

CLARK N.Y., LONG IS.

93-B-7



APPLICATION FOR PERMIT

PERMIT ISSUED

419

Class of Building or Type of Structure Third Class

APR 8 1937

Portland, Maine, April 8, 1937

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 Island Avenue County ending, Long Island Ward 1st Within Fire Limits? no Dist. No. _____

Owner's or Lessee's name and address James Parsons, Colabrock, N.H. Telephone _____

Contractor's name and address Allen Bernstein, Long Island Telephone _____

Architect's name and address _____

Proposed use of building _____ No. families _____

Other buildings on same lot _____

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

Estimated cost \$ _____ Fee \$ 50

Description of Present Building to be Altered

Material wood No. stories 1 Heat _____ Style of roof _____ Roofing _____

Last use Vacant (former cottage) No. families _____

General Description of New Work

To demolish building 35' x 15'

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

Size, front _____ depth _____ No. stories _____ Height average grade to top of plate _____
Height average grade to highest point of roof _____

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

Material of foundation _____ Thickness, top _____ bottom _____

Material of underpinning _____ Height _____ Thickness _____

Kind of Roof _____ Rise per foot _____ Roof covering _____

No. of chimneys _____ Material of chimneys _____ 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? _____ 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

James Parsons

Signature of owner by Allen Bernstein

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Ward D Permit No. 37/419

Location Land On Long Island

Owner James Passius

Date of permit 4/9/37

Notif. closing-in

Inspu. closing-in

Final Notif.

Final Inspn. 4/27/37.028

Cert. of Occupancy issued None

NOTES

4/13/37. 11/13/37 started. 028

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Copy to James E. Barlow, City Manager

CITY OF PORTLAND, MAINE
DEPARTMENT OF BUILDING INSPECTION

C-38-7-I

June 20, 1933

Oliver T. Sanborn, Chief of Fire Department
Portland, Maine

Dear Sir:

For many months, I have been trying to get a cottage owned by Cushman H. Parsons of Colebrook, N. H., and located on Island Avenue, Long Island not far from Doughty's Landing and on the left hand side of the avenue as one travels from Doughty's Landing toward Cleaves Landing, disposed of.

The cottage is a small affair, but is leaning quite badly and is open all around for any persons to enter at will. There is some furniture on the inside, and paper, magazines, and feathers are scattered over the floor.

It is undoubtedly more or less of a fire hazard.

I have tried to persuade Mr. Parsons to have the building demolished, and have offered to secure a man here for him who would demolish the building and remove the material without cost to him, but without success.

Inasmuch as Mr. Parsons lives outside of the state, we are unable to put him in court in such a matter, and the Board of Municipal Officers have been lenient to condemn buildings and have them removed under such circumstances.

I am wondering if you may not find it possible to proceed under the State law as Fire Inspector and have the building removed. James Gray, a carpenter on Long Island living not far from this building has offered to do it down and remove the material for what he can get out of it. Under these circumstances, it seems to me that the building could be removed without cost or liability to anybody. I should be glad to go over this matter with you and Messrs. Barlow and Wilbur, if you so desire.

Very truly yours,

Inspector of Buildings.

C-53-7-1

June 8, 1933

Mr. Cushman H. Parsons
Calebroke, N. H.

Dear Sir:

I was disappointed this morning to receive your letter in reply to mine of June 5th concerning your property at Doughtys Landing, Long Island, and to find that you are still laboring under the impression that this office should enter the real estate business to a sufficient extent, at least, as to sell your building and land on Long Island.

I tried to make it clear in a previous letter that we could not undertake to sell your property at any price.

If you will read again my letter of June 5th, I think you will understand that I am trying to get the building removed without any cost to you.

As stated in my letter of June 5th, if I do not hear from you definitely with regard to disposal of the building by June 12th, 1933, I shall be forced to turn the matter over to the Fire Department to proceed under the State law.

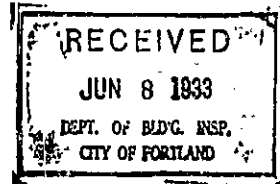
Very truly yours,

Inspector of Buildings.

HM/193

Cushman K. Parsons
Calebark, N. H.

C-33-7-1



June 6th, 1933.

Mr Warren McDonald,
Portland, Me.

Dear Sir:-

In reply to yours of the 5th of June:-

I have thought this matter over and have decided that if you can get
some one to buy this lot and building for the sum of \$ 100.00 I will sell
if you cant get me one hundred I guess the lot is not worth anything.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "C. K. Parsons", written over a horizontal line.

C-35-7-I

June 5, 1933

Mr. Cushman K. Parsons
Colebrook, N. H.

Dear Sir:

Again with relation to the cottage which you own near Doughty Landing on Long Island within the limits of this city, we have not heard from you since my letter of May 13th, 1933, a matter of more than three weeks, and I find that you have not communicated with Mr. Gray on the island concerning any disposition of the property, either.

