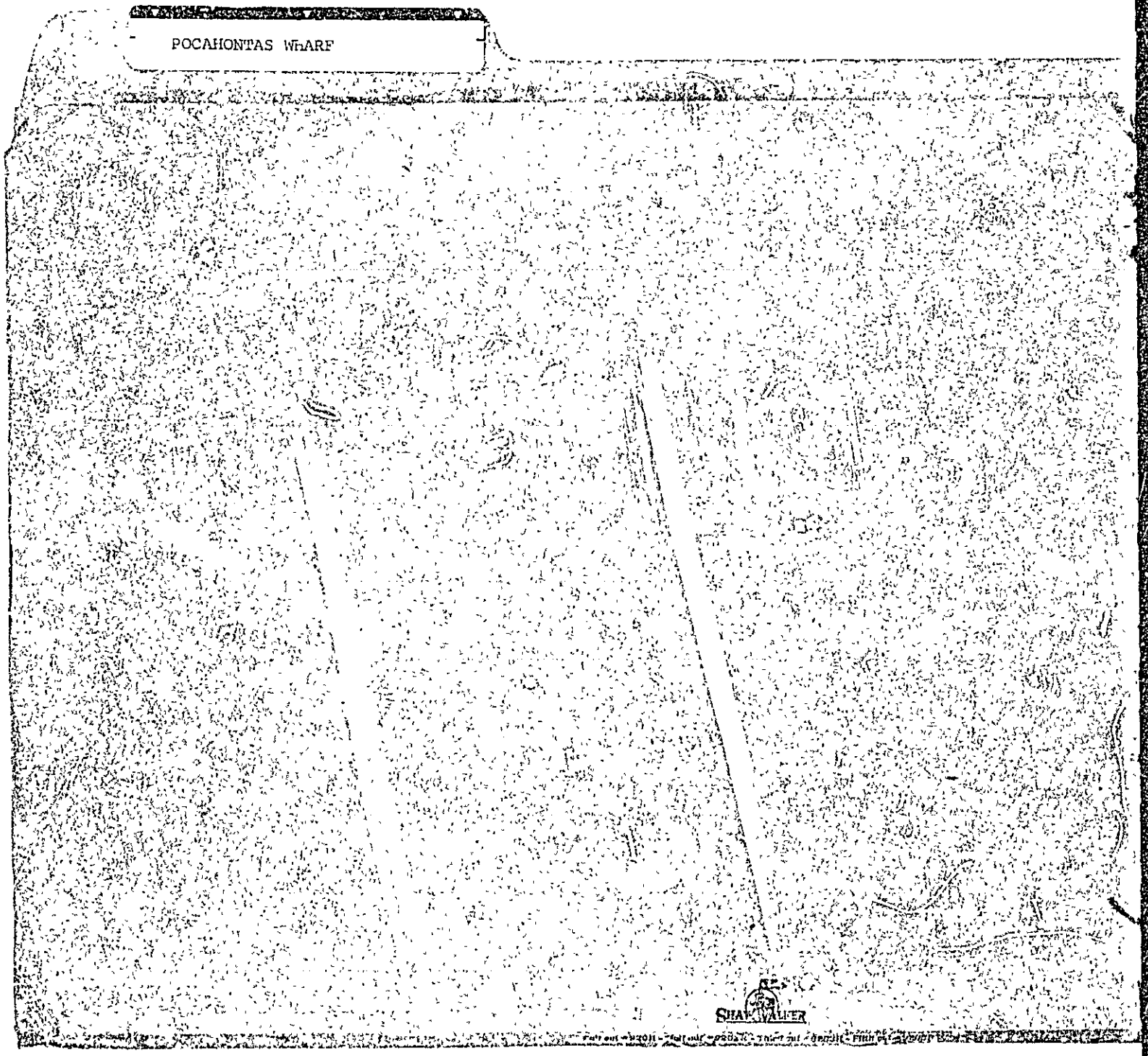
POCAHONTAS WhARF



Regarding 144-149 Commercial St.

Jan. 23, 1967

Mr. Harry K. Schwartz
10 Congress Street

Dear Mr. Schwartz:

In answer to your inquiry regarding the wharves at 144 to 150 Commercial Street and located on the southerly side of Commercial Street, this property is located in an I-3B Industrial Zone where the use as a gasoline filling station is allowable.

Very truly yours,

Gerald E. Mayberry
Director Building & Inspection Services

GEM:m

I-3 INDUSTRIAL ZONE

PERMIT ISSUED
JUL 28 1961
CITY of PORTLAND

APPLICATION FOR PERMIT

Class of Building or Type of Structure Pole Sign

Portland, Maine, July 27, 1961

To the INSPECTOR OF BUILDINGS, PORTLAND, MAINE

The undersigned hereby applies for a permit to erect alter repair demolish install the following building structure equipment in accordance with the Laws of the State of Maine, the Building Code and Zoning Ordinance of the City of Portland, plans and specifications, if any, submitted herewith and the following specifications:

Location ~~Long~~ Wharf POCAHONTAS Within Fire Limits? _____ Dist. No. _____

Owner's name and address ~~Phillips~~ Pocahontas Fuel Co., Long Wharf Telephone _____

Lessee's name and address ~~Chas. Leavitt & Co., Inc.~~ 179 Commercial St. Telephone 2-3751

Contractor's name and address _____ Telephone _____

Architect _____ Specifications _____ Plans yes No. of sheets 1

Proposed use of building _____ No. families _____

Last use _____ No. families _____

Material plastic No. stories _____ Heat _____ Style of roof _____ Roofing _____

Other buildings on same lot _____

Estimated cost $ _____ Fee $ 2.00

General Description of New Work

plastic
To erect/pole sign as per plans

It is understood that this permit does not include installation of heating apparatus which is to be taken out separately by and in the name of the heating contractor. *PERMIT TO BE ISSUED TO* Chase Leavitt & Co.

Details of New Work

Is any plumbing involved in this work? _____ Is any electrical work involved in this work? _____

Is connection to be made to public sewer? _____ If not, what is proposed for sewage? _____

Has septic tank notice been sent? _____ Form notice sent? _____

Height average grade to top of plate _____ Height average grade to highest point of roof _____

Size, front _____ depth _____ No. stories _____ solid or filled land? _____ earth or rock? _____

Material of foundation _____ Thickness, top _____ bottom _____ cellar _____

Kind of roof _____ Rise per foot _____ Roof covering _____

No. of chimneys _____ Material of chimneys _____ of lining _____ Kind of heat _____ fuel _____

Framing Lumber—Kind _____ Dressed or full size? _____ Corner posts _____ Sills _____

Size Girder _____ Columns under girders _____ Size _____ Max. on centers _____

Studs (outside walls and carrying partitions) 2x4-16" O. C. Bridging in every floor and flat roof span over 8 feet.

Joists and rafters: 1st floor _____, 2nd _____, 3rd _____, roof _____

On centers: 1st floor _____, 2nd _____, 3rd _____, roof _____

Maximum span: 1st floor _____, 2nd _____, 3rd _____, roof _____

If one story building with masonry walls, thickness of walls? _____ height? _____

If a Garage

No. cars now accommodated on same lot _____, to be accommodated _____ number commercial cars to be accommodated _____

Will automobile repairing be done other than minor repairs to cars habitually stored in the proposed building? _____

APPROVED:
O.K. - 7/28/61 - [illegible]

Miscellaneous

Will work require disturbing of any tree on a public street? _____

Will there be in charge of the above work a person competent to see that the State and City requirements pertaining thereto are observed? yes

Chase Leavitt Co.

CS 301

INSPECTION COPY

Signature of owner By: Wm Leavitt

2 Plan

Permit No. 61/908

Location: POCAHONTAS Highway

Owner: Clerk of Circuit Court

Date of permit 7/28/61

Notif. closing-in

Inspn. clo-sing-in

Final Notif.

Final Inspn.

Cert. of Occupancy issued

Staking Out Notice

Form Check Notice

NOTES

8/14/61 - Not yet in place. - Allen

8/11/61 - Not in place. - Allen

I-30 INDUSTRIAL ZONE

APPLICATION FOR PERMIT

PERMIT ISSUED
NOV 28 1960
01809
CITY of PORTLAND

Class of Building or Type of Structure Second Class

Portland, Maine, November 23, 1960

To the INSPECTOR OF BUILDINGS, PORTLAND, MAINE

The undersigned hereby applies for a permit to erect alter repair demolish install the following building structure equipment in accordance with the Laws of the State of Maine, the Building Code and Zoning Ordinance of the City of Portland, plans and specifications, if any, submitted herewith and the following specifications:

Location 170 Commercial Street (Commercial Street) Within Fire Limits? _____ Dist. No. _____

Owner's name and address Pocohontas Fuel Oil Co., Inc. 207 Derby St. Salem, Mass. Telephone _____

Lessee's name and address _____ Telephone _____

Contractor's name and address General Marine Construction Corp., 172 Commercial St. Telephone 2-5354

Architect _____ Specifications _____ Plans _____ No. of sheets _____

Proposed use of building _____ No. families _____

Last use Warehouse No. families _____

Material _____ No. stories 3½ Heat _____ Style of roof _____ Roofing _____

Other buildings on same lot No

Estimated cost $ _____ Fee $ 1.00

General Description of New Work

To demolish 3½ story brick building.

No sewer connections.

Land to remain vacant.

Era Inspection letter sent 11-23-60

It is understood that this permit does not include installation of heating apparatus which is to be taken out separately by and in the name of the heating contractor. ***PERMIT TO BE ISSUED TO*** Contractor

Details of New Work

Is any plumbing involved in this work? _____ Is any electrical work involved in this work? _____

Is connection to be made to public sewer? _____ If not, what is proposed for sewage? _____

Has septic tank notice been sent? _____ Form notice sent? _____

Height average grade to top of plate _____ Height average grade to highest point of roof _____

Size, front _____ depth _____ No. stories _____ solid or filled land? _____ earth or rock? _____

Material of foundation _____ Thickness, top _____ bottom _____ cellar _____

Kind of roof _____ Rise per foot _____ Roof covering _____

No. of chimneys _____ Material of chimneys _____ of lining _____ Kind of heat _____ fuel _____

Framing Lumber—Kind _____ Dressed or full size? _____ Corner posts _____ Sills _____

Size Girder _____ Columns under girders _____ Size _____ Max. on centers _____

Studs (outside walls and carrying partitions) 2x4-16" O. C. Bridging in every floor and flat roof span over 8 feet.

Joists and rafters: 1st floor _____, 2nd _____, 3rd _____, roof _____

On centers: 1st floor _____, 2nd _____, 3rd _____, roof _____

Maximum span: 1st floor _____, 2nd _____, 3rd _____, roof _____

If one story building with masonry walls, thickness of walls? _____ height? _____

If a Garage

No. cars now accommodated on same lot _____, to be accommodated _____ number commercial cars to be accommodated _____

Will automobile repairing be done other than minor repairs to cars habitually stored in the proposed building? _____

APPROVED:
O.K. 11/28/60 - OJ

Miscellaneous

Will work require disturbing of any tree on a public street? no

Will there be in charge of the above work a person competent to see that the State and City requirements pertaining thereto are observed? yes

Pocohontas Fuel Oil Co. Inc.
Gen. Marine Const. Corp.

