



Helen Donaldson &lt;hcd@portlandmaine.gov&gt;

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**Fwd: Alan,**

5 messages

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**Tuck O'Brien** <sgo@portlandmaine.gov>  
To: "Donaldson, Helen" <hcd@portlandmaine.gov>

Wed, Sep 26, 2018 at 2:04 PM

----- Forwarded message -----

From: Alan Auto <volvo@maine.rr.com>  
Date: Wed, Sep 26, 2018 at 1:58 PM  
Subject: Re: Alan,  
To: Tuck O'Brien <sgo@portlandmaine.gov>  
Cc: <djones@jbggh.com>

Hi Tuck,

I am hoping that there will be NO impact/changes to the 3 current entrances to my property from D St. . If there are it will impose a financial hardship on my business so please forward plans to me and David Jones . David is at [DJones@JBGH.com](mailto:DJones@JBGH.com). If your office plans any changes to existing access to my property please schedule a meeting with me and David so we may initiate a discussion of the legal/financial ramifications of your suggestions so that I can start the process of defending my business status quo which currently works well for me.

On a related subject elimination of 13 parking spaces on St John St will have a considerable negative impact on my business and rental properties there. The City code 14-282 (Me Med Overlay Zone) pledges to "alleviate parking pressure on surrounding neighborhoods". Before I am able to take anything you, as a representative of the organization which put this code together ostensibly to help BOTH Me Med and the neighborhood which is being impacted by their (to the neighbors) unwelcome presence here, seriously, please tell me (us neighbors ), how it is the City of Portland proposes to accomplish this when it is currently going in just the opposite direction. This is in spite of ALL the property owners being impacted by this decision having attended all meetings on the subject, writing letters to the newspaper and other complaining which has been totally ignored by the City and Me Med. If it is the intention of your office to continue going in an adversarial direction to the interests of my business(s) here by restricting current access to my property on D St. I would need to meet you only in company of council.

I look forward to hearing some positive news from you albeit "t'aint likely".

Alan Prosser

cc David: Your thoughts please?  
ap

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**To:** [volvo@maine.rr.com](mailto:volvo@maine.rr.com)  
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Tue, Oct 2, 2018 at 10:06 AM

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Date: Mon, Oct 1, 2018 at 2:40 PM  
Subject: Re: Alan,  
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To: "Donaldson, Helen" <hcd@portlandmaine.gov>

Thu, Oct 4, 2018 at 9:31 AM

Can you send this to Alan this am?

On Thu, Oct 4, 2018 at 8:21 AM Alan Auto <volvo@maine.rr.com> wrote:

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The plan?

Alan

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**Helen Donaldson** <[hcd@portlandmaine.gov](mailto:hcd@portlandmaine.gov)>  
To: Stuart O'Brien <[sgo@portlandmaine.gov](mailto:sgo@portlandmaine.gov)>, [volvo@maine.rr.com](mailto:volvo@maine.rr.com)

Thu, Oct 4, 2018 at 10:56 AM

Alan,

Tuck O'Brien asked me to forward you the most recent version of the plan for the D Street sidewalk (attached).

With respect to your existing curb cuts, this plan proposes to retain the curb cut in front of the small garage structure on your property on D Street, as well as the adjacent driveway, but proposes to close the easterly-most curb cut nearest Valley Street. As Tuck mentioned, we're happy to meet on site to discuss the curb cuts and the plans.

Best,  
Nell Donaldson

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Mon, Nov 5, 2018 at 4:28 PM

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Tuck,  
Please address the "alleviate parking pressure on surrounding neighborhoods" piece from the TDM portion of the overlay district code and why EXACTLY THE OPPOSITE impact is being inflicted upon our neighborhood before I take further action. You know I will go to some trouble to reverse this. And you know that the City and Me Med have done nothing but play lip service to neighbors complaints.

What is it that you hope to accomplish by taking away the curb cut at the corner of D and Valley Sts. Parking is not possible there anyway.

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