

**Marge Schmuckal - Re: Abildgaard complaint**

**From:** Paul Fagone  
**To:** Hill-Christian, Sheila  
**Date:** 5/5/2014 7:54 AM  
**Subject:** Re: Abildgaard complaint  
**CC:** Bean, Sonia; Fagone, Paul; Levine, Jeff; McAllister, Trish; Rioux, J...

430-B-003

It doesn't appear that we will have the opportunity to gather, so here is an update.

There have been a number of complaints dating back to 2011 regarding this address. I've done a number of drive by inspections in the past month and have not seen any activity that supports the complaint of a business is being conducted. On Thursday, Craig Messinger (PFD) and I were able to have a discussion with the owner. We advised of the complaint and he knew exactly where it came from. According to the owner, he did some work for the neighbor, the neighbor wasn't happy and thus filed a complaint. We did advise the owner that it was against City ordinance to conduct business out of his home.

So, I have no doubt, this gentleman is doing some work in his garage. Again, I have no hard evidence to support it. The yard is neat, kept clean and no items or vehicles for sale or lined up in the driveway or street waiting to be worked on.

My intent in getting together was to update everyone and discuss next steps. The neighbor who complained has called various departments and people and I am sure he will be calling again. Usually, I follow up with a phone call to advise of the results of the inspection. I will not be calling Mr. Abildgaard based on my previous conversation with him (which was heated). He has also called the Fire Department and was rude to the person he spoke to over there. At this time the complaint will be closed as invalid.

Please let me know of any questions. Chuck

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>>> Sheila Hill-Christian (Sheila Hill-Christian) 5/1/2014 1:38 PM >>>

I am available between 2 and 4 right now unless Sonia says otherwise. Please schedule with her. Thanks!

>>> On 5/1/2014 at 1:27 PM, in message <5362841C.614 : 45 : 3850>, Paul Fagone <psf@portlandmaine.gov> wrote:

Yes, there is a history of complaints as well as the issue of proving what this gentleman may be doing. I thought it might be easier if we just met for 10 or 15 minutes so we are all on the same page. The gentleman who complained seems to be a little agitated and has called several departments. (Fire, Inspections, zoning)

If 1:00pm works for everyone we can meet here in the inspections office. Trish, I know you are out and I can

update you for your thoughts. thanks, Chuck

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>>> Sheila Hill-Christian (Sheila Hill-Christian) 5/1/2014 12:43 PM >>>  
Chuck,

I'm happy to meet if you need to but just to be clear...I was not requesting that you take a particular action. I was expecting this would be handled as you would any other complaint of this nature and simply needed to know the outcome. Is there something here that is unusual? Sheila

>>> On 5/1/2014 at 12:08 PM, in message <53627175.614 : 45 : 3850>, Paul Fagone <psf@portlandmaine.gov> wrote:

I visited the property this morning with Craig Messenger from the Fire Department and had a conversation with the owner. Can all of us we meet to discuss so that we are on the same page.

Does tomorrow afternoon work for everyone? 1:00pm? Chuck

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>>> Sheila Hill-Christian (Sheila Hill-Christian) 4/30/2014 11:46 AM >>>  
Thanks! All this time I did not realize Chuck and Paul were the same person! I was so confused! :)  
Sheila

>>> On 4/30/2014 at 11:44 AM, in message <53611A4B.614 : 45 : 3850>, Paul Fagone <psf@portlandmaine.gov> wrote:

I did have it scheduled for today. However, I did have an unexpected meeting come up this morning regarding the issues at the Masonic Hall next door. I have been to the premises in the past and have not seen any signs of work activity taking place. I plan to have a discussion with the home owner. I will make this a priority and advise once done. thanks, Chuck

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>>> Sheila Hill-Christian 4/30/2014 11:28 AM >>>  
Good morning,

Sorry to be a pest but can you let me know the status fo the Abildgaard complaint?

Sheila