CS 301

INSPECTION COPY

Signature of owner by: William A. Clark III (Pres.)

J. S.

Permit No. 60-1885

Location: [illegible]

Owner: [illegible]

Date of permit: 11/28/60

Notf. closing-in

Inspn. closing-in

Final Notif.

Final Inspn.

Cert. of Occupancy issued

Staking Out Notice

Form Check Notice

NOTES

12/2/60 - Demolished [illegible]
[illegible]

CITY OF PORTLAND, MAINE
DEPARTMENT OF BUILDING INSPECTION

Pocohontas Fuel Oil Company
207 Derby St.
Salem Mass.

November 23, 1960

Gentlemen:

With relation to permit applied for to demolish a building or portion of building at 170 Commercial St. it is unlawful to commence demolition work until a permit has been issued from this department.

Section 6 of the ordinance for rodent and vermin control provides: "It shall be unlawful to demolish any building or structure unless provision is made for rodent and vermin eradication. No permit for the demolition of a building or structure shall be issued by the Building Inspector until and unless provisions for rodent and vermin eradication have been carried out under supervision of a pest control operator registered with the Health Department.

The building permit for demolition cannot be issued until the provisions of this section have been satisfied. It is the obligation of owner or demolition contractor or both to take up with the Health Department the matter of complying with this section, being prepared to inform that department what registered pest control operator is to be employed.

Very truly yours,

Albert J. Sears

AJS/jg

Albert J. Sears
Inspector of Buildings

Eradication of this building has been completed.

J L Klein Jr.
11-29-60

FILL IN AND SIGN WITH INK

APPLICATION FOR PERMIT FOR HEATING, COOKING OR POWER EQUIPMENT

Portland, Maine, Oct. 1, 1959

To the INSPECTOR OF BUILDINGS, PORTLAND, ME.

The undersigned hereby applies for a permit to install the following heating, cooking or power equipment in accordance with the Laws of Maine, the Building Code of the City of Portland, and the following specifications:

Location 168 Commercial St. Use of Building Offices & store No. Stories 2 New Building Existing "

Name and address of owner of appliance General Marine Construction Co. 602 Congress St.

Installer's name and address Harris Oil Co. 202 Commercial St; Telephone 2-8304

General Description of Work

To install Oil burning equipment in connection with existing steam heat (conversion)

IF HEATER, OR POWER BOILER

Location of appliance Any burnable material in floor surface or beneath?

If so, how protected? Kind of fuel?

Minimum distance to burnable material, from top of appliance or casing top of furnace

From top of smoke pipe From front of appliance From sides or back of appliance

Size of chimney flue Other connections to same flue

If gas fired, how vented? Rated maximum demand per hour

Will sufficient fresh air be supplied to the appliance to insure proper and safe combustion?

IF OIL BURNER

Name and type of burner York Shipley-gun type Labelled by underwriters' laboratories? yes

Will operator be always in attendance? Does oil supply line feed from top or bottom of tank? bottom

Type of floor beneath burner concrete Size of vent pipe 1½"

Location of oil storage first floor Number and capacity of tanks 2-275 gals.

Low water shut off yes Make McDonnell-Miller No. 67

Will all tanks be more than five feet from any flame? yes How many tanks enclosed?

Total capacity of any existing storage tanks for furnace burners none

IF COOKING APPLIANCE

Location of appliance Any burnable material in floor surface or beneath?

If so, how protected? Height of legs, if any

Skirting at bottom of appliance? Distance to combustible material from top of appliance?

From front of appliance From sides and back From top of smokepipe

Size of chimney flue Other connections to same flue

Is hood to be provided? If so, how vented? Forced or gravity?

If gas fired, how vented? Rated maximum demand per hour

MISCELLANEOUS EQUIPMENT OR SPECIAL INFORMATION

Amount of fee enclosed? 2.00 ($2.00 for one heater, etc., 50 cents additional for each additional heater, etc., in same building at same time.)

APPROVED:

Will there be in charge of the above work a person competent to see that the State and City requirements pertaining thereto are observed? yes

Harris Oil Company

by: *Signature of Installer*

300

INSPECTION COPY

FM

Permit No. 59/0

Location 76 Commercial St

Owner Maurice Marion Chatwell

Date of permit 19/1/59

Approved

NOTES

CITY OF PORTLAND, MAINE
DEPARTMENT OF BUILDING INSPECTION

August 18, 1958

Pocahontas Fuel Co.
175 Front St.
So. Portland, Maine

Gentlemen:

With relation to permit applied for to demolish a building or portion of building at 168 Commercial St. it is unlawful to commence demolition work until a permit has been issued from this department.

Section 6 of the ordinance for rodent and vermin control provides: "It shall be unlawful to demolish any building or structure unless provision is made for rodent and vermin eradication. No permit for the demolition of a building or structure shall be issued by the Building Inspector until and unless provisions for rodent and vermin eradication have been carried out under supervision of a pest control operator registered with the Health Department.

The building permit for demolition cannot be issued until the provisions of this section have been satisfied. It is the obligation of owner or demolition contractor or both to take up with the Health Department the matter of complying with this section, being prepared to inform that department what registered pest control operator is to be employed.

Very truly yours,

Warren McDonald

Warren McDonald
Inspector of Buildings

WMcD/H

Eradication of this structure has been completed.

Edward E. Kelly
Health Director

Date 8/19/58

I-2 INDUSTRIAL ZONE

APPLICATION FOR PERMIT

PERMIT ISSUED
01106
AUG 20 1958
CITY of PORTLAND

Class of Building or Type of Structure Wooden structure

Portland, Maine, August 18, 1958

To the INSPECTOR OF BUILDINGS, PORTLAND, MAINE

The undersigned hereby applies for a permit to erect alter repair demolish install the following building structure equipment in accordance with the Laws of the State of Maine, the Building Code and Zoning Ordinance of the City of Portland, plans and specifications, if any, submitted herewith and the following specifications:

Location 168 Commercial Street Within Fire Limits? yes Dist. No.

Owner's name and address Pocohontas Fuel Co., Long Wharf, Commercial St. Telephone

Lessee's name and address Telephone

Contractor's name and address Jensen Construction Co., So. Bristol, Maine Telephone

Architect Specifications Plans no No. of sheets

Proposed use of building No. families

Last use Coal pocket No. families

Material No. stories Heat Style of roof Roofing

Other buildings on same lot

Estimated cost $ Fee $ 1.00

General Description of New Work

To demolish existing coal pocket 168' x 86' - 54' high

Evacuation Notice sent 8/18/58

It is understood that this permit does not include installation of heating apparatus which is to be taken out separately by and in the name of the heating contractor. PERMIT TO BE ISSUED TO Jensen Construction Co.

Details of New Work

Is any plumbing involved in this work? Is any electrical work involved in this work?

Is connection to be made to public sewer? If not, what is proposed for sewage?

Has septic tank notice been sent? Form notice sent?

Height average grade to top of plate Height average grade to highest point of roof

Size, front depth No. stories solid or filled land? earth or rock?

Material of foundation Thickness, top bottom cellar

Material of underpinning Height Thickness

Kind of roof Rise per foot Roof covering

No. of chimneys Material of chimneys of lining Kind of heat fuel

Framing Lumber—Kind Dressed or full size? Corner posts Sills

Size Girder Columns under girders Size Max. on centers

Kind and thickness of outside sheathing of exterior walls?

Studs (outside walls and carrying partitions) 2x4-16" O. C. Bridging in every floor and flat roof span over 8 feet.

Joists and rafters: 1st floor, 2nd, 3rd, roof

On centers: 1st floor, 2nd, 3rd, roof

Maximum span. 1st floor, 2nd, 3rd, roof

If one story building with masonry walls, thickness of walls? height?

If a Garage

No. cars now accommodated on same lot, to be accommodated number commercial cars to be accommodated

Will automobile repairing be done other than minor repairs to cars habitually stored in the proposed building?

APPROVED:
C.N. 8/20/58 AJS

Miscellaneous

Will work require disturbing of any tree on a public street? no

Will there be in charge of the above work a person competent to see that the State and City requirements pertaining are observed? yes

Jensen Construction

AJS

INSPECTION COPY

Signature of owner By: Carl J. Jensen

Permit No. 58/1116
Location 6 Commercial St.
Owner Rockville Fuel Co.
Date of permit 8/25/58

Notif. closing-in	
Inspn. closing-in	
Final Notif.	
Final Inspn.	
Cert. of Occupancy issued	
Staking Out Notice	
Form Check Notice	

NOTES

9/4/58 - No work started - Allen

9/25/58 - Work started - Allen

10/23/58 - Work progressing - Allen

12/11/58 - Work progressing - Allen

1/15/59 - Coal pocket about ½ down - Allen

2/26/59 - About the same - Allen

3/26/59 - About half down - Allen

4/23/59 - About the same - Allen

5/25/59 - About the same - Allen

6/25/59 - About one-third of the coal pocket standing - Allen

10/11/59 - All demolished - Allen

(COPY)

CITY OF PORTLAND, MAINE

Department of Building Inspection

Certificate of Occupancy

LOCATION 166-170 Commercial St.

Issued to Randall & McAllister, Lessee

Copy for owner (reported to be Pocahontas Fuel Co.) Date of issue May 14, 1958 sent to Randall & McAllister

This is to certify that the building, premises, or part thereof, at the above location, built—altered —changed as to use under Building Permit No. has had final inspection, has been found to conform substantially to requirements of Zoning Ordinance and Building Code of the City, and is hereby approved for occupancy or use, limited or otherwise, as indicated below.

Portion of Building or Premises	Approved Occupancy
As shown on site plan by Geo. J. Huelin, dated 4/25/58	Parking motor vehicles

Limiting Conditions: Subject to making surface tenacious smooth by filling depressed spots including those where water was standing on 5/13/58; and to provide adequate foundation 4 feet below the surface of the ground, and permanent cross bracing for the sign shaped sign to safeguard against frost action and high winds.

This certificate supersedes certificate issued

Approved:

(Date) Inspector

Inspector of Buildings

Notice: This certificate identifies lawful use of building or premises, and ought to be transferred from owner to owner when property changes hands. Copy will be furnished to owner or lessee for one dollar.

