

# Warren

FIRST TWO VISITS:

OCT. 20

NOV. 17

## Documents Not Received



### School Committee Minutes:

- Readability: Good
- Thoroughness: Good
- Layout: Good
- Legal Compliance: Full

### City/Town Council Minutes:

- Readability: Average
- Thoroughness: Average
- Layout: Average
- Legal Compliance: Full

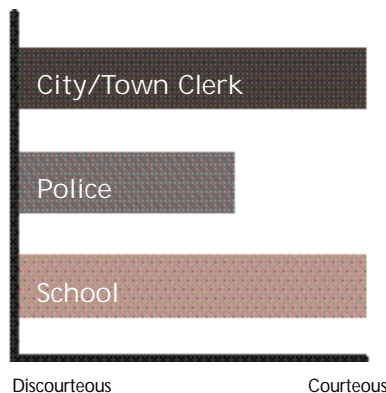
“ Upon requesting minutes and agendas from the City Clerk, I was greeted by an extremely courteous clerk who did not ask me any questions. The overall experience was wonderful. She even pointed out informational brochures about the area for me to read while I waited. The building had copies of the Open Meetings Act posted at the entryway for the public to read. ”

(See Bristol for narrative from the Bristol/Warren School Department)

In Warren, the researchers were successful in obtaining nine of the ten indexed items. As in many jurisdictions, the Town Clerk’s office was the most courteous and compliant of the three divisions of local government studied. The Town Clerk’s office complied with all of the requests made and received the highest possible demeanor rating. The Warren Police Department was the weakest in this otherwise positive report. The Police were rated as discourteous and asked for identification and a reason for both the requests for indexed items. Across all divisions of government, Warren is one of eight towns that asked for identification 20 percent of the time or less. However, Warren required both their paperwork and a written request be submitted in order to receive some of the requests. The written request for School Committee minutes and agendas from the School Department was complied with within the 30 days allowed under the law.

While the Town Clerk provided all of the requests, it was one of two divisions of government across the state that failed to provide the most recent minutes – a violation of the Open Meetings Law. The Town Clerk provided minutes from July 8 and August 12, under the statute. The minutes from the meeting held on September 9th should have been made public record at the October 13th meeting and available at the time of our request, October 20th.

## How We Were Treated



## Comparison: Cities/Towns

