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Hi there,

I'm speaking in regards to O'Malley's lawsuit against the Library Trustees.

Do the people of Malden know this isn't the first time the Library Trustees has refused to comply with the Open Meeting Laws? In December 2024, the Trustees sued the state attorney general because she made the determination that the Library is indeed a public body and must comply with a previous plaintiff's requests for copies of minutes.

Also, do the people of Malden know that one of the Library Trustees is Anthony Spadafora, a relative of Craig Spadafora, one of Malden's councillors-at-large sitting here today? My personal opinion is that Spadafora should recuse himself from the city council agenda items regarding this lawsuit.

Despite this, should we wait after the Trustees' lawsuit against the Attorney General is closed? If the Trustees lose that lawsuit, wouldn't they have to treat Council President O'Malley as stated for the role of ex-officio? What is former Council President Winslow's opinion on the Trustees' refusal to share determined public information? Either way, I do believe the other council members (except Spadafora) should have a say on this -- money's tight at the moment.

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