FS 147

H. CESAR LIBBY
PRESIDENT

RANDALL & McALLISTER

JOHN F. RANDALL
TREASURER

WHOLESALE AND RETAIL DEALERS — ESTABLISHED 1861

FUEL OILS **COAL**

Sterling

TELEPHONE SPRUCE 3-2941

Sterling

PORTLAND 2, MAINE

May 1. 1958

Building Inspector's Office
Portland City Hall
Portland, Maine

Mr. Warren McDonald

Dear Sir:

Go ahead with conditions 5/14/58

Randall & McAllister Company wishes to be given a permit to operate a Parking Lot at 168-170 Commercial Stree, Portland, Maine. With this permit it will be run under the name Commercial Street Parking Incorporated. Description of said land inclosed in blue print form.

We have erected two parking signswhich have a total of 20 square feet each, which I understand is permissible. We have also installed flood lights which the City Electrical Inspector has approved.

You asked me what the dirt consisted of in this parking lot, it seems about 90 % sand and gravel and 10 % soft coal cinders.

This parking lot plan is owned by the Pocahontas Fuel Company.

Very truly yours,

RANDALL & MCALLISTER

Archer M. Riley
Retail Sales Manager

(I) INDUSTRIAL ZONE

PERMIT ISSUED
JUN 22 1954
CITY of PORTLAND

APPLICATION FOR PERMIT

Class of Building or Type of Structure _____

Portland, Maine, June 22, 1954

To the INSPECTOR OF BUILDINGS, PORTLAND, MAINE

The undersigned hereby applies for a permit to erect alter repair demolish install the following building structure equipment in accordance with the Laws of the State of Maine, the Building Code and Zoning Ordinance of the City of Portland, plans and specifications, if any, submitted herewith and the following specifications:

Location 168 Commercial St. Within Fire Limits? yes Dist. No. _____

Owner's name and address Pocahontas Fuel Co., Inc., 168 Commercial St. Telephone _____

Lessee's name and address _____ Telephone _____

Contractor's name and address D. J. Thomas Co., 55 Walnut St., So. Portland Telephone _____

Architect _____ Specifications _____ Plans no No. of sheets _____

Proposed use of building _____ No. families _____

Last use _____ No. families _____

Material _____ No. stories _____ Heat _____ Style of roof _____ Roofing _____

Other buildings on same lot _____

Estimated cost $ _____ Fee $ 1.00

General Description of New Work

To remove and dispose of all parts of fire damaged wharf above pile caps outboard from stone bulkhead south of coal pocket.

CERTIFICATE OF OCCUPANCY
REQUIREMENT IS WAIVED

It is understood that this permit does not include installation of heating apparatus which is to be taken out separately by and in the name of the heating contractor. PERMIT TO BE ISSUED TO ~~owners~~ Pocahontas Fuel Co. Inc. 175 Front St.

Details of New Work

Is any plumbing involved in this work? _____ Is any electrical work involved in this work? _____

Is connection to be made to public sewer? _____ If not, what is proposed for sewage? _____

Has septic tank notice been sent? _____ Form notice sent? _____

Height average grade to top of plate _____ Height average grade to highest point of roof _____

Size, front _____ depth _____ No. stories _____ solid or filled land? _____ earth or rock? _____

Material of foundation _____ Thickness, top _____ bottom _____ cellar _____

Material of underpinning _____ Height _____ Thickness _____

Kind of roof _____ Rise per foot _____ Roof covering _____

No. of chimneys _____ Material of chimneys _____ of lining _____ Kind of heat _____ fuel _____

Framing lumber—Kind _____ Dressed or full size? _____

Corner posts _____ Sills _____ Girt or ledger board? _____ Size _____

Girders _____ Size _____ Columns under girders _____ Size _____ Max. on centers _____

Studs (outside walls and carrying partitions) 2x4-16" O. C. Bridging in every floor and flat roof span over 8 feet.

Joists and rafters: 1st floor _____, 2nd _____, 3rd _____, roof _____

On centers: 1st floor _____, 2nd _____, 3rd _____, roof _____

Maximum span: 1st floor _____, 2nd _____, 3rd _____, roof _____

If one story building with masonry walls, thickness of walls? _____ height? _____

If a Garage

No. cars now accommodated on same lot _____, to be accommodated _____ number commercial cars to be accommodated _____

Will automobile repairing be done other than minor repairs to cars habitually stored in the proposed building? _____

APPROVED:

_____

_____

_____

Miscellaneous

Will work require disturbing of any tree on a public street? no

Will there be in charge of the above work a person competent to see that the State and City requirements pertaining thereto are observed? yes

Pocahontas Fuel Co., Inc.

Signature of owner by: G. E. Jensen for R. E. Rafferty

INSPECTION COPY

Permit No. 54-1548

Location [illegible]

Owner Pittsburgh Pressed Steel Co.

Date of permit 6/30/54

Notif. closing-in

Inspn. closing-in

Final Notif.

Final Inspn.

Cert. of Occupancy issued

Staking Out Notice

Form Check Notice

NOTES

6/30/54 – No work started – Allen

7/11/54 – Work started – Alle

9/17/54 – Work coming along – Alle

11/5/54 – Work finished – Allen

GL 168 Commercial St.

April 20, 1954

Mr. Robert Verrier
63 Commercial St.

Copies to: City Manager
Acting Fire Chief
Mr. Verrier

Dear Mr. Verrier:

After conferences with others in the City Government and after receiving some information from The National Board of Fire Underwriters, I am able to answer your inquiry (based on Verrier Construction Co. plan of the Pocahontas Fuel Co. plant on Pocahontas Wharf at 168 Commercial St.) as to establishing on the filled part of the wharf a bulk plant for handling asphalt paving materials.

The property being in the Industrial Zone under the Zoning Ordinance, where asphalt manufacture for re[illegible] is not an allowable use, it is understood that these processes are not in [illegible] but only storage and handling of asphalt and a certain amount of blending of a[illegible] with other liquids to adapt the combination for specific uses--the latter process being such as could not be termed refining the asphalt.

Acting Chief Marr has indicated that he will be able to approve the building permits required for construction, erection and installation (required by the Building Code) and later to approve the annual storage license for inflammable liquids from the Municipal Officers, based on the following conditions:

1. All installations and construction and equipment to satisfy the requirements and recommendations contained in National Board of Fire Underwriters Pamphlet #30 containing the standards of NFPU for the storage, handling and use of flammable liquids, July 1953.

2. The coal pocket of wooden construction, which would otherwise be about 36 feet from the nearest "working" tank is to be removed (you told me over the phone that this was intended anyway); that the new buildings constructed to serve this operation will not have wooden frame walls, and that buildings of wooden frame walls will not be built in the future closer than 50 feet to the dike around certain of the tanks.

3. The facilities for unloading MC3 Asphalt and any other inflammable liquid or substance from ships will be installed and the entire process safeguarded according to certain rules set up by the Fire Department, which have been prepared from the best recommendations from fire protection authorities, including the rule that Fire Headquarters is to be notified at least 30 minutes before any unloading operation is started. These rules have necessarily been compiled without full knowledge of what is intended, and therefore are not included in this letter. A copy may be procured from Chief Marr, and the rules may need adjustment when the full details are known.

Under the Building Code, with reference to Sect. 307b2, we shall require tests to determine the bearing capacity of the strata underlying the fill under the tanks, and that the safe bearing capacity and the design of the foundation of all of the tanks shall be made by a designer experienced in such specialties who shall attach his statement of design to the plan of the foundations and indicate thereon the estimated safe bearing capacity of the soil.

The design plan of the tanks themselves, including the welded joints or other connections will be necessary by an experienced designer, who will be expected to attach his signed statement of design to the designed plan, as called for by Sect. 1043 of the Code.

It appears that there would be three principal documents as far as City control is concerned:—the building permits, which require the approval of the Fire Chief before issuance; the certificate of occupancy from this department under the Zoning Ordinance to be issued before the premises are actually occupied and after all essential work controlled by the Ordinances is completed; and the annual license for the storage of inflammable liquids from the Municipal Officers, application to be made to the City Clerk.

If we have not now covered the situation to your satisfaction, will you be good enough to communicate with me?

Very truly yours,

Warren McDonald
Inspector of Buildings

WMcD/B

P. S. Your plan indicates the use of steel dikes, and we talked about that over the phone. We are advised by NBFU that their Pamphlet No. 30 does not now recognize the use of steel dikes. This proposition is now before the National Fire Protection Association Committee on Flammable Liquids, which is inclined favorable to the use of steel dikes but have postponed positive action until suitable requirements for the installation and design are promulgated. This probably means that Pamphlet No. 30 will not recognize the steel dikes and contain requirements for them until next year. If you desire to proceed before that and to use the steel dikes, we will do the best we can to find out if suitable requirements have been prepared, and, if so, be guided accordingly. However, as those committees work, it seems doubtful if suitable standards will be available, if you plan to proceed right away.

INTER-OFFICE CORRESPONDENCE

File 9.10 Commercial & Industrial Fuel

CITY OF PORTLAND, MAINE

FIRE DEPARTMENT

To: Warren McDonald, Inspector of Buildings Date: April 27, 1954

From: H. W. Marr, Acting Fire Chief

Subject: Transfer of Flammable Liquids from Ship to Shore

Equipment.

Pipe lines on piers and wharves.

(a) Pipe lines for flammable liquid cargoes shall be of steel or wrought iron pipe of at least standard weight, and shall be securely supported. On piers or wharves used by vehicles and at points where general cargo is handled, pipe lines shall be protected against mechanical injury.

(b) Pipe lines shall be equipped with valves on shore so located as to be easily accessible and not to be endangered by a fire on the pier or wharf.

(c) Pipe lines shall be installed in a safe and workmanlike manner, and shall be tested annually for tightness at pressures at least 25 lb. per sq. in. in excess of their maximum working pressures.

(d) Piping between shore and piers or wharves of timber construction shall be provided with swing joints, flexible couplings, expansion joints, or other approved means to permit the independent movement of the pier or wharf and shore piping without excessive strain on the pipe.

(e) Access shall be provided to valves and connections to pipe lines below deck. No freight or materials shall be placed on piers or wharves in such a manner as to interfere with the opening of trap doors which provide access to valves and pipe connections below deck.

(f) Pipe lines shall be bonded and grounded. Bonding and grounding connections on cargo lines shall be located at or near hose connections.

(g) Pipe lines and their control valves shall be so marked as to designate their use.

(h) Hose connections on pipe lines shall be of standard bolted flange type and shall be located inside of face of pier or wharf to afford protection against mechanical injury.

INTER-OFFICE CORRESPONDENCE

CITY OF PORTLAND, MAINE

FIRE DEPARTMENT

(2)

To: Warren McDonald, Inspector of Buildings Date: April 27, 1954

From: H. W. Marr, Acting Fire Chief

Subject: Transfer of Flammable Liquids from Ship to Shore

Shore Cargo Pumps.

Cargo pumps capable of building up pressures in excess of the safe working pressure of cargo hose shall be provided with by-passes, relief valves, or other arrangement to protect cargo hoses against excessive pressure. Such pressure relief arrangements shall be set to function at such a pressure that the working pressure on the cargo hose shall not exceed that for which it is designed.

