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The Honorable Robert Mollette
Third Ward Councilman
1705 Franklin Avenue
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RE: Correspondence #08-028 dated July 14, 2008

Dear Councilman Mollette,

I am disappointed in your response to my letter dated July 10th. In no way did I state, nor could anything I wrote be misconstrued as stating, that I feel further dialogue with citizens is "a waste of time". It is unfortunate that you chose to interpret my letter with such negativity. Let's be clear, I do not share your views.

Thanks to our progressive planning and vision, taxpayers will have the opportunity to speak their mind at the ballot box in November. I am confident they embrace our plans to move forward, and I look forward to the public's decision.

Councilman Mollette, I feel that your letters are designed as a campaign tool rather than any serious attempt to understand the issues at hand. Currently you have one vote on City Council and I suggest you use it, and tend to the business of the Third Ward as you were elected to do. I will carry out the duties of Mayor as the citizens have elected me to do.

Respectfully,

James D. Kalb, Mayor
City of Portsmouth

cc: Honorable Council Members
Trent Williams- Auditor
Jo Ann Aeh- City Clerk
Michael Jones- City Solicitor

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