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Board of Selectmen Waterboro, Maine

Dear sirs:

I am in receipt of a letter from T.J. Nelson, Deputy CEO, who has been grossly misinformed.

Our Lot 65, Map 13 was tested for gravel when the road was built up across the face of the lot by Sargent Co. They used a portion of a knoll on the lot as a source of borrow for the highway fill and also for an entrance to the lot. This is probably the reference date Nelson uses as 1968.

This sand pit has been used intermittently as a source of sand or fill for our own use about every year since Sargent opened it.

Waterboro gypsies chose this location in the early years, as did apparently some of the residents who used this spot as a dumping ground for their rubbish. We did complain to the (then) authorities, cleaned up the garbage ourselves, and put up several barricades across the entrance with locked chain, only to have both chain and lock stolen. We then replaced this with a cable and lock, only to have the Road Commissioner of Waterboro pull out the posts to take what sand he needed. I contacted him, asking him to find another source, which he apparently has done. No money changed hands.

We have had no desire to have this a commercial pit, nor do we now. I have denied the use of this area as a source of sand to anyone outside the family except for one person: Gene Libby.

Mr. Libby had a chance to work on some building lots in Waterboro nearby to my lot. During the extremely cold spell we had he needed frost free, dry material to backfill around several freshly poured foundations. He was in a 'bind' and I permitted him to take sand from the lot as we had been doing in small amounts over the years.

Libby had not told me that he and a Woody Owens were working together on 'his' work. I had never met or heard of this Owens until my son who went up there to check found him hauling sand from there and went to Libby for an explanation, then put a stop to any activity there from anyone. The barrier was once again put up.

Unfortunately, I have had heart trouble and have been unable to go to the lot but do plan in the spring to have the sides dropped in and smoothed out so that it will appear to be a closed operation.

We have had most of the area under the supervisory staff of S.D. Warren as a woodlot but it appears each time that I visit the lot to be a playground for 3 and 4-wheel ATVS. I wish that some of the official energies of the town would be channelled toward protecting taxpayers from this kind of rampant trespass.

Since we do not want this to be a 'commercial' pit but rather to remain closed except to family I see no need of an audience with the Planning Board.

Without having contacted us Nelson states "our information indicates this pit has been inactive since 1968." My son called to speak to Nelson and found him to be very hostile, opinionated, and uncooperative. He would not send us a copy of the Waterboro Zoning Ordinance 3.0603 to which his letter referred. A trip by my son to the Town House could not produce a copy, either. He was told "They are upstairs, locked up."

Melson chose to make slanderous remarks about my integrity supposedly based on his "sources" which he has chosen to believe in spite of our trying to tell him what is really so. If Nelson insists on a court action he will have to be prepared under oath to prove my lack of integrity or take his chances before a jury, now that the law allows a town official to be sued individually.

I would really think that any town official elected or appointed would strive to be cooperative toward any citizen or taxpayer and that people could expect fair and impartial treatment, rather than prejudgement based on hearsay or gossip.

My medical advice is to have no stressful activity for a couple of months, due to my heart condition. Told this, Nelson seemed to sense an advantage and seemed to take a harder line than ever, quite contemptuous of everyone else.

I shall try to forget this whole matter until later. This letter I hope will serve to explain my inaction at this time.

Very truly yours,

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