Ordinarily the next step by this department would be to turn the building over to the jurisdiction of the Chief of the Fire Department, who has authority under the State law in such a case to have the building removed and the cost of that removal collected from the owner precisely in the same manner as taxes are collected. I hesitate to take this step, however, because such proceedings would undoubtedly cost you some money, while the same result may now be secured without any cost whatever to you.

I shall withhold turning this matter over to the Fire Department until June 12th, 1933.

Very truly yours,

Inspector of Buildings.

WA/RO

C-38-7-1

May 13, 1933

Mr. Cushman H. Parsons
Colebrook, N. H.

Dear Sir:

I appreciate your letter of May 12 with regard to your property on Long Island. In my judgment the cottage is worthless except for whatever small value there may be in the material which can be gotten out of it, and that the land is worth more without the present dilapidated cottage on it.

Our problem is that the building has arrived in such a condition that it is a definite fire hazard as well as being very unsightly.

I have talked with a man by the name of James Gray, a carpenter, who lives on Long Island and owns property not far from your property. He seems to think that he could take the building down and clear up the property and get enough usable material out of it to pay him for his time so that the work would cost you nothing. Under the circumstances I cannot see that you will lose anything by having the dilapidated cottage removed.

Will you not get in touch with Mr. Gray at Long Island, or if you prefer, I will suggest to him that he get in touch with you with the hope that you and he may come to some agreement whereby the cottage may be removed and the land cleared up without cost to you, and thus produce a more satisfactory situation for all concerned, especially since the summer season, when many people will be living on Long Island, is fast approaching.

May I not have an early reply?

Very truly yours,

Inspector of Building

WJ/EG

Post Office Department

OFFICIAL BUSINESS

REGISTERED ART

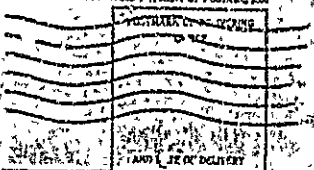
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INSURED PARCEL

No.



PENALTY FOR PRIVATE USE TO AVOID PAYMENT OF POSTAGE \$200



Return to

Street and Number,
or Post Office Box,

Inspector of Buildings
City of

PORTLAND,

MAINE.

RETURN RECEIPT

Received from the Postmaster a Registered or Insured Article, the original number of which appears on the face of this Card.

William H. Thomas

(Signature or name of addressee)

(Signature if address is specified)

Date of delivery

Nov 11 1931

Form 1615

Cushman K. Parsons
Caldwells, N. H.

May 12, 1933.

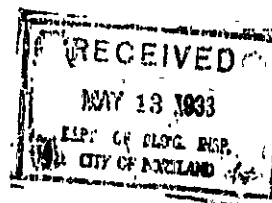
C-33-7-I
Rm-R 6/1/33.

Warren McDonald, Inspector of Buildings,
Portland, Me.

Dear Sir:

I wrote you before that I would sell lot and all for \$ 200.00
You replied that you could not do anything about selling it for me.
Perhaps you might put me in touch with someone who could sell it for me.
I am not in a position now to go to Portland and try to make a sale
myself. I believe the lot is worth at least what my father paid for it
some thirty years ago. The building and contents would be over and
above that sum.
If I can not sell it I dont see how I can do anything further except to
let it finish rotting down.

Yours truly



C-53.7-I
RE-R 6/1/35

May 10, 1935

Mr. Colman H. Parsons
Colebrook, N. H.

Dear Sir:

May I have an answer to my letter of March 25, 1935 with
relation to the cottage which you are reported to own near Doughty
Landing, Long Island within the limits of this city?

Very truly yours,

Inspector of Buildings.

WV/120

C-38-7-1

March 25, 1933

Mr. Cushman H. Parsons
Colobrook, N. H.

Dear Mr. Parsons:

I was sorry if my letters with regard to the cottage owned by the James I. Parsons Estate on Long Island, this city, were misunderstood.

I cannot, of course, purchase your property or act as your agent in selling it. My object in writing to Mr. Parsons, who I thought was alive, was to get the building, which has fallen into a bad condition, disposed of. As explained in my letter of February 9th, the building is of very doubtful value. In my judgment it is worthless, and is probably beyond repair. It adds nothing to the value of the land. With this belief, it seemed to me that you would probably be glad to get the building demolished and the material removed from the land if it could be done without cost to you. I believe I have a man in mind who would be willing to take the cottage down and dispose of the material off the property for what little good material he could get out of it. It was my thought that if I could get you and him together, you would not only be doing a service since the dilapidated cottage would be disposed of at no cost to you, and probably without depreciating the present value of the entire property, and I would be serving the best interests of the city, and especially the interests of the owners of surrounding property to whom the cottage is more or less of an eyesore and a fire hazard. I am enclosing a photograph of the cottage which was taken for the files of this department, and which does not show the dilapidated condition due to the fact that the photograph was taken on a foggy day.

Will you not return the photograph as soon as convenient to you, as it is the only one we have for our file, and can you not see your way clear to having the cottage disposed of as suggested and thus eliminating the annoyance and fire hazard to the neighbors without cost to you?

Very truly yours,

Inspector of Buildings.