Cargo Hose.

(a) Cargo hose shall be of a grade suitable for the cargo to be transferred, and designed to withstand safely the maximum working pressure to which it is to be subjected.

(b) Transfer of liquid cargo in bulk between oil tankers and piers or wharves shall be through flexible cargo hose or approved flexible jointed tubing or piping.

(c) Means of support for cargo hose lines shall be provided to minimize chafing and kinking during transfer operations.

Lighting and Electrical Equipment and its Installation.

(a) Lighting of piers and wharves shall be restricted to incandescent electric lamps.

(b) Electrical wiring fixtures, and appliances including explosion-proof equipment in hazardous locations, shall be of approved type and installation.

Railroad Tracks.

Railroad tracks on any pier or wharf shall be bonded throughout their length, shall be permanently grounded, and shall have insulating joints placed in all rails where such rails enter upon pier or wharf. No locomotives shall be allowed in piers or wharves during transfer of flammable liquid cargoes in bulk.

INTER-OFFICE CORRESPONDENCE

CITY OF PORTLAND, MAINE

FIRE DEPARTMENT

(3)

To: Warren McDonald, Inspector of Buildings Date: April 27, 1954

From: H. W. Marr, Acting Fire Chief

Subject: Transfer of Flammable Liquids from Ship to Shore

Fire Extinguishing Equipment.

(a) Class A Service Piers or Wharves. Water fire lines with hydrants and hose shall be installed in such a manner as to make water streams applicable to every part of the pier or wharf.

Note: This requirement may be waived for isolated piers or wharves or for piers or wharves where no water supply is available if, in the judgment of chief of the fire department, adjacent property will not be endangered.

A wharf not protedted by a foam fire extinguishing system shall be provided with extinguishers suitable for flammable liquid fires, in quantity at least equivalent to 33 gallons of foam solutions.

(b) Class B Service Piers and Wharves. Fire extinguishing equipment on Class B Service piers or wharves shall be at least equivalent to the recommendations of the National Fire Protection Association for Piers and Wharves, depending upon their construction; provided, however, that at piers or wharves where flammable liquid cargoes are transferred in bulk, extinguishers suitable for flammable liquid fires shall be provided in quantity at least equivalent to 33 gallons of foam solution.

Smoking.

Smoking is forbidden on a pier or wharf during transfer operations. "No Smoking" signs shall be posted in appropriate places.

Notification to Fire Dept.

The Fire Dept. shall be notifed at least one-half hour before transfer operations begin.

HWM.

PROPOSAL FOR ASPHALT TANKS AT POCAHONTAS WHARF

April 16, 1954

Actin, Chief Marr says that he feels that he can approve building permits for installation of the tanks as shown on plan #1, dated March 22nd, 1954 subject to the following conditions.

1. The unloading from ships of RC3 Asphalt or any other inflammable liquid to be safeguarded in the same manner as done in the case of handling gasoline near tidewater.

2. The nearby former coal pocket to be removed and that no new buildings having combustible outside walls to be built on the wharf.

3. That all installations and construction and equipment will satisfy the best interpretation that we can arrive at in NBFU Pamphlet #30.

4. That a competent consulting engineer will be procured to determine the bearing capacity of the material under the tanks and to design the foundation according to Building Code standards.

Warren McDonald

The National Board of Fire Underwriters

ESTABLISHED IN 1866

85 JOHN STREET

NEW YORK 38

April 13, 1954

Mr. Warren McDonald
Inspector of Buildings
Department of Building Inspection
Portland, Maine

Dear Mr. McDonald:

This acknowledges your letter of April 7th.

Pamphlet No.30 does not recognize the use of steel dikes at present. However, at the last meeting of the National Fire Protection Association Committee on Flammable Liquids it was decided to recognize the use of steel dikes but action was postponed until suitable requirements for the installation and design were promulgated. This means next year pamphlet No.30 will recognize the use of steel dikes.

In regard to the use of the earth filled wharf for the foundation of tanks for the storage of flammable liquids I believe in my last letter I cautioned against this action. We have no additional descriptive information that would help you solve your problem. Each of these situations must be based upon individual judgment and every case cannot be provided for or foreseen in writing a standard.

Our organization does periodically grade various cities and determine their classification. In answer to your question in the fourth paragraph of your letter, if the installation is installed in accordance with pamphlet No.30 and does not violate its intent, then the city would not accumulate any points of deficiency on this property. Portland, for your information, is a Class II city.

You will note that paragraph 205(a) states that other flammable liquids besides crude petroleum may be diked on account of proximity to water ways when deemed necessary by the authority having jurisdiction.

Yours very truly,

W. Van Arnum

W. Van Arnum,
Engineer

WVA:dt
cc: Harry W. Marr
Acting Fire Chief

CL Pocahontas Wharf
(168 Commercial St.)

January 27, 1954

Mr. Ernest R. Burke, Dist. Supt.
Pocahontas Fuel Co., Inc.
168 Commercial St.

Dear Mr. Burke:-

I find upon inspection that, as a result of the recent disastrous fire at Pocahontas Wharf (rear 168 Commercial St.) the travelling hoisting derrick nearest the harbor is in a dangerous structural condition.

As directed by Sect. 109 of the Building Code (copy enclosed) it is necessary to require that you have this dangerous condition corrected at the earliest time that the circumstances will permit.

This wooden derrick high above the water level has an "A" frame of vertical members originallyhold in position by two sets of diagonal braces and ties consisting of heavy wooden timbers. The upper set of braces is completely burned off and the lower set practically so. Thus the vertical "A" frame with the heavy conveyor chute projecting many feet out over the dock seems to be relying only on the stiffness of the vertical members to remain in position.

At time of high wind or even in an ice storm this "A" frame is likely to crash into the dock or the harbor threatening damage to persons or property. I understand that every possible precaution has been taken to keep boats and shipping away from this area, but that cannot guarantee security.

Very truly yours,

Warren McDonald
Inspector of Buildings

WMcD/G
Enclosure: Copy of Sect. 109 of the Building Code

INQUIRY BLANK

ZONE I

FIRE DIST. #2

CITY OF PORTLAND, MAINE
DEPARTMENT OF BUILDING INSPECTION

Date 8/1/49

Verbal
By Telephone

LOCATION 16 Commercial OWNER Brockhurst Fuel Co. Inc

MADE BY [illegible] TEL.

ADDRESS 1 Broadway, N.Y.

PRESENT USE OF BUILDING NO. STORIES

LAST USE OF BUILDING CLASS CONSTRUCTION

REMARKS

INQUIRY Petition to City Council for tanks & storage for 200,000 gal. of No. 6 fuel oil (18 under c)

ANSWER See memo to City Manager of 9/1/49

DATE OF REPLY 9/1/49 REPLY BY WMR

File: Inq. 350 Commercial Street (A. E. Wright Co.)
Inq. 84 Commercial Street (The Randall Corp.)
Inq. 168 Commercial Street (Pocahontas Fuel Co., Inc.)

Lynwood S. Moore, City Manager

September 1, 1949

Warren McDonald, Insptr. of Bldgs.

Petitions to Municipal Officers by The Randall Corporation at 84 Commercial Street and by Pocahontas Fuel Company, Inc. at 168 Commercial Street seeking the right to store large quantities of No. 6 fuel oil (Bunker C)

These petitions are all "wrapped up" with the same proposition for similar storage which we talked over at length with A.E. Wright Company (Mr. Sims). Plenty of support appears for the view that neither of these formal petitioners really want to construct any tanks, and the same is now undoubtedly true of A. E. Wright Company, because even at our conference with Mr. Sims it became evident that he had grown lukewarm on the subject and that his main interest was to see that no one else got ahead of him. Since our conference with Mr. Sims, he has given other indications verbally that the situation as to the oil market is very much too uncertain to go ahead and take the outlay necessary for such an oil depot, and further even if the outlook was favorable, he would need much more capacity for storage than the 120,000 barrels he finally asked for.

All three seem to be engaged in a bit of competitive jockeying and Mr. Libby of Randall & McAllister has since pleased me to find out what has happened to their petition, and expressed himself in such a way that it is evident that Randall & McAllister and Pocahontas Fuel Company are practically one concern, as far as the business of selling fuel is concerned, and that their main objective is to prevent a young elephant getting ahead of them. One of them is "reading between the lines", but it seems unmistakable.

It is recommended that the City proceed in such a way that the door will not be closed to oil storage even on the main waterfront, and that we will have fixed it so that neither of these three can lay legitimate claim to the fact that they did their best to increase the business in the port of Portland but the City Government would have none of it—about as follows:

To clear the City Clerk's record, report to the City Council (it is really the Municipal Officers that are involved) that the petitions are not in proper form and recommend that they remain on the table indefinitely, at the same time advising the Council that the petitioners are being notified of the correct procedure and to apply for permits to install the tanks at the Building Department.

Then write to the Randall Corporation and to Pocahontas, telling them that the petitions are not in any form upon which the City Council could take action, and advise them how to proceed, namely, to apply for a building permit at the Building Department on the usual application form for building permits for the erection of structures, and with the application file an accurate plan showing the accurate location of the proposed

storage tanks with relation to existing buildings or landmarks, and also plans showing the number, size, foundation and materials and construction details of each tank with whatever protective features they propose to safeguard the fire hazard in view of the fairly congested situation on the waterfront.

Probably reference should frankly be made to the informal negotiations with A. H. Wright Company, and you will know best how to say to them that the City is very much interested in the development of the waterfront but that there are certain hazards surrounding the handling and storage of such large quantities of even heavy fuel oil, that certainly fire safety on the waterfront is paramount, and that we are studying the situation with the cooperation of the fire insurance authorities to see what the best solution may be.

Since our conference with Mr. Simon, he has written to me quite an accurate outline of what transpired with regard to A. H. Wright's proposal from the day, July 11, on which Fred Scribner telephoned you about the matter, and enclosing a copy of the letter from Assistant Chief Engineer Howell of the National Board of Fire Underwriters. The last paragraph of Mr. Simon's letter reads:

"The letter from the National Board to Chief Sanborn presents some obstacles, and just how they may be overcome at this date we do not know. If we do find ways to overcome these obstacles we will advise you, and, if, in the meantime, you become aware of ways to overcome them, we would appreciate it if you would advise us."

Apparently there is no need of establishing with Mr. Simon the fact that the City is open-minded on the subject. Nevertheless, it is recommended that we do not let the matter just stay dormant until something else comes up, in view of the "nervous" situation as to the use of heavy fuel oil by a great many plants. It becomes evident that oil companies, that do not have bulk storage for heavy fuel oil in this area, are bound to keep on trying. It would be a good piece of port business if the real and fancied hazards could be overcome. Would it not be a good idea to get Mr. Simon to cooperate with Chief Sanborn to see what conditions with regard to heavy oil storage are existing at other ports, what safeguards are being used and how insurance rates are being affected?

