

Scott Gustin

From: Jeff Govoni <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Monday, November 19, 2018 8:24 PM
To: Scott Gustin
Subject: Fwd: Development Review Board

Hi Scott,

I'm the next door neighbor of the project at 441 Shelburne St. in Burlington. My hours 178 Lyman Ave. My city councilors Chip Mason and Joan Shannon suggested I forward the note I sent them to you in advance of the DRB meeting tomorrow night. I'm out of town visiting family for Thanksgiving and can't join you for the meeting. I'm hopeful you'll take my challenges into consideration as you deliberate whether to renew the permit. I would appreciate if conditions are added to the permit should you decide to renew that ensure as much as possible that my property is repaired, I am reimbursed for the repairs I've had to pay for myself and that steps are taken to ensure further damage to my property does not happen.

Thanks for any help you can give me in this regard and please let me know if you'd like more clarity.

Best,

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: Chip Mason <[REDACTED]>
Date: November 19, 2018 at 6:43:43 PM EST
To: Jeff Govoni <[REDACTED]>
Cc: Joan Shannon <[REDACTED]>
Subject: Re: Development Review Board

Jeff,

I am sorry to hear of your continuing struggles with your neighbor. Unfortunately I have a conflicting ordinance committee meeting in room 12 I will not be able to make the DRB meeting. Joan and I spoke earlier today and I believe she has a conflict as well.

Llisa should bring to the boards attention all of the facts cited in your email including the delay the cost associated with poor and in proper construction and the difficult the meter of the abutting landowner. The DRB does not have authority to force them to reimburse you but these are factors that they should take into account when deciding whether to grant the expired permit.

I will continue to monitor compliance with the issues permits but I also recognize that's not the relief you're seeking here.

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On Nov 19, 2018, at 9:38 AM, Jeff Govoni <[REDACTED]> wrote:

Hi Guys,

Lisa, my wife, took a photo of a letter we received from the city this past Saturday regarding a Development Review Board meeting tomorrow. One item of the agenda (which may be hard to make out in the attached photograph) is a "Reapplication for an expired zoning permit." at the property adjacent to me on the corner of Lyman Ave and Shelburne Road. I'm out of town (hence the need to send me a photo of the letter) but Lisa is hoping to attend and I'm wondering if one or both of you can support us by also being in attendance. I appreciate this is short notice and it's Thanksgiving so any consideration you can give this would be appreciated. It may help you to know that in the past few months and weeks construction has continued at this site apparently without a permit. More than that Mitchell Richardson, the proper owner, damaged a new custom-designed fence of ours and refused to pay for repairs despite admitting his crew did the damage. He (or a member of his crew) has also excavated earth over my property line (again, something he acknowledges) and he has refused to repair that damage only going as far as saying it will be repaired at some point.

Guys, I am at my end with this. The project has been dragging on (first as a sizable repair project and now as an ambitious change of use project) for at least five years though my memory is fuzzy and it may well be closer to seven years. In addition to damaging my property Mitchell has been extremely uncommunicative, hostile and has intentionally blocked workers from rebuilding my fence and doing a project in my back yard despite efforts on my part to involve Mitchell, a maneuver that cost me thousands of dollars in addition to the \$1,470 it cost me to repair my brand new fence. I have hired Jeff Wick as my lawyer but it seems clear it will require me to elevate this at a cost to me that I'm not comfortable paying. My question is when does the city step up and do something about this. I feel voiceless and under siege.

Thanks for listening.

Best,



"Your visions will become clear only when you can look into your own heart. Who looks outside dreams; who looks inside awakes." — Carl Jung

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