

November 25, 2008

The men and women d.b.a.
"City of Keene"
3 Washington St.
Keene, NH 03431

To whom it may concern,

I'm sure you're a good person just doing your job. It is unfortunate that you have to deal with this matter. Let it be known that I as a sovereign seek only harmony with others. I reserve all rights and do not intend conflict with you or the "City of Keene" or the "STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE". It is to that end of harmony and peace that I write in regards to recent events. Specifically, agents of your organization attempting to create conflict with me which I did not and do not want.

Based upon my interactions with your organization's agents and particularly your agency's lack of response to certain questions, I have come to certain conclusions which I will outline in this document. If you disagree with my conclusions and assertions, you are welcome to rebut them at any time by mailing them with delivery confirmation to my mailbox agent at the address above. Until rebutted, the following will be treated as fact:

- At this moment in time, no representative of your organization has responded to my recent for proof of obligation for me to obey your "ordinances". Therefore, it is publicly known that no contract between us exists. Additionally, the "City of Keene" is in dishonor as your agents have refused to provide proof of obligation in the form of a contract with my signature and the signature of one of your authorized agents. Your agency is also in dishonor as you continue to pursue conflict with me, which I do not want.
- Your agency claims to be acting under the "New Hampshire State Constitution". Article one of your constitution's "Bill of Rights" states that "All men are born equally free and independent" and that therefore, all government of right originates from the people, and "is founded in consent". This means that in regards to your society's "statutes" or "ordinances", consent is required. I do not consent to your governance. As a sovereign free man I take responsibility for my actions and will do no harm to others or their property.
- I am not a member of your society but instead a member of the Shire Society.
- If your agents are not acting by the consent of the governed, then they are acting coercively. This is not "government of right" but instead raw criminality. Expect peaceful methods to be used to bring those men and women acting coercively under color of law to justice.
- As I am an honorable man, I am more than willing to pay for services and products for which I have contracted. At this moment I explicitly consent to paying market rates for water and sewer services from the "City of Keene". As your agency monopolizes other services such as road maintenance I am willing to voluntarily contribute to those services I find valuable and I reserve the right to withhold contributing to those I do not. As no agreement exists between us, there is no penalty for not paying the requested amounts that appear on your "property tax" bills.
- I am the true owner of the property commonly known as ***** Keene, New Hampshire. It may not be sold without my explicit consent. It may not be liened in the absence of a damaged, complaining fellow human being whose person or agency is under contract with me.
- As I do not consent to your governance, if you or your agency continues to send notices, complaints, or other paperwork to me that do not involve at least one damaged, complaining fellow human being, they will be ignored. Consider them refused for cause in advance.

- As I'm a very busy man, my time is very valuable. My previously noticed fee schedule is in effect.

It is my solemn oath that I will be honorable in all my agreements and will do no harm to others or their property.

I hope you will also pledge to do no harm.

I have attached a check to this document. Your act of receiving these funds will be construed as your agreement with my above assertions and conclusions.

All correspondence is subject to being posted on the blog at FreeKeene.com.

Signed this _____ day of November, 2008.

Ian Bernard
39 Central Sq. #313
Keene, NH 03431

State of New Hampshire; County of Cheshire

Signed or attested before me on this, the _____ day of _____, 20_____, by _____
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Notary Public

My commission expires: _____