

September 18, 2015

Tammy Munson, Director  
Portland Planning and Urban Development  
Inspections Division  
389 Congress Street  
Portland, ME 04101

RE: 12 Taylor Street, Three Story Front Porch Replacement Project  
Owner: Louise Murphy/Sea Otter Taylor Limited Liability Co.  
CBL 057 B009  
Permit ID: 2014-02216  
Issue Date: 10/15/2014

Dear Ms. Munson:

This project to replace a porch had an original permit in 2013, Permit 2013-01124.

The project was started with the framing of a superstructure completed. All work ceased December 2014, and nothing has been done to complete the superstructure or finish trim work since that time. Scaffolding remains attached to the front façade of the porch, and piles of 12 foot long pressure treated boards are stacked up in front of the house and have been untouched since last year. Much scrap wood and other debris from the initial construction have remained untouched around the front and underneath the exposed ground floor of the porch. I believe there are existing safety hazards with regard to non existent porch railings.

This situation has been a nuisance for neighbors and guests to have to view this unsightly mess in an otherwise well kept up neighborhood of owner occupied homes. Shouldn't there be a time limit for completion of the permitted project, and if that fails then the bonding for the project would accomplish its completion?

I have been the owner of 8-10 Taylor Street since 1981 and am filing this written complaint out of frustration with the failure of this project to have a reasonable completion deadline under the city permitting authority and rules. I understand from your department front desk personnel that the permitting rules allow for unlimited renewals without consequence.

Your communication to me about this situation would be welcome.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Robert E. Wood", with a long, sweeping flourish extending to the right.

Robert E. Wood  
10 Taylor Street  
Portland, ME 04102

Copy: Jeff Levine, Director, Planning & Urban Development Dept.