

FIRST TWO VISITS: OCT. 23
NOV. 13

Warwick

Documents Not Received



School Committee Minutes:

- Readability: Poor
- Thoroughness: Poor
- Layout: Poor
- Legal Compliance: None

City/Town Council Minutes:

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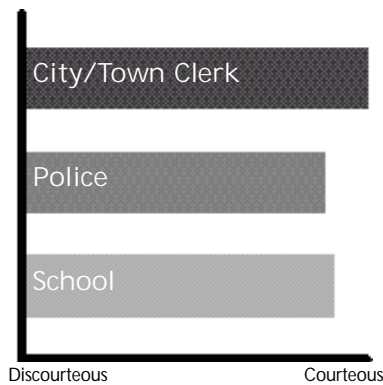
Warwick fulfilled 90 percent of the requests in this study. Warwick was also one of the most courteous cities in the state. The Warwick School Department employees and City Clerk’s office were rated “very courteous,” but the City Clerk’s office stands out as being exceptionally helpful and responsive. The Police Department was rated somewhat courteous. Warwick is one of the two towns statewide that never asked for identification, although they did inquire about the reason for the request in half of the interactions.

The areas for improvement in Warwick involve the School Committee minutes and the refusal of the Police Department to provide access to arrest reports that are not under investigation. Warwick was one of the worst jurisdictions in the state for legal compliance with the three requirements of the Open Meetings Law examined in this study. The City Council minutes were in violation of two provisions, as were the School Committee minutes.

(Footnote on p. 70.)

“ When I requested the contract settlement from the secretary at the School Department, I was sent back and forth between two people until I finally was able to see the booklet that contained the information. I took a seat to examine the contents, and the secretary stood over me as I did so. When I requested a list of tax delinquencies, the clerk told me that such a list does not exist. I tried to further explain what I was looking for, and she continued to say that a list does not exist. ”

How We Were Treated



Comparison: Cities/Towns