Inspector of Buildings

WFD/G

Attachments: Petitions of Sinclair Corporation and Pocahontas Fuel Company, Inc.

(I) INDUSTRIAL ZONE

APPLICATION FOR PERMIT

PERMIT ISSUED
MAY 6 1948
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CITY OF PORTLAND

Class of Building or Type of Structure Timber coal wharf and trestle

Portland, Maine, March 26, 1948

To the INSPECTOR OF BUILDINGS, PORTLAND, MAINE

The undersigned hereby applies for a permit to erect alter repair demolish install the following building structure equipment in accordance with the Laws of the State of Maine, the Building Code and Zoning Ordinance of the City of Portland, plans and specifications, if any, submitted herewith and the following specifications:

Location Pocahontas Wharf ~~Long Wharf~~, Commercial Street Within Fire Limits? Yes Dist. No. 2

Owner's name and address Pocahontas Fuel Co. Inc., Commercial St., Portland, Maine Telephone Por. 3-0241

Lessee's name and address None Telephone

Contractor's name and address ~~Not selected~~ Ellis C. Snodgrass, Inc. 465 Congress Street Telephone

Architect Fay, Spofford & Thorndike Specifications Yes Plans Yes No of sheets 7

Proposed use of building Coal handling No. families

Last use -- No. families

Material Timber No. stories Heat Style of roof Roofing

Other buildings on same lot Various

Estimated cost $ 250,000 INSPECTION NOT COMPLETED Fee $ 150.00

General Description of New Work

Extension of present wharf by adding at the south end. Creosoted pipe and timber wharf, tower trestle and cableway trestle similar in style to the existing structures. Complete plans and specifications together with statement of the Engineer are submitted herewith.

CERTIFICATE OF OCCUPANCY REQUIREMENT IS WAIVED

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CITY OF PORTLAND

It is understood that this permit does not include installation of heating apparatus which is to be taken out separately by and in the name of the heating contractor. PERMIT TO BE ISSUED TO Pocahontas Fuel Co. Inc. Commercial Street, Portland, Maine

Details of New Work

Is any plumbing involved in this work? Is any electrical work involved in this work?

Height average grade to top of plate Height average grade to highest point of roof

Size, front depth No. stories solid or filled land? earth or rock?

Material of foundation Thickness, top bottom cellar

Material of underpinning Height Thickness

Kind of roof Rise per foot Roof covering

No. of chimneys Material of chimneys of lining Kind of heat fuel

Framing lumber—Kind Dressed or full size?

Corner posts Sills Girt or ledger board? Size

Girders Size Columns under girders Size Max. on centers

Studs (outside walls and carrying partitions) 2x4-16" O. C. Bridging in every floor and flat roof span over 8 feet.

Joists and rafters: 1st floor, 2nd, 3rd, roof

On centers: 1st floor, 2nd, 3rd, roof

Maximum span: 1st floor, 2nd, 3rd, roof

If one story building with masonry walls, thickness of walls? height?

If a Garage

No. cars now accommodated on same lot, to be accommodated number commercial cars to be accommodated

Will automobile repairing be done other than minor repairs to cars habitually stored in the proposed building?

APPROVED:

Miscellaneous

Will work require disturbing of any tree on a public street? No

Will there be in charge of the above work a person competent to see that the State and City requirements pertaining thereto are observed? Yes

POCAHONTAS FUEL COMPANY INCORPORATED

INSPECTION COPY

Signature of owner By O. Alexander

President

FAY, SPOFFORD & THORNDIKE
ENGINEERS
11 BEACON STREET, BOSTON 8, MASS.
TELEPHONE LAFAYETTE 3-1681

GRAYBAR BUILDING
420 LEXINGTON AVE., NEW YORK 17, N. Y.
TELEPHONE MURRAY HILL 3-8300

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Boston 8, Mass.
April 7, 1948

Mr. W. McDonalds
Inspector of Buildings
City Hall
Portland, Maine

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DEPT. OF BLD'G. INSP.
CITY OF PORTLAND

Dear Mr. McDonald:

We have your letter of April 5 regarding the extension of the Portland Wharf and have issued an Addendum to the Specifications, which we believe fully covers the points which you listed. A copy of this Addendum is enclosed herewith and should be attached to your documents.

Very truly yours

FAY, SPOFFORD & THORNDIKE
By Frank L. Lincoln

FILincoln:rp
Enclosure

P. Pocahontas Wharf-I

April 5, 1948

Fay, Spofford & Thorndike
11 Beacon Street
Boston, Mass.

Subject: Extension of Pocahontas Wharf and trestles for Pocahontas Fuel Co., Inc.

Gentlemen:

Attn: Mr. Lincoln

Only minor discrepancies appear in connection with the scale house:

(1) I presume the frame walls of the small scale house are to be the usual construction--no less than 2x4 studs no more than 16" from center to center with equivalent provisions wherever framing out for special purposes is needed and then the corner posts are no less than doubled 2x4.

(2) I take it that Section 405a2 of the Building Code--the location being in Fire District No. 2--calls for the exterior walls and trim of the scale house to be covered with metal. Apparently the specifications call for drop siding exposed with only a copper edge strip at the roof.

(3) The upper layer of roofing should bear the label of Underwriters Laboratories, Inc. identifying it as Class C.

Subject to these features the building permit is ready for issuance at your direction, but we would prefer to have the contractor entered on the application before the permit is actually issued.

Very truly yours,

Inspector of Buildings

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: Extension for Poca-
hontas Fuel Co.

March 23, 1948

ATTENTION MR. LINCOLN

Fay, Spofford & Thorndike,
11 Beacon St.,
Boston, Mass.

Subject: Fee for Building Permit to Cover Construction of Extension of Wharf and Trestle for Pocahontas Fuel Co. on Long Wharf in Portland

Gentlemen:

I misinformed Mr. Lincoln about the building permit fee this afternoon over the phone, overlooking the fact that the project is an addition which constitutes an alteration, instead of a new structure.

On that basis the fee is 75 cents per thousand of total estimated valuation, but not to exceed $150.00 which is the maximum fee we can charge for any job. At the $250,000. estimate the 75-cent rate would figure $187.50, and the maximum fee of $150. would be the fee Pocahontas should pay. Reference Section 105a of Building Code.

Sorry!

Very truly yours,

Inspector of Buildings.

FAY, SPOFFORD & THORNDIKE
ENGINEERS
11 BEACON STREET, BOSTON 8, MASS.
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Boston 8, Mass.
March 24, 1948

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CITY OF PORTLAND

Mr. Warren McDonald, Inspector of Buildings
City Hall
Portland, Maine

Dear Mr. McDonald:

Thank you very much for your letter of March 23 advising us that the fee which Pocahontas should pay for its proposed building permit is $150.00 rather than $125.00 as we had previously understood.

Very truly yours,

FAY, SPOFFORD & THORNDIKE
By Frank L. Lincoln

FLLincoln:rcl

Pocahontas Fuel Co.
Long Wharf (Extension
of tower and trestles)

March 10, 1941

Fay, Spofford & Thorndike
11 Beacon Street
Boston 8, Mass.

Attn: Mr. Frank L. Lincoln

Gentlemen:

Replying to Mr. Lincoln's letter of March 8, a building permit is required before any work is commenced on actual construction of some construction work for the proposed extension of tower and trestles for Pocahontas Fuel Company on Long Wharf.

Full plans and specifications are to be filed at this office with the application for the building permit which is usually issued before the tower to our permit clerk.

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Boston 8, Mass.
March 8, 1948

Inspector of Buildings
City Hall
Portland, Maine

Dear Sir:

We are preparing plans and specifications in behalf of Pocahontas Fuel Company, Inc. for the extension of Long Wharf and the tower and cableway trestles which it supports. Does this type of structure require a building permit and if so, should the plans and specifications be submitted to your department as required by Section 28 of the Building Code?

The copy of the Building Code and Zoning Ordinance of the City of Portland which we have is dated 1926. If there is a more recent edition of the Code, will you please forward one to us. We will be pleased to forward a check when we know what the price of the Code is.

Very truly yours,

FAY, SPOFFORD & THORNDIKE
By Frank L. Lincoln

FLLincoln:rcl

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none

September 27, 1941

Pocohontas Fuel Co.
168-172 Commercial Street,
Portland, Maine

Attention Mr. Thomas R. Robertson

Gentlemen:

From the precise text of the Building Code, I feel that I am able to issue the permit which involves a direct connection by several chutes between the addition to your manufacturing building and your coal pockets, and the permit is enclosed herewith.

While the proposed arrangement does not appear to violate the letter of the code, it seems to me that it is at variance with the spirit of the law which endeavors to avoid large floor areas and volumes, especially in wooden construction, where fire can be communicated from one part to another without restraint.

I would be far afield from my duty if I attempted to force you by law to protect your own business and investment with so little direct direction from the law which is in my charge. However, in these days when we are being particularly urged to protect and conserve (for defense purposes if for no other), I should not think you would want to run this risk which seems to me actual instead of only theoretical.

As I understand the plan there would be four metal chutes(each about 12" by 16") making a direct connection between the machines in the manufacturing building and the huge coal pockets. The only break in these direct connections would be metal gates in each chute to be operated by hand. Apparently when there was "slack" in a section of the coal pocket but of which one of these chutes would discharge, the "slack" would be banked against the gate when the chute was not in use. If the section of the coal pocket were empty, there is nothing except ordinary carefulness to make sure the gate in the chute would not be wide open.

In either case if fire occurred in the lower manufacturing building and was not immediately discovered what would prevent quick communication with the large coal pocket and heavy fire loss to your company and perhaps heavy loss to the community from loss of needed fuel and threat to the entire waterfront?

It occurs to me that an open hopper arrangement at the top of the chute and beneath the pocket might be feasible with an automatic fire door either in the bottom of the pocket or in the chute so arranged that in case of fire in the manufacturing building there would positively be no direct connection with the pockets.

Very truly yours,

Inspector of Buildings.

CC Chief Sanborn

Rept. 255D-I

September 17, 1941

Pocahontas Fuel Co.,
168-172 Commercial Street,
Portland, Maine

Gentlemen:

If I understand your plan and application for a permit to cover construction of an addition to your building for drying fuel products, the addition would extend along your coal pockets at a somewhat lower level than the pockets, and the plan indicates one or more chutes running from the bottom of the coal pockets to a hopper inside the proposed addition, thus making a direct connection between the two buildings. If this intergretation of the plan is correct, by connecting the two floor areas, that of the coal pockets and that of the other building, you would have a total area of something over 15,000 square feet not subdivided by fire separations, while the Building Code limits the area of a frame building to 5000 square feet.

Please provide a plan showing this connecting arrangement clearly, the material and size of connecting chutes and what you propose in the way of a fire separation to divide the areas of the two buildings. In the meantime it is not allowable to proceed with any of the work until the permit card is actually in your possession and posted upon the premises.

