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Hon. Theodore Gatsas
One City Hall Plaza
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Arthur Beaudry, Vice Chairman
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RE: Request for Legal Opinion Re: Violation of N.H. R.S.A. 570-A:2, I (a)(b), I-a; and N.H. R.S.A. 91-A

Dear Mayor Gatsas and Vice Chairman Beaudry:

Please allow this letter to serve as my formal request for legal opinion regarding the audio recording of the September 11, 2017 non-public meeting made by At Large School Committee Member, Rich Girard.

I respectfully request that the legal opinion address the following:

1. Is Mr. Girard guilty of a class B felony for recording board members without their consent?
2. Is Mr. Girard guilty of a misdemeanor for recording board members without their consent?
3. Did Mr. Girard violate RSA 91-A where he recorded matters during a non-public session, including school district business, personnel matters and other business involving privacy matters which are not to be documented with specificity and certainly such matters may not be recorded?

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4. Did Mr. Girard violate N.H. R.S.A. 91-A by making a recording of the non-public session as a board member?

5. Did Mr. Girard violate N.H. R.S.A. 91-A by making a recording of the non-public session as a member of the media?

I further request that this information be provided prior to October 23, 2017 and included on the agenda for the meeting scheduled for October 23, 2017.

Thank you and kind regards.

Very truly yours,


Katie Desrochers