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## Fwd: 37 Ball Field Road, Peaks Island

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From: **Chip Tuttle** <ctuttle@ctpboston.com>

Date: Thu, Sep 21, 2017 at 4:26 PM

Subject: 37 Ball Field Road, Peaks Island

To: [permitting@portlandmaine.gov](mailto:permitting@portlandmaine.gov)

September 21, 2017

Dear Chairman Avery and members of the Zoning Board of Appeals —

I have owned property on Peaks Island for 20 years and I my wife and I are in the process of selling our home in Massachusetts to become a year-round residents of Peaks. All three of our children, currently ages 23, 21, and 19, were fortunate to spend their summers on the island and to attend Island Horse Camp where they learned a great deal about riding and caring for horses and went on to become aids and counselors.

The Camp is operated on the property at 37 Ball Field Road owned by Mr. Covington Johnson and is the subject of a hearing before you this evening. More recently, our family has kept our two horses on Mr. Johnson's property from June - October this year and last. We work diligently to assure that they are properly cared for, that their space is well maintained and that they are not a nuisance in any way. The horses are given plenty of space and contained in electric-fence pens and also have stalls in three-sided shelter.

I write in support of Mr. Johnson's appeal. In addition to the legal points that I am sure he and his counsel will make in support of the property's established and accepted agricultural use, Mr. Johnson's farm is an important part of the fabric that makes Peaks Island so unique.

Thank you for your consideration,  
Chip Tuttle  
[85 Prince Avenue](#)  
Peaks Island