

Ann Machado - Fwd: Pigs on Peaks Island Again

From: Mike Murray
To: Machado, Ann
Date: 6/2/2015 10:30 AM
Subject: Fwd: Pigs on Peaks Island Again

Hi Ann,

The following came in last night; it appears the Mr. Johnson is raising pigs on the island again. does forwarding this email to you suffice as a complaint?

Mike M.

>>> "A.D. Stankowicz" <mrstankowicz@gmail.com> 6/1/2015 8:00 PM >>>
 To: Peaks Island Council Members
 cc: Mike Murray

Covey Johnson is again raising pigs on his property on Peaks Island. The pig pen is in the same place as two years ago, at the edge of the rear of his property in Tolman Heights, across the street from the ball field - the area of his property that is nearest to residential homes.

When this was brought to the attention of the PIC and the City in 2013, Cheryl Minor worked with Marge Schmuckal, the City Zoning Administrator at the time, to have the pigs removed from the island (see correspondence below). Ultimately, a citation was issued to Covey Johnson (see below).

The PIC September 2013 minutes (see excerpt below) subsequently made it clear that City zoning, including Peaks Island, does not allow for pigs.

Two years ago when Covey raised pigs, the stench got so strong by mid-summer that we had to keep all our windows closed and we could not use our yard. The pigs also frequently got loose, tore up our and other people's lawns and gardens, and destroyed our and other people's personal property.

Although the efforts of PILP and the City were successful and the pigs were removed from the island, they remained on the island for the entire summer, with the stench getting worse and worse until they were finally removed in autumn. What steps can be taken to have these pigs removed from the island and avoid a repeat of that situation this summer?

Thank you.

Alexander David Stankowicz

>>> Cheryl Miner <c.nunes.miner@gmail.com> 8/27/2013 11:43 AM >>>
 John and Mike
 I met with Marge Schmuckal, Zoning Administrator at City Hall along with an attorney (cannot remember her name) and was assured that the pigs would be leaving the Island. Pigs are not allowed on the Island.
 I have put in a call to Marge to see what the status is. Her number is [207.874-8695](tel:207.874-8695) and I have cc her on this e mail.
 John I am sorry this is taking so long, I'm sure you must be getting very frustrated with the issue. It is being worked on.
 Cheryl Miner

From: MES@portlandmaine.gov
Sent: 8/27/2013 1:00:21 P.M. Eastern Daylight Time
Subj: Re: LOOSE PIGS AND ODOR IN TOLMAN HEIGHTS
Hi All,

I am aware of the pigs. Thank you Cheryl for the pictures that you sent last Wednesday. Trish McAllister was the lawyer present at our Tuesday meeting with you and the Sellers. We are also having a Code Enforcement Officer go out to the property to verify other specific complaints on the same property housing the pigs. We can handle the Pig complaint separately to move that one a little quicker.
Marge Schmuckal
Zoning Administrator

On Fri, Aug 30, 2013 at 9:49 AM, Marge Schmuckal <MES@portlandmaine.gov> wrote:

Hi Cheryl,
I wanted to update you a bit on the pig situation. Covey Johnson is telling us that we need a court order to go on his property. Because he owns several properties, I wanted to know on which property the pigs are located. I do have the photos of the pigs, but not a location to tie them to at this point. Is it the property that his house is on and not the parcel behind the Sellers? I really need this before I write a letter to him to remove the pigs. Also, be aware that Covey will have 30 days by law to appeal the removal of the pigs.

thank you,

MargeFrom: Cheryl Miner <c.nunes.miner@gmail.com>

Subject: Re: Pigs on Tolman Heights

Date: September 20, 2013 10:03:09 PM EDT

David

I am sorry to hear that the pigs are still here. I will also send an e mail to Marge. The Police Chief said at meeting last week that there was a citation issued.

If I hear anything I will let you know.

Cheryl Miner

Peaks Island Council

September 2013 Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, September 25, 2013 at 8:00pm

MacVane Community Center

Present: Eric Eaton, Cheryl Miner (Vice-Chair), Mary Anne Mitchell, Marjorie Phyfe

Absent: Ted Kelleher (Treasurer), Mike Sylvester (Chair), Jimal Thundershield

Others Present: Elizabeth Capone-Henriquez (Secretary), Mike Murray (Island Liaison)

[excerpt]

VI. Pig Zoning Issue – Cheryl Miner

Miner clarified that City of Portland zoning, including Peaks, does not allow for pigs.