

Vermont Ave,
Peaks Island

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Merrill S. Seitzer
Chairman
Zoning Board Of Appeals
City of Portland, Maine

With respect to the Conditional Use Appeal, - 10 1/2 Acres of Land on Vermont Avenue, Peaks Island, Please consider the following:

Peaks Island is a fragile area in terms of noise (and odor). The very things that would most likely go unnoticed in other areas of the city can be and often are a major annoyance. Most people who live on Peaks Island do so because they need the quiet and natural environment that it still is.

Because of the complications of opposing the request of another resident in a community this size, you must consider the fact that many people would choose to remain silent to keep peace.

It is a fact that Peaks Island already has a problem with "domesticated animals", i.e. dogs that are running at large and/or barking habitually and excessively. One of the more consistent offenders concerning these problems with dogs is in fact the very people requesting this Conditional Use Appeal. If they cannot or will not control a dog, how will they comply with Section 14-145.3(3)d of the City Zoning Ordinance?

There is currently no place of residence on this property. Who will be there to watch and care for these domesticated animals? And, what kind of animals do not "create any odor, noise, health or safety hazards, or other nuisance to neighboring properties"?

To grant this permit for Conditional Use Appeal on Peaks Island can do no good, but potentially much harm.

Thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely,
A concerned Peaks Island resident.