

FIRST TWO VISITS: OCT. 27
NOV. 12

Newport

Documents Not Received



School Committee Minutes:

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

City/Town Council Minutes:

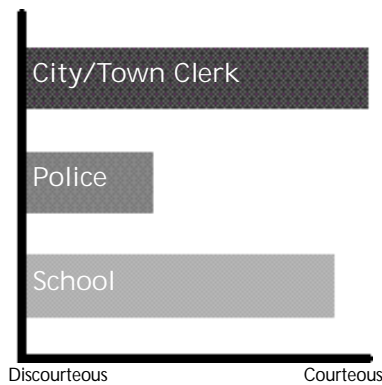
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Ninety percent of the requests made in Newport were honored, and none of those requests required more than one visit. The Police was the only division of government to deny access to documents. The employees encountered by the researchers were generally quite courteous. Although often helpful, these municipal workers were also unusually inquisitive. Every request in Newport was met with a question about the identity of the researcher, and 90 percent of the time researchers were also asked why they wanted the documents. In only a few cities or towns were the researchers met with such universal curiosity. These inquiries were generally friendly and sometimes came after the documents had been received; nevertheless, there is reason for concern that this kind of inquisitiveness might create an impediment or deterrent to open records.

“ There was no problem getting information in City Clerk’s office, but the clerk was curious why I wanted information. I was able to view the city’s budget without a problem.

The clerk at the School Department was very helpful and gave me all the information that I needed and provided books on school policies and the school budget. Overall, they were most helpful. ”

How We Were Treated



Comparison: Cities/Towns