With regard to the structural parts of the proposed addition, Mr. Robertson has failed to note which of the timbers would be of hard pine and which of spruce. I believe the Building Code requires that the floor of the addition be capable of bearing a live load of at least 100 pounds per square foot. The 8x12's, 12 feet from center to center and apparently on spans of 12 feet would not theoretically take care of a load of 100 pounds per square foot live load even though of long leaf southern pine, but only about 85 pounds per square foot.

The 4x8's, 24 inches on centers and on 12 foot spans would work out satisfactorily if of long leaf southern pine or of genuine west coast Douglas fir, but if of spruce would not be enough.

I seem to recollect one of your buildings built several years ago in which inadvertently the required metal covering of the corner boards, eaves and other outside trim was omitted until after the building had been painted. I believe you made good that deficiency, but I am calling it to your attention so that the same omission will not take place on this proposed addition when it is built.

The plan which you have filed here is a blueprint marked up extensively in pencil and crayon leaving the impression that you do not have a copy of the information which you have given us. In times past difficulty has arisen when an owner has filed here the only information there is in existence as to how he

intends to build. You are spending a substantial sum of money, and I suggest that you have an original drawing prepared showing precisely what you want to do under the permit and file a blueprint in the office to take the place of the "marked-up" one which you have already filed. On this plan should be shown full information about the chutes and fire separations.

In addition to the above the plan is not clear as to how the 2x12 timbers get their bearings on the heavy masonry wall which now exists. Care should be taken with this, and it ought to be shown on the plan because the load which these timbers would theoretically deposit upon the masonry would be close to four tons for one end of each timber.

Very truly yours,

WMcD/H

Inspector of Buildings

(I) INDUSTRIAL ZONE

APPLICATION FOR PERMIT

PERMIT ISSUED
Permit No. 1461
SEP 27 1941

Class of Building or Type of Structure Third

Portland, Maine, Sept. 13, 1941

To the INSPECTOR OF BUILDINGS, PORTLAND, ME.

The undersigned hereby applies for a permit to erect alter ~~install the~~ following building ~~structure equipment~~ in accordance with the Laws of the State of Maine, the Building Code of the City of Portland, plans and specifications, if any, submitted herewith and the following specifications:

Location 168-172 Commercial St. (Long Wharf) Within Fire Limits? yes Dist. No. 2

Owner's or ~~Lessee's~~ name and address Pocohontas Fuel Co. 168-172 Commercial St. Telephone

Contractor's name and address Yes Telephone

Architect Plans filed 1 No. of sheets

Proposed use of building Mixing and drying rooms No. families

buildings on same lot drying room

Estimated cost $ 4000 Fee $ 4.50

Description of Present Building to be Altered

Material frame (metal covered) No. stories Heat steam Style of roof pitch Roofing Cor. Iron

Last use drying room No. families

General Description of New Work

CERTIFICATE OF OCCUPANCY REQUIREMENT IS WAIVED

to build addition 19'-6" x 72' one story to present drying room. to be frame construction and metal cove addition to be used for mixing and drying.

It is understood that this permit does not include installation of heating apparatus which is to be taken out separately by and in the name of the heating contractor.

Details of New Work

Is any plumbing work involved in this work? no

Is any electrical work involved in this work? yes Height average grade to top of plate 9'-0"

Size, front 19'-6" depth 72' No. stories 1 Height average grade to highest point of roof 16'-0"

To be erected on solid or filled land? filled or piling earth or rock?

Material of foundation Wharf piling and existing coal tower foundation top bottom cellar

Material of underpinning Height Thickness

Kind of roof pitch Rise per foot 9" Roof covering Corrugated Iron

No. of chimneys none Material of chimneys of lining

Kind of heat steam from towers Type of fuel Is gas fitting involved?

Framing lumber—Kind Hard Pine and spruce Dressed or full size? dressed

Corner posts 4x4 Sills 12 Girt or ledger board? Size

Material columns under girders Size Max. on centers

Studs (outside walls and carrying partitions) 2x4-16" O.C. Girders 6x8 or larger. Bridging in every floor and flat roof span over 8 feet. Sills and corner posts all one piece in cross section.

Joists and rafters: 1st floor 4x8, 2nd, 3rd, roof 2x6

On centers: 1st floor 24", 2nd, 3rd, roof 16"

Maximum span: 1st floor 12', 2nd, 3rd, roof

If one story building with masonry walls, thickness of walls? height?

If a Garage

No. cars now accommodated on same lot, to be accommodated

Total number commercial cars to be accommodated

Will automobile repairing be done other than minor repairs to cars habitually stored in the proposed building?

Miscellaneous

Will above work require removal or disturbing of any shade tree on a public street? yes no

Will there be in charge of the above work a person competent to see that the State and City requirements pertaining thereto are observed? yes

Signature of owner Pocohontas Fuel Co.

Thomas P. Poberka

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CHIEF OF FIRE DEPT.

Permit No. 41/7466 — P

Location 168-172 Commercial

Owner Paradise Fuel Co

Date of permit 9/27/61

Notif. closing-in

Inspn. closing-in

Final Notif.

Final Insp.

INSPECTION NOT COMPLETED

Cert. of Occupancy issued

NOTES

Inspn. 1 - Framing com-
pl. & Metal Covering
being put on Gas

BOROUGH OF MANHATTAN

DEPARTMENT OF BUILDINGS

FILL IN COMPLETELY AND SIGN WITH INK

PERMIT ISSUED

Permit No. _____

INDUSTRIAL ZONE

APPLICATION FOR PERMIT FOR HEATING, COOKING OR POWER EQUIPMENT

MAR 31 1939

Portland, Maine, ~~March 31, 1939~~

To the INSPECTOR OF BUILDINGS, PORTLAND, ME.

The undersigned hereby applies for a permit to install the following heating, cooking or power equipment in accordance with the Laws of Maine, the Building Code of the City of Portland, and the following specifications:

Location ~~Pocahontas Fuel Co.~~ Use of Building Boiler House No. Stories 1 New Building ~~Existing~~

Name and address of owner of appliance Pocahontas Fuel Co., 170 Commercial St.

Installer's name and address ~~The Portland Co., 58 Fore St.~~ Telephone ~~2-7491~~

General Description of Work

To install ~~two high pressure steam boilers (165 lbs each)~~

~~There is no woodwork in the boiler house at all~~

IF HEATER, POWER BOILER OR COOKING DEVICE

Is appliance or source of heat to be in cellar? no If not, which story 1st Kind of Fuel coal

Material of supports of appliance (concrete floor or what kind) concrete

Minimum distance to wood or combustible material, from top of appliance or casing top of furnace _____

from top of smoke pipe _____ from front of appliance _____ from sides or back of appliance _____

Size of chimney flue 60" x 16" Other connections to same flue none

IF OIL BURNER

Name and type of burner _____ Labeled and approved by Underwriters' Laboratories? _____

Will operator be always in attendance? _____ Type of oil feed (gravity or pressure) _____

Location oil storage _____ No and capacity of tanks _____

Will all tanks be more than seven feet from any flame? _____ How many tanks fireproofed? _____

Amount of fee enclosed? 1.00 ($1.00 for one heater, etc., 50 cents additional for each additional heater, etc., in same building at same time.)

Signature of Installer The Portland Co.
By Wm F. Allen

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FAY, SPOFFORD & THORNDIKE
ENGINEERS

FREDERIC H. FAY
JOHN AYER
CARROLL A. FARWELL
CHARLES H. SPOFFORD
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INVESTIGATIONS, DESIGNS
SUPERVISION OF CONSTRUCTION

April 3, 1939

City of Portland, Maine
Department of Building Inspection
Portland, Maine

Attention of Mr. Warren McDonald

Gentlemen:

We have received your letter of March 30 in regard to the permits for the installation of the stack, boilers and boiler settings at the Pocahontas Fuel Co. wharf. This particular work does not come under our direction but we have forwarded your letter to Mr. Repetto of the Pocahontas Fuel Co. and understand that he has taken care of this matter.

Very truly yours,

FAY, SPOFFORD AND THORNDIKE
By Frank L. Lincoln

F.L.Lincoln:O

P.86/1446-0

September 14, 1958

Fay, Spofford & Thorndike
11 Beacon Street,
Boston, Mass.

Attention Mr. John Ayer

Gentlemen:

We are issuing the building permit for the Pocahontas Fuel Company boiler house today.

I presume we will receive specifications as to material, etc., of the stack and conveyor house later.

Very truly yours,

WMcD/H

Inspector of Buildings

Original Permit PERMIT ISSUED

Amendment No. 1

APR 1 1939

AMENDMENT TO APPLICATION FOR PERMIT

To the INSPECTOR OF BUILDINGS, PORTLAND, ME.

Portland, Maine, March 31, 1939

The undersigned hereby applies for an amendment to Permit No. 38/1145 pertaining to the building or structure comprised in the original application in accordance with the Laws of the State of Maine, the Building Code of the City of Portland, plans and specifications, if any, submitted herewith, and the following specifications:

Location Pocahontas Wharf Ward _____ Within Fire Limits? Yes Dist. No. 2

Owner's ~~or Lessee's~~ name and address Pocahontas Fuel Co., 170 Commercial St.

Contractor's name and address Portland Co., 58 Fore St. 2-7491

Plans filed as part of this Amendment yes No. of Sheets 1

Increased cost of work 2,000.

Additional fee 1.00

Description of Proposed Work

To erect steel smokestack as per plan submitted (outside)

Pocahontas Fuel Co.
By The Portland Co.

Signature of Owner

By [signature]

Approved:

P.38/1446-I

March 30, 1939

Fay, Spofford & Thorndike,
211 Beacon Street,
Boston, Massachusetts

Attention Mr. John Ayer

Gentlemen:

As I recollect the situation the details and the erection of the stack for Pocahontas Fuel Company at Pocahontas Wharf in this city were not included in the original building permit; and the Building Code provides that the permit for erection and installation of the boilers shall be covered by a separate permit secured before the work is started which may be issued only to the person, firm or corporation actually installing or constructing them.

We find that Ira Dresser is erecting the stack for the Chase Transfer Company; that the Portland Company made the boilers and they located; and that Frank E. Ross Company of Boston is to build the boiler settings.

If the details of the stack are not on the drawings which the general contractor has filed with us, will you furnish them or advise whoever is responsible for the actual erection of the stack to prepare and secure an amendment to the original general permit to cover the work filing the plans along with the application for that amendment. In addition, let us know who is the responsible person, firm or corporation for installing the boilers and instruct whoever is responsible to file application here without delay.

Very truly yours,

Inspector of Buildings

EJCB/H

CC: Pocahontas Fuel Co., Inc.
170 Commercial Street

Merritt, Chapman & Scott Corp.
292 Pequot Avenue
New London, Conn.

August 27, 1936

Mr. John Ayer,
Fay, Spofford & Thorndike,
11 Beacon St., Boston, Mass.

