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Shire Free Church
73 & 75 Leverett St.
Keene, The Shire



From the Ministers of the Shire Free Church in Keene

2013-12-18

To our neighbors calling themselves the "City of Keene":

Greetings! This letter is in response to the letter sent to us on 2013-09-19 by Daniel J. Langille, "City Assessor". In his letter, Mr. Langille references your society's statutes (RSAs) and seems to suggest that they somehow apply to the Shire Free Church. The Shire Free Church is not part of your society. Your society is based on coercion, and as a peace church, we cannot be a part of a group that uses coercion against peaceful people.

If it is your position that the Shire Free Church is subject to your statutes, then please cite the facts that lead you to that conclusion. Specifically, please explain, step-by-step, how the Shire Free Church and its ministers are obligated to obey your ordinances and statutes and how our property, in this case the parsonages at 73 & 75 Leverett St., is similarly obligated. Is it your claim that you own the property in question?

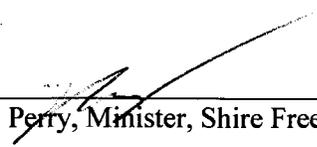
To be clear, we are not organized under your "state" – we are organized by God.

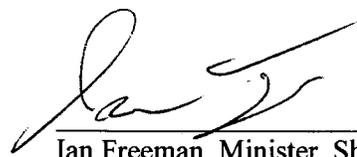
That said, as good neighbors, we will be contributing an amount to your organization to further select useful services that you provide. The funds we are providing today are only to go to city operations that are peaceful and not based on the threat of violence, like road maintenance, public works, parks, fire protection, library, administration, and human services. You are authorized to distribute funds to the Keene police department, but only if they will be used to protect people from criminals who actually have an identifiable victim.

While we at the Shire Free Church support education, we do not support coerced education, so we are excluding the education portion of your property tax request. That leaves \$1,431.21 remaining of your requested \$3,045.13.

In addition, we will, as a courtesy to you, fill out your BTLA Form A-9 prior to April 15th. We are not doing this out of any sense of obligation to follow your statues, but merely as a courtesy, as we understand that your organization has certain processes that you follow. We are not obligated to your decision on this matter, unless you can somehow prove that the Shire Free Church is obligated to your society's ordinances and statutes, as requested above.

In peace,


Darryl W. Perry, Minister, Shire Free Church


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