

**LEWIS FAMILY FARM, INC.**  
1212 Whallons Bay Road · Essex · NY · 12936  
[www.lewisfamilyfarm.com](http://www.lewisfamilyfarm.com)

May 3, 2012

Ms. Catherine DeWolff, *Town Clerk*  
~~Tax Collector~~  
PO Box 45  
Essex, NY 12936

Re: Application for Access to Records Under Freedom of Information Law (FOIL)

Dear Ms. DeWolff:

Under the provisions of the New York Freedom of Information Law, Article 6 of the Public Officers Law, I hereby request a copy of the following records or portions thereof pertaining to:

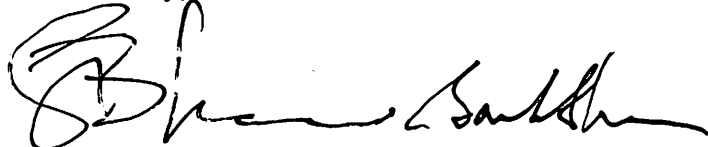
All documents, records, files, communications, emails, letters, internal and external notes and notices, photographs, images, maps, charts, design and architectural plans and blueprints, and reports relating to the 2012 assessed values relating to the following tax parcels owned by the Lewis Family Farm or Salim B Lewis:

49.3-2-27.000  
49.3-2-24.000  
57.2-6-2.100  
49.3-2-4.000

Specifically, please include all documents, records, notes, and communications relating to the *changes* in assessed values for the above-listed parcels, as indicated in the 2012 Assessment Notifications recently mailed to the property owners, and any and all numerical calculations relating to such change in assessed values.

If for any reason any portion of our request is denied, please inform me of the reasons for the denial in writing and provide the name and address of the person or body to whom an appeal should be directed.

Sincerely,



S B Lewis & Barbara A. Lewis  
Lewis Family Farm, Inc.

Cc: Joseph A. Brennan, Esq., Brennan & White LLP  
Donald A. Fisher, President, Pomeroy Appraisers  
Mark R. McNamara, Esq.  
David Sayre, Chairman, Board of Assessors, Town of Essex  
Diane Lansing, Board of Assessors, Town of Essex  
Sharon Boisen, Supervisor, Town of Essex

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May 16, 2012

Ms. Catherine DeWolff  
Tax Collector  
PO Box 45  
Essex, NY 12936

Re: Application for Access to Records Under Freedom of Information Law (FOIL)

Dear Ms. DeWolff:

Under the provisions of the New York Freedom of Information Law, Article 6 of the Public Officers Law, I hereby request a copy of the following records or portions thereof pertaining to:

1. Any and all bills, invoices, statements indicating dollar amounts billed to the Town of Essex by and through the law firm of Hiscock & Barclay for services rendered in connection with the matter of Lewis Family Farm v. Town of Essex, including but not limited to attorneys' fees, appraisal fees and costs and expenses of litigation;
2. Any and all dollar amounts paid to date by the Town of Essex to the law firm of Hiscock & Barclay for services rendered in connection with the matter of Lewis Family Farm v. Town of Essex;
3. Any engagement letter, memo of understanding, or contract stating the terms of representation by the law firm of Hiscock & Barclay in the matter of Lewis Family Farm v. Town of Essex, including hourly fees, retainer amount, scope of engagement.

If for any reason any portion of our request is denied, please inform me of the reasons for the denial in writing and provide the name and address of the person or body to whom an appeal should be directed.

Sincerely,

/s/Salim B. Lewis

S B Lewis  
Lewis Family Farm, Inc.

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Donald A. Fisher, President, Pomeroy Appraisers  
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December 17, 2012

Ms. Audrey Hoskins  
Town Clerk  
PO Box 45  
Essex, NY 12936

Re: Application for Access to Records Under Freedom of Information Law (FOIL)

Dear Ms. Hoskins:

Under the provisions of the New York Freedom of Information Law, Article 6 of the Public Officers Law, I hereby request a copy of the following records or portions thereof pertaining to:

1. As of May 8, 2011 to the present, any and all bills, invoices, statements indicating dollar amounts billed to the Town of Essex by and through the law firm of Hiscock & Barclay for services relating to Lewis Family Farm v. Town of Essex, including but not limited to attorneys' fees, appraisal fees and costs and expenses of litigation;
2. As of May 8, 2011 to the present, any and all bills, invoices, statements indicating dollar amounts billed to the Town of Essex by and through Empire State Appraisal Consultants, Jeffrey E. Robinson, MAI, SRA, or any officer or employee of Empire State Appraisal Consultants, for services relating to Lewis Family Farm v. Town of Essex;
3. Any engagement letter, memo of understanding, or contract stating the terms of representation by Empire State Appraisal Consultants, Jeffrey E. Robinson, MAI, SRA in the matter of Lewis Family Farm v. Town of Essex, including hourly fees, retainer amount, scope of engagement;
4. Total dollar amounts paid to date by the Town of Essex in connection with Lewis Family Farm v. Town of Essex to -
  - a) Hiscock & Barclay;
  - b) Empire State Appraisal Consultants, and/or Jeffrey E. Robinson, MAI, SRA;

5. Any and all records of the Town of Essex, minutes, notes, communications, emails, letters, internal and external documents, budgets, accounts, indicating dollar amounts reserved, budgeted, anticipated in connection with the matter of Lewis Family Farm v. Town of Essex, including but not limited to payment for legal and appraisal services, Hiscock & Barclay, Empire State Appraisal Consultants, and/or Jeffrey E. Robinson, MAI, SRA.

If for any reason any portion of our request is denied, please inform me of the reasons for the denial in writing and provide the name and address of the person or body to whom an appeal should be directed.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'S B Lewis', written over the word 'Sincerely,'.

S B Lewis  
Lewis Family Farm, Inc.

Cc: Joseph A. Brennan, Esq., Brennan & White LLP  
Donald A. Fisher, President, Pomeroy Appraisers  
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May 8, 2013

Ms. Audrey Hoskins  
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Re: Application for Access to Records Under Freedom of Information Law (FOIL)

Dear Ms. Hoskins:

Under the provisions of the New York Freedom of Information Law, Article 6 of the Public Officers Law, I hereby request a copy of the following records or portions thereof pertaining to:

1. All documents, records, files, communications, emails, letters, internal and external notes and notices, photographs, images, maps, charts, design and architectural plans and blueprints, and reports relating to the *change* in assessed value as indicated in the 2013 Assessment Notification recently mailed to the property owners, of the following tax parcel, and any numerical calculations relating to such change in assessed value:

49.3-2-27.000

2. All of the same kind of documentation and records described above relating to the following tax parcel, and specifically, such documentation showing why there was no change in assessed value of such following tax parcel:

49.3-2-24.000

If for any reason any portion of our request is denied, please inform me of the reasons for the denial in writing and provide the name and address of the person or body to whom an appeal should be directed.

Sincerely,

/s/ Sandy Lewis  
o/b/o Sandy & Barbara Lewis  
Lewis Family Farm, Inc.

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