Dear Sir:

In the brief examination of your plans of a proposed boiler house for Pocahontas Fuel Co. Inc. on Pocahontas Wharf in this City, I do not discover anything contrary to our Building Code. A more detailed examination will have to await the application for the permit, but I am quite sure that there is not very much, if anything, amiss.

We do not have the specifications. When plans and specifications are filed with the application for the permit, the plans should bear upon them the filled-in statement of design, attached, or a similar one to cover the reinforced concrete, the foundation and structural steel design. Our Code requirements are quite standard, details of concrete design following the recommendations of the Concrete Institute. We allow twenty thousand pounds per square inch fibre stress for structural steel.

I presume all rights to locate this structure in the slip have been settled with the proper authorities. I doubt if the City has anything to do with this. Certainly this Department does not.

Very truly yours,

Inspector of Buildings

McD/W.

September 7, 1938

Merritt-Chapman & Scott Corp.
292 Pequot Avenue
New London, Conn.

Gentlemen:

Enclosed are original, applicant's copy, and inspection copy of application for building permit to cover the construction of a boiler house for Pocahontas Fuel Co., Inc. at their wharf here.

Please fill in the date, the total estimated cost of the work and the fee for the permit and sign the application as agent for the owner, the signature being by your properly authorized officer.

Then return the original and inspection copy, having signed both of them, with a check for the amount of the fee made payable to the City of Portland, Maine.

The fee for the permit is based upon the estimated cost of the work,- $10,000. to $15,000.- $7.50; $15,000. to $20,000.- $10.00; for valuations greater than $20,000., fifty cents per one thousand dollars.

You may retain the applicant's copy for your information. Please notify us whether to send the permit to New London or to hold it here for your foreman to come for it.

Very truly yours,

WWcD/H

Inspector of Buildings

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118 PLUME STREET
KEY WEST, FLA.
FOREIGN-DOCK

ADDRESS REPLY TO
282 PEQUOT AVE.
NEW LONDON, CONN.

September 9, 1938

Rec'd 9/10/38
Gave permit
original.
9/10/38

City of Portland,
Department of Building Inspection,
Portland, Maine.

Gentlemen:--

We take pleasure in returning, herewith, application for permit filled out in accordance with your letter of September 7th, applying to the construction of a boiler house for the Pocahontas Fuel Company, Inc. at their wharf at Portland, Maine.

Please send the permit to New London if it will be issued during the coming week, otherwise hold it at Portland for the arrival of our foreman.

Yours very truly,

Merritt-Chapman & Scott Corporation

by R. E. DeSimone

R. E. DeSimone, Resident Manager.

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P O BOX 700
NORFOLK, VA
115 PLUME STREET
KEY WEST, FLA.
PORTER DOCK

September 6, 1938

Department of Building Inspection,
Citynof Portland,
Portland, Maine.

Gentlemen:--

Under separate cover, we are mailing a set of plans and specifications relating to the proposed construction for the Pocahontas Fuel Company, Inc. of a boiler house and foundation.

We respectfully request a permit for this construction as outlined on the plans and described in the specifications.

We would be pleased to fill out any papers which are necessary if you will kindly send us the blank forms.

Your early attention would be greatly appreciated.

Yours very truly,

Merritt-Chapman & Scott Corporation

by R. E. DeSimone

R. E. DeSimone, Resident Manager.

INDUSTRIAL ZONE

APPLICATION FOR PERMIT

PERMIT No. 38361

Class of Building or Type of Structure First Class

Portland, Maine, September 9, 1938

To the INSPECTOR OF BUILDINGS, PORTLAND, ME.

The undersigned hereby applies for a permit to erect ~~alter, remove~~ the following building ~~structure, equipment~~ in accordance with the Laws of the State of Maine, the Building Code of the City of Portland, plans and specifications, if any, submitted herewith and the following specifications:

Location Pocohontas Wharf (Rear 164-176 Commercial) Ward _____ Within Fire Limits? Yes Dist. No. 2

Owner's or Lessee's name and address Pocahontas Fuel Co., Inc., 170 Commercial, New London, Conn. Telephone 2-0241

Contractor's name and address Merritt-Chapman & Scott, Corp. 292 Pequot Ave. Telephone _____

Architect Fry, Spofford & Thorndike, Engineers, Boston, Mass. Plans filed Yes No. of sheets 5

Proposed use of building Boiler House No. families _____

Other buildings on same lot Various Coal Pockets, Office, etc.

Estimated cost $39,701.00 Fee $20.00

Description of Present Building to be Altered

Material _____ No. stories _____ Heat _____ Style of roof _____ Roofing _____

Last use _____ No. families _____

General Description of New Work

To construct brick and reinforced concrete boiler house as per specifications and plans filed herewith.

It is understood that this permit does not include installation of heating apparatus which is to be taken out separately by and in the name of the heating contractor.

Details of New Work

none

Height average grade to top of plate _____

Size, front 45' depth 47' No. stories 1/ locally 2 stories (more than 18' high) Height average grade to highest point of roof _____

To be erected on solid or filled land? piles driven in dock bottom or rock? _____

Material of foundation composite piles 1/ concrete Thickness, top _____ bottom _____

Material of underpinning _____ Height _____ Thickness _____

Kind of Roof flat Rise per foot - Roof covering 5-ply tar & gravel

No. of chimneys one Material of chimneys steel stack outside Material of lining _____

Kind of heat _____ Type of fuel _____ Is gas fitting involved? _____

Corner posts _____ Sills _____ Girt or ledger board? _____ Size _____

Material columns under girders _____ Size _____ Max. on centers _____

Studs (outside walls and carrying partitions) 2x4-16" O. C. Girders 6x8 or larger. Bridging in every floor and flat roof span over 8 feet. Sills and corner posts all one piece in cross section.

Joists and rafters: 1st floor _____, 2nd _____, 3rd _____, roof _____

On centers: 1st floor _____, 2nd _____, 3rd _____, roof _____

Maximum span: 1st floor _____, 2nd _____, 3rd _____, roof _____

If one story building with masonry walls, thickness of walls? as per plans height? _____

If a Garage

No. cars now accommodated on same lot _____, to be accommodated _____

Total number commercial cars to be accommodated _____

Will automobile repairing be done other than minor repairs to cars habitually stored in the proposed building? _____

Miscellaneous

Will above work require removal or disturbing of any shade tree on a public street? No

Will there be in charge of the above work a person competent to see that the State and City requirements pertaining thereto are observed? Yes

Pocahontas Fuel Company, Inc.

Signature of owner By Merritt-Chapman & Scott Corporation

by R. E. DeSimone

R. E. DeSimone, Resident Manager

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Ward Permit No. 38/1440

Pocahontas Wharf

Owner Pocahontas Fuel Co.

Permit 9/14/38

Notif. closing-in

Inspn. closing-in

Final Notif.

Final Inspn. 6/21/39 - OK

Cert. of Occupancy issued 6/22/39

NOTES

9/21/38 - Work started. AGS.

9/28/38 - Same - AGS

10/5/38 - Same - AGS

10/12/38 - Same - AGS

Trial pile - AGS

10/29/38 - Same

Piles - AGS

11/4/38 - Same - AGS

11/21/38 - Coming in place - AGS

12/3/38 - Placing rein forcing steel for floor & walls - AGS

12/14/38 - Some concrete inside forms nearly complete - AGS

Same - Work progressing - AGS

12/28/38 - Same - AGS.

1/4/39 - Same - AGS

1/11/39 - Same - AGS

1/18/39 - Still working on concrete partors. Building AGS

1/25/39 - Same AGS

2/1/39 - No one working. Roof slab poured - AGS

2/10/39 - Stripping forms AGS

2/17/39 - Still pouring & mat. AGS.

2/24/39 - Laying brick curtain wall - AGS

3/17/39 - Same - AGS

4/20/39 - Work well along AGS

5/1/39 - Same - AGS

5/10/39 - Work about on - plete except for use of inside walls - AGS

Grading necessary

Work for Chase Trainor for Co.

3/30/39 - Letter to engineers, [illegible]

29th

Frank C. Ross Co. 1 Federal Street. Boilers to make Boiler Setting

Portland Co. - made boilers & slung them in place.

PERMIT ISSUED

FILL IN COMPLETELY AND SIGN WITH INK

Permit No. 0407

APR 4 1935

APPLICATION FOR PERMIT FOR HEATING, COOKING OR POWER EQUIPMENT

Portland, Maine, April 1, 1935

To the INSPECTOR OF BUILDINGS, PORTLAND, ME.

The undersigned hereby applies for a permit to install the following heating, cooking or power equipment in accordance with the Laws of Maine, the Building Code of the City of Portland, and the following specifications:

Location Pocahontas Fuel Co Use of Building Boiler Room

Name and address of owner 168 Commercial St Portland Me Ward 4

Contractor's name and address Arthur H. Moulton 75 Warren St Telephone OLIVER 4-2711

General Description of Work

To install One Burnham Low Pressure Steam Boiler

IF HEATER, POWER BOILER OR COOKING DEVICE

Is heater or source of heat to be in cellar? No If not, which story ground floor Kind of Fuel Coal

Material of supports of heater or equipment (concrete floor or what kind) Concrete

Minimum distance to wood or combustible material, from top of boiler or casing top of furnace 3 feet

from top of smoke pipe 4 feet, from front of heater 6 feet from sides or back of heater 3 feet

IF OIL BURNER

Name and type of burner _____ Labeled and approved by Underwriters' Laboratories? _____

Will operator be always in attendance? _____ Type of oil feed (gravity or pressure) _____

Location oil storage _____ No. and capacity of tanks _____

Will all tanks be more than seven feet from any flame? _____ How many tanks fireproofed? _____

Amount of fee enclosed? 1.00 ($1.00 for one heater, etc., 50 cents additional for each additional heater, etc., in same building at same time.)

Signature of contractor Arthur H. Moulton

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Ward 4 Permit No. 35/407

Location 168 Commercial St.

Owner Pocahontas Fuel Co

Date of permit 4/4/35

Notif. closing-in

Inspn. closing-in

Final Notif.

Final Inspn. 8/16/35

Cert. of Occupancy issued None

NOTES

4/11/35 - Heater installed. Not yet covered. Protection to be provided on side walls where only 2' from heater.
A.O.S.
8/16/35

INDUSTRIAL ZONE PERMIT ISSUED Permit No. 0406

APPLICATION FOR PERMIT

APR 4 1935

Class of Building or Type of Structure Third Class

Portland, Maine, April 2, 1935

To the INSPECTOR OF BUILDINGS, PORTLAND, ME.

