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Mr. Bob Mollette
Third Ward Councilman
1705 Franklin Avenue
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Dear Councilman Mollette,

Your concerns detailed in correspondence number 07-060 have been noted and recorded. At my request, the Engineering Department and Health Department have both gone to view the property at the corner of Simpson Street and Buena Vista Lane, and they spoke with the owner.

They advised the owner that he must remove the tent, as it is in the City's right-of-way. In addition, Engineering told him that he must move the portable wooden shed and the pile of rocks. In July of 2006, the owner of 1206 Buena Vista was given a variance by the Zoning Board for two campers. All the residents in the neighborhood would have been notified of the requested variance and given the opportunity to oppose the request before the variance would have been granted. Therefore, the campers are permitted to be parked at this residence.

There are two options I could suggest for residents. One is for the residents to go to the Nuisance Board and make a complaint. If they are interested in pursuing this option, they will need to contact the Engineering Department for dates and times of upcoming meetings. There has also been concern expressed about parked vehicles on the curve of these streets. In order to make the street a no parking area, residents would need to approach the Traffic Committee. The Police Chief's office can supply them with dates and times of the meetings.

Finally, the Health Department found no health code violations. If you have any further questions please contact me at your convenience.

Respectfully,

James D. Kalb, Mayor
City of Portsmouth

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