

March 7, 2023

VIA EMAIL ONLY: town@lamoine-me.gov

Jon VanAmringe, Chair
Board of Appeals
Town of Lamoine
606 Douglas Highway
Lamoine, ME 04605

Re: Terry Towne Appeal / Trevor and Rachel Batchelder – Map 14, Lot 28

Dear Chair VanAmringe:

This letter sets forth Trevor and Rachel Batchelder’s position in this matter.

I have been asked to represent Trevor and Rachel Batchelder, occupants of the subject property owned by Christine Cohen, Rachel Batchelder’s mother, in connection with the appeal recently filed by Terry Towne challenging the code officer’s determination not to pursue any action from any alleged violations on property recently acquired by the Batchelder family.

I have reviewed Town attorney, Dan Pileggi’s March 6, 2023 letter to the Board and join in that letter wholeheartedly. It is apparent from the Code Officer’s exhibit that the Town has known of the development, particularly that there are two dwellings on the parcel now owned by Mr. and Mrs. Batchelder, for nearly 25 years. The permitting exhibits provided by the Code Officer may not provide a clear picture on the permitting history, but it is clear that, when necessary, permits were obtained by prior owners of the parcel and that nothing was done surreptitiously. Through his appeal, Mr. Towne is essentially challenging CEO determinations made a quarter century ago by attempting to give his concern some current relevance by complaining to the CEO about the existing situation and then filing a frivolous appeal challenging her “no action” determination.

I look forward to participating in the hearing scheduled for Monday, March 13, 2023.

Sincerely,

/s/ Edmond J. Bearor

Edmond J. Bearor
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cc: Trevor and Rachel Batchelder