

HARRINGTON AVENUE LONG ISLAND
93-J-10

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CITY OF PORTLAND, MAINE
DEPARTMENT OF BUILDING INSPECTION

Verbal
By Telephone

Date July 11, 1949

LOCATION Rear Island Avenue & Harrington Avenue, Long Island (Assessors Lot No. 93-J-10) OWNER Wesley Holland (Party in Possession)

MADE BY Miss Blanche Jewett TEL. 3-9521

ADDRESS 171 Clark Street

PRESENT USE OF BUILDING _____

CLASS OF CONSTRUCTION _____ NO. OF STORIES _____

REMARKS: This cottage seems to be located on an interior lot without any evidence of right of way to reach it either from Island Avenue or Harrington Avenue. The lot between it and Island Avenue is 93-I-22 and between it and Harrington Avenue 93-J-20. In the Assessors record the lot 93-J-10 is located on Harrington Avenue.
INQUIRY: Has the cottage on this lot, taxes not having been paid for a long term of years, been condemned? It is in a dilapidated condition. The inquirer says that she may have a prospect for buying it.

ANSWER: See Memo to City Treasurer Gilmartin. Had answer from J.R. Gilman. Phoned Miss Jewett, told her she had nothing against the property and told her the gist of Mr. Gilmartin's information.

DATE OF REPLY 7/15/49 REPLY BY [Signature]

File: Inquiry Rear Island Avenue &
Harrington Avenue,
Long Island

John R. Gilmartin, City Treasurer

July 11, 1949

Warren McDonald, Insptr. of Bldgs.

Summer cottage off Harrington Avenue, Long Island (Assessors Lot
No. 93-J-10)

We have an inquiry from a real estate agent as to whether or not this cottage has been condemned by the City, the agent reporting that the building is in a dilapidated condition and that the taxes on the property had not been paid for a long term of years. The agent said that there might be a prospect to buy the cottage which raises the question as to whether or not the City has taken title by the tax deed route. The Assessors carry the property in the name of Wesley Holland, party in possession.

We have no record of any transactions at all in connection with this property in our files, but this memorandum is to get the property in the record so that it may not be sold for taxes to some party who will find out after he has bought it that the City has to turn around and proceed against it as being dangerous structurally or a fire hazard.

Inspector of Buildings

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INTER-OFFICE CORRESPONDENCE

CITY OF PORTLAND, MAINE

OFFICE OF CITY TREASURER

July 12, 1949

Mr. Warren McDonald, Inspector of Buildings
Portland, Maine

Dear Sir:

In reference to your inquiry of July 11th relative to the Land and cottage rear South side Harrington Ave., Long Island, Portland, Maine, City Assessors' Plan 93, Block J, Lot 10, Area 1050 sq.ft. 1946 Valuation \$200. This property has been assessed to Wesley Holland since 1923. It has had kind of an up and down experience as far as the payment of taxes is concerned.

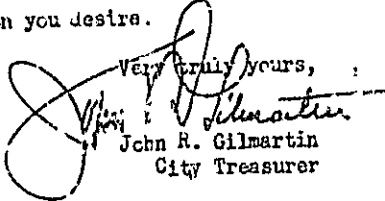
On April 16, 1926 the City of Portland quit claimed a deed to the Casco Realty Improvement Co. On Feb. 2, 1931, at the tax sale, the property was bought by T C Jensen for the non-payment of the 1930 tax, and on Sept. 26, 1931 the deed was delivered to him. On Sept. 22, 1936 another deed was delivered to the Casco Realty Improvement Co. covering the 1933 tax. On Sept. 26, 1939, another deed was delivered to the Casco Realty Improvement Co. covering the 1934 tax. All during this time, the Casco Realty Improvement Co., or T C Jensen, who was part of this company, did not file their deeds at the Registry of Deeds.

Beginning with the 1935 tax, right up to date, the City of Portland has been the purchaser at each tax sale, and we now have \$189.99 tie up in the property, without interest.

There has been a man by the name of J. E. Craven interested in this property for some time but he has never seen fit to make any offer. I believe he told me a long time ago that the cottage was in bad shape and he thought it was a fire hazard. I have never heard anything more about it for a long time. Frankly, I think what he would like to do is to have the cottage torn down to give him a better view. He says it is an eye sore. I know Mr. Craven, and if he says so I do not question his word.

I hope the foregoing gives you the information you desire.

Very truly yours,


John R. Gilmartin
City Treasurer

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