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Hi Peter

I am writing to you my comments as follows

Greg Hovey has continued to go against all actions relating to Act 250. He does nothing on his property until he is notified of a inspection then and only then is when he does things that pertain to Act 250. I am appalled that the board will and has done nothing to address this. This man has on tape admitted to breaking the law and he will continue like Greg has said until a badge comes up there.

We as home owners are equally upset and outraged that the board will allow this. The damage has been done that now again we are not being treated equally here. This man is operating a breeding kennel without a kennel license and breeders license, again that is illegal in Vermont and that's okay again not following protocol. Not to mention that this kennel has been up and running since March of this year and we found out that he has been raising beagles for a couple of years. How in your right mind can you think that 1 man can handle 50 dogs on a part time basis, he is always gone. I have been up there when he was gone all day long and no one went to check on these dogs, so who is cleaning up after them on a daily basis like he is suppose to. Also the people at the dump where Mr Hovey is suppose to be disposing of the dogs waste hasn't been seen weeks, I was informed by the neighbors that he was gone all weekend, again who is tending to the dogs and the environmental issues. Why is the board ignoring all of this? The fine amount is nothing to what this man has done to the land around all of us and the ground water for all we know he is still dumping waste in the back and no one has made any attempt to clean up the raspberry bushes where he has been dumping dog waste for approx. 2 years now. This impact will cost us more to remediate if this should arise. This man is lazy in all sense of the word he will manipulate and twist things to tell you what you want to hear. The man lies all the time I am convinced that he is incapable of telling the truth. He said that on July 6 he had on his website that he had 1100lbs of dog food delivered, when he showed us he dog food shed there was nothing in there on Aug 15. Lie I think so. My house will be worth nothing because of this man so his 500 dollar fine is nothing compared to the loss of my house value. We have had this vacation home to go to for quiet and relaxation only to now be confronted with a man who has no sense in the word of taking care of dogs, It will be constant barking and the smell from the waste that he doesn't pick up everyday. He has mentioned that he has a stone wall, there is no stone wall for seepage, there's another violation. A stone wall in my experience in a construction family is that a stone wall will not control seepage, he will have to construct jersey barriers in order to do this.. He has not done that either. The board also ignored the fact that this man did all of the ground digging and disturbance without applying to Act 250, again this is okay and only worth a 500 dollar fine.

My recommendations for this man and his lack there of business.

He should have been shut down and given a stricter fine.

The reason for this is he has not and will not follow Act 250 instead the board gives him 7 months to move kennels that will take less then an hour to take down and to apply again. What for he will just keep the kennels up and not follow through with applying with Act 250 and that will be ok with the board, because then the board will just slap him on his wrist again. Yes I am very angry and upset that you call yourselves environmentalist when you really aren't concerned at all about this issue.

Instead other people we have talked with that have had to go through Act 250 were fined 10,000 dollars over a stupid path, seriously I feel that out of towners are treated more harshly then residents. Remember us out of towners bring in more revenue to your state and with out us the state will take a big hit. So tell me where's the equality under the Act 250 in Vermont,

If you need to speak with me please call me

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