

7/12/15

Ann Machado

Zoning Administrator

I am in receipt of your 7/9 letter.

And want to clarify ;

When asked about "Clearing" ...I stated we did not clear...we only kept up the cleaning up that previous owner started...

The place was a mess ;

The original/former owner who purchased { in late 1940's ?} allowed everything and anything to accumulate and grow...for over 70 years...and that included different species, that entangled and cut off growth and life of anything in its path...I did not consider that clearing ...Clearing to me is clearing good stuff...

That is why I particularly showed you { or the boat driver and his buddie}the 1939 Chevy Woodie that we uncovered that was engulfed with over 6 ft to almost 8 ft of entangled /killer vines

{ later ID'ed by your group, as the black swallow wart} It doesn't take an expert to know these vines were not good native species and we got rid of those ...that was not "clearing" to me...that was removal of trash and a harmful species that killed and was continually killing everything it grasped and entangled... we left what was remaining that had a chance to live

My e mail later was a realization of what you interpret as "Clearing"

There were no live tree's cut down...the stumps were those that were killed by the invasives ...

We have already planted tens of thousands of dollars of prime products in these areas...a formal plan will be sent within 30 days

I am delighted that your toured this property and I expect I should be receiving accolades and pats on the back for what I have done for this very Historic Island that was left in ruins...

The Federal Govt. nor the City of Portland did not want to purchase this most historic island for \$1 from the Cushing Family...Why...???? This is reportedly the original landing and 1st permanent European settlement 1623 in this region... After I invested \$2.2 mil to buy , and over \$4.5mil to renovate ...and expecting to spend \$1/3 mil each year for upkeep....

I now know why...the Feds and City declined to purchase

Vincent P. Mona