The undersigned hereby applies for a permit to erect ~~alter install~~ the following building ~~structure equipment~~ in accordance with the Laws of the State of Maine, the Building Code of the City of Portland, plans and specifications, if any, submitted herewith and the following specifications:

Location 166 Commercial Street Ward 4 Within Fire Limits? yes Dist. No. 2

Owner's ~~or lessee's~~ name and address Pocahontas Fuel Co., 166 Commercial St. Telephone 2-0241

Contractor's name and address Owner Telephone

Architect's name and address

Proposed use of building Boiler room No. families

Other buildings on same lot

Plans filed as part of this application? yes No. of sheets 1

Estimated cost $ 500. Fee $ .75

Description of Present Building to be Altered

Material No. stories Heat Style of roof Roofing

Last use No. families

General Description of New Work

To erect one story frame boiler house 12' x 14'

ALL EXTERIOR EXPOSED WOODWORK EXCEPT WINDOW SASHES AND DOORS TO BE COVERED WITH METAL

Chimney must be at least 3 feet from highest point where it exits through roof to top

4/4/35

It is understood that this permit does not include installation of heating apparatus which is to be taken out separately by and in the name of the heating contractor.

Details of New Work

Height average grade to top of plate

Size, front depth No. stories 1 Height average grade to highest point of roof

To be erected on solid or filled land? fill earth or rock?

Material of foundation concrete trench wall Thickness, top bottom

Material of underpinning Height Thickness

Kind of Roof pitch Rise per foot 6" Roof covering ~~tx~~ Metal

No. of chimneys 1 Material of chimneys brick of lining tile

Kind of heat steam (not high pressure) Type of fuel Is gas fitting involved?

bolted to concrete

Corner posts 4x4 Sills 2x4 Girt or ledger board? Size

Material columns under girders Size Max. on centers

Studs (outside walls and carrying partitions) 2x4-16" O. C. Girders 6x8 or larger. Bridging in every floor and flat roof span over 8 feet. Sills and corner posts all one piece in cross section.

Joists and rafters:	1st floor concrete	2nd	3rd	roof 2x6
On centers:	1st floor	2nd	3rd	roof 16"
Maximum span:	1st floor	2nd	3rd	roof

If one story building with masonry walls, thickness of walls? height?

If a Garage

No. cars now accommodated on same lot, to be accommodated

Total number commercial cars to be accommodated

Will automobile repairing be done other than minor repairs to cars habitually stored in the proposed building?

Miscellaneous

Will above work require removal or disturbing of any shade tree on a public street? no

Will there be in charge of the above work a person competent to see that the State and City requirements pertaining thereto are observed? yes

Pocahontas Fuel Co.

Signature of owner By Charles E Abbott

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Ward 4 Permit No. 35/406

Location 158 Commercial St.

Owner Pocahontas Fuel Co.

Date of permit 4/5/35

Notif. closing-in

Inspn. closing-in

Final Notif.

Final Inspn. 8/16/35

Cert. of Occupancy issued None

NOTES:

4/11/35 - Building completed - A.J.S.

8/16/35 Work completed - A.J.S.

PERMIT FOR NEW BUILDING

Description of Present Building to be Altered

Intended Location of New Work

File Permit No.35/2438-I

May 8, 1935

Pocahontas Fuel Company,
168 Commercial Street,
Portland, Maine.

Gentlemen:

Referring again to the proposition of covering with metal certain of the exterior woodwork in the new buildings which you have constructed at Westbrook of 168 Commercial Street and to my conversation with your Superintendent, it is necessary that all of the exterior woodwork be covered with metal. This includes the corner boards, the base boards around the building near the ground, the facia boards over and by the side of windows and doors and all window sills.

Covering window sills, facias around doors and windows, the metal should cover the woodwork of each piece where exposed on the exterior and should be extended into the window or door opening as close as possible to the sash or door as the case may be.

I understand that you intend to do this work as opportunity affords using men already in your employ. Please arrange to have the work entirely completed on or before August 1, 1935.

Very truly yours,

McD/H

Inspector of Buildings.

April 25, 1935

File Permit No.35/243B-I

Pocahontas Fuel Company,
168 Commercial Street,
Portland, Maine.

Gentlemen:-

With relation to the building which you have under construction on the wharf at the rear of 168 Commercial Street, although the Building Code and your application for the permit calls for all exterior exposed woodwork except window sashes and doors to be covered with metal, an inspector from this office reports that one or more mouldings at the cornice, the corner boards and perhaps some other of the outside facias have not been covered with metal. Apparently, it is true that the metal has been carried up beneath these parts of the finish, but this is not satisfactory, and does not satisfy the Building Code requirements or the statement contained in your application for the permit.

[illegible] arrange to have these or any exposed outside woodwork fully covered with metal on or before May 1, 1935.

Very truly yours,

McD/H

Inspector of Buildings.

PERMIT ISSUED

Original Permit No. 35/243

Amendment No. 1 2

APR 4 1935

AMENDMENT TO APPLICATION FOR PERMIT

Portland, Maine, April 2, 1935

To the INSPECTOR OF BUILDINGS, PORTLAND, ME.

The undersigned hereby applies for an amendment to Permit No. 35/243 pertaining to the building or structure comprised in the original application in accordance with the Laws of the State of Maine, the Building Code of the City of Portland, plans and specifications, if any, submitted herewith, and the following specifications:

Location 168 Commercial Street Ward 4 With the Fire Limits? yes Dist. No. 2

Owner's or Lessee's name and address Pocahontas Fuel Co. 168 Commercial St.

Contractor's name and address Owner

Plans filed as part of this Amendment no No. of Sheets

Additional fee .5

Increased cost of work 1,000.

Description of Proposed Work

To change roof of manufacturing room to pitch roof - 6" rise, 2x8 rafters 16" OC. to be covered with metal.

Passageway between the two buildings is to be enclosed to 18' x 73' to be used for drying room, pitch roof 6" rise to foot, 2x8 rafters, 16" OC. covered with metal

ALL EXTERIOR EXPOSED WOODWORK EXCEPT WINDOW SASHES AND DOORS TO BE COVERED WITH MET[illegible]

Collar beams and ridge board should be used

Pocahontas Fuel Co. 4/4/35

Signature of Owner By Charles E. Abbott

Approved: 4/4/35

Chief of Fire Department.

Commissioner of Public Works

Inspector of Buildings

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Original Permit No. 35/243

PERMIT ISSUED

Amendment No. 1

AMENDMENT TO APPLICATION FOR PERMIT

MAR 11 1935

INSPECTOR OF BUILDINGS, PORTLAND, ME.

Portland, Maine, March 11, 1935

The undersigned hereby applies for an amendment to Permit No. 35/243 pertaining to the building or structure comprised in the original application in accordance with the Laws of the State of Maine, the Building Code of the City of Portland, plans and specifications, if any, submitted herewith, and the following specifications:

Location 188 Commercial Street Ward 4 With the Fire Limits? yes Dist. No. 2

Owner's or Lessee's name and address Pocahontas Fuel Co. 188 Commercial Street E.0241

Contractor's name and address Owner

Plans filed as part of this Amendment yes No. of Sheets 4

Increased cost of work 328.50 Additional fee 1.75 addl

Description of Proposed Work

To erect one story frame building 30' x 20' with passageway 7'x38' to connect with building covered under original permit, as per plans submitted

ALL EXTERIOR EXPOSED WOODWORK EXCEPT WINDOW SASHES AND DOORS TO BE COVERED WITH METAL.

Pocahontas Fuel Co.

Signature of Owner By Charles E. Abbott

INDUSTRIAL ZONE

PERMIT ISSUED

Permit No. 0243

MAR 8 1935

APPLICATION FOR PERMIT

Class of Building or Type of Structure: Third Class

Portland, Maine, March 8, 1935

To the INSPECTOR OF BUILDINGS, PORTLAND, ME.

The undersigned hereby applies for a permit to erect ~~alter install~~ the following building ~~structure equipment~~ in accordance with the Laws of the State of Maine, the Building Code of the City of Portland, plans and specifications, if any, submitted herewith and the following specifications:

Location: 168 Commercial Street — Ward: 4 — Within Fire Limits? yes — Dist. No. 2

Owner's ~~or Lessee's~~ name and address: Pocahontas Fuel Co. 168 Commercial St. — Telephone: 30241

Contractor's name and address: Owner — Telephone:

Architect's name and address:

Proposed use of building: Mfg. for compressing fuel — No. families:

Other buildings on same lot:

Plans filed as part of this application? no — No. of sheets:

Estimated cost $ 350. — Fee $ .75

Description of Present Building to be Altered

Material — No. stories — Heat — Style of roof — Roofing

Last use — No. families

General Description of New Work

To construct a one story wooden building 18' x 41' to be used as a manufacturing plant for compressing fuel

ALL EXTERIOR EXPOSED WOODWORK EXCEPT WINDOW SASHES AND DOORS TO BE COVERED WITH METAL

It is understood that this permit does not include installation of heating apparatus which is to be taken out separately by and in the name of the heating contractor.

Details of New Work

Height average grade to top of plate

Size, front — depth — No. stories — Height average grade to highest point of roof

To be erected on solid or filled land? filled — earth or rock?

Material of foundation: wharf deck — Thickness, top — bottom

Material of underpinning — Height — Thickness

Kind of Roof: flat — Rise per foot: 1½" — Roof covering: metal

No. of chimneys: no — Material of chimneys — of lining

Kind of heat: to be supplied later — Type of fuel — Is gas fitting involved?

Corner posts: 4x4 — Sills: 6x4 on wharf deck — Girt or ledger board? — Size

Material columns under girders — Size — Max. on centers

Studs (outside walls and carrying partitions) 2x4-16" O. C. Girders 6x8 or larger. Bridging in every floor and flat roof span over 8 feet. Sills and corner posts all one piece in cross section.

Joists and rafters: 1st floor: wharf deck, 2nd, 3rd, roof: 2x10

On centers: 1st floor, 2nd, 3rd, roof: 22"

Maximum span: 1st floor, 2nd, 3rd, roof: 17'

If one story building with masonry walls, thickness of walls? — height?

If a Garage

No. cars now accommodated on same lot — to be accommodated

Total number commercial cars to be accommodated

Will automobile repairing be done other than minor repairs to cars habitually stored in the proposed building?

Miscellaneous

Will above work require removal or disturbing of any shade tree on a public street? no

Will there be in charge of the above work a person competent to see that the State and City requirements pertaining thereto are observed? yes

Signature of owner: Pocahontas Fuel Co. By [signature]

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A.J.S.

Ward 4 Permit No. 35/243

Location 168 Commercial St

Owner Eucalyptus Fuel Co.

Date of permit 3/8/35

Insp. framing

Insp. closing-in

Final Notif.

Final Inspn. 8/16/35

Cert. of Occupancy issued None

NOTES

3/13/35 [illegible] shed built. A.J.S.

3/28/35 Pouring footings and piers for storage building. A.J.S.

3/26/35 - steel building framed. Work was on same two buildings. N of machinery shed has been removed and a pitch roof with 2"x8" rafters 16 o.c. with a 6" rise per foot is planned. - A.J.S.

4/1/35 - Work nearly completed. A.J.S.

4/23/35 - Letter about metal covering until