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Reply-To: Marina <scirina2002@yahoo.com>

To: "amachado@portlandmaine.gov" <amachado@portlandmaine.gov>

Dear Ms. Machado,

I am writing in support of Covey Johnson's working farm, and in support of its farm status and infrastructure that allows horses to be responsibly cared for on Peaks Island.

Horses on Peaks are a not a well-kept secret, yet visitors to our island are always surprised and delighted to find a pocket of rural life in the center of the island. Many leave with photographs of the the barn, the horses and their riders as part of their memories of Peaks Island. Some of them even get to go riding!

I have lived on Peaks since 1995. There have been horses present at Covey's barn since before then. Having them on island has enriched my life, and those of our guests and visitors. We greatly value the ability to have horses on Peaks and love sharing their existence with visitors: visiting the barn is a key part of every island tour. They add to the charm of the island.

As modern life becomes more and more virtual and digital, we are rarely exposed to real-life farms and the work that takes place on them. Mr. Johnson's working farm, which includes livestock and the infrastructure for its care, is a unique part of our Portland community that deserves to be preserved as such.

Thank you for your consideration of my comments.

Sincerely,

Marina Penalver