CH/HC

C-33-7-I
R-4/1/33.

Cushman K Parsons
Colbrook, N. H.

March 23, 1933.

Warren McDonald,
Portland, Me.

Dear Sir;

In reply to your letters of February 9, and March 9.

I have offered this building and lot for sale several times. I now make you another offer. My father paid \$200.00 for the lot about thirty years ago. I will sell you or any one you may interest for the sum of \$200.00 the whole thing lot and what is left of the building.

If you can manage a sale I will allow you a commission of 10% except for a sale to yourself.

If you can not make out to get rid of the place at this price I dont see that I can do anything further.

Yours truly,

Cushman K Parsons
James J. Parsons, Estate

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CITY OF PORTLAND

C-33-7-I
R-4/1/53

March 9, 1933

Mr. James I. Parsons
Colerbrook, N. H.

Dear Sir:

Referring to my letter of February 8th concerning the building which you are reported to own on Island Avenue, Long Island in this city, and requesting that you communicate with this department by February 16th, please acknowledge the receipt of this letter, and let us have some kind of word from you concerning the disposal of the matter without delay.

Very truly yours,

Inspector of Buildings.

WJ/HJ

C-38-7-I

February 9, 1935

Mr. James I. Parsons
Colebrook, N. H.

Dear Sir:

I have today personally examined the building which you are reported to own on Island Avenue, Long Island near Doughty Landing.

Practically all of the posts under the cottage have buckled or are leaning at a precarious angle toward the shore so that the entire cottage is badly wacked. Some of the timbers appear to be rotting, and part of the piazza boards have been removed from the premises. Doors and windows are open so that any person may enter the cottage at will on mischief bent. Probably as a result of this condition various articles which were probably in their proper places and in good order have been scattered over the floor such as books, magazines, papers, etc. There are a quantity of feathers on the floor, probably from pillows or from a mattress. The roof over the kitchen and the other rear rooms has lost all of its roofing and water has come in in quantities drenching everything beneath. There are several pieces of furniture in the cottage including a bed, a bed couch, a table, a chiffonier, a piano, some chairs, and two mirrors on the wall.

The building is in a dilapidated condition and undoubtedly in danger of collapsing or pitching down against some trees and over the rocks toward the shore.

The building in such condition is considered a severe fire hazard since persons may enter at will and commit all sorts of nuisances, possibly setting the building on fire. Due to lack of extensive fire protection, you are doubtless aware that a fire on Long Island is a very serious matter. At the very least we must require that you have the openings in the building securely boarded up so that persons may not enter at will.

In my judgment, the building is worthless except for the small value of the furnishings which are not now in good shape, and for a small amount of material which might be salvaged from the building.

May I not hear from you on or before February 18, 1935 concerning this situation as to what you propose to do to alleviate this condition? In case you so desire, I can probably put you in touch with one or more men who will agree to take down the building, dispose of the furnishings for you, and clear up the lot without any cost to you for what they can get out of it.

Very truly yours,

Inspector of Buildings.



(A) APARTMENT HOUSE ZONE

Complaint No. C-33-7

CITY OF PORTLAND, MAINE
DEPARTMENT OF BUILDING INSPECTION

January 12, 1933

COMPLAINT

Location Doughty Landing, Long Island Island 1 Ward 1

Owner's name and address _____ Telephone _____

Tenant's name and address _____ Telephone _____

Use of building _____

General Description

Dilapidated building in dangerous condition - children playing in it.

201-B-17-47 near Eben Doughty cottages

Complainant's name and address Furnival Telephone _____

Date of examination and conditions found _____

Action taken _____

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Wm D

Ward Island Complaint No. C-33-7
 Location Doughty Bldg. Long Is
 Date Received 1/12/33
 Date Disposed of 6/20/33

93-13-7-1 NOTES

~~101-A-7 - Gene M. Alexander
 101-A-198 - Al C. Wright
 101-B-1517 - Pauline P. G. H.
 101-B-1471 - W. W. J. Phillips
 101-C-1 - [unclear]
 101-C-2 - [unclear]
 101-C-3 - [unclear]
 101-C-4 - [unclear]
 101-C-5 - [unclear]~~

~~Judge P. [unclear]
 Col. [unclear] N. 17
 [unclear]
 [unclear]
 [unclear]~~

1/8/33 - [unclear] has been
 in bed since for 2 yrs.
 Wearing body - often
 for anyone to enter -
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 Personal inside. He
 has motten [unclear]
 and will notify
 me in a few
 days about the
 patient is - [unclear]

2/8/33 - Made exam.
 and took photo
 today - see letter
 of 2/9/33 for detailed
 condition - [unclear]
 3/8/33 - second letter
 3/14/33 - 3rd letter - [unclear]
 5/10/33 - Follow-up letter
 5/12/33 - Another letter - [unclear]
 6/5/33 - Another letter - [unclear]
 6/8/33 - Another letter - [unclear]
 6/20/33 - I [unclear] [unclear]
 to the [unclear] - [unclear]

Gray [unclear] [unclear] [unclear]