

March 8, 1989

Department of Planning
and Urban Development
Portland City Hall/Room 319
389 Congress Street
Portland, Maine 04101

Att: Merrill S. Seltzer,
Chairman/Zoning Board of Appeals

Re: 101/2 Acres of Land
on Vermont Avenue
Peaks Island

Dear Sir/Madame:

This letter is a follow-up to my telephone conversation to your office on February 23, 1989 regarding the above captioned. On February 22, 1989 I received the enclosed letter advising interested persons of a public hearing on a Conditional Use Appeal.

Firstly, I am unhappy with the fact that February 22nd was the first time I had been notified of this situation. It appears from the letter that an appeal was, in fact, granted in August of 1988. As an owner within 500 feet of the property in question, I am disturbed that I was not notified prior to the granting of that appeal.

Secondly, having received the notice on February 22nd, made it virtually impossible to attend a meeting in Portland the very next day. Unable to make arrangements with people in Portland, who might possibly be available to attend the meeting on my behalf, I was forced to voice my feeling on the issue by telephone.

I would like this letter to be placed on file as opposition to this request. Unfortunately, the lack of pertinent information leaves me with no other option. My reasons for opposition are as follows:

- 1) The odor caused from raising horses, especially on a warm day, will permeate my house, and in my opinion, therefore, lower the value of my property;
- 2) The ground water may become contaminated, due to the close proximity of the planned farm to my new well;