign for it, thereby saving the Town of Carver an additional \$5.54

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