

To all it may concern,

First, I would like to express my gratitude for all who have extended concern and worked on the challenges that have arisen due to the religious practices of the Pachamama Sanctuary community here in Canterbury, NH. I truly appreciate not only those who support our mission, directly or indirectly, but also those who have chosen to scrutinize our safety measures. Safety is my highest priority, and I very much appreciate these things being brought to our attention. The process has illuminated some areas where we can improve safety today, and every day going forward. I'm truly thankful.

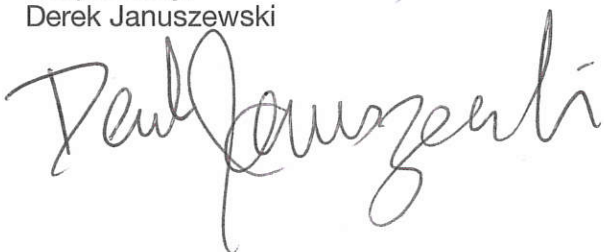
Secondly, working to achieve compliance has allowed us to find ways that are safe and legal in operating over the summer. At great expense (over \$15,000) I have purchased a tent for us to host our sacred ceremonies. It was difficult to find a tent with the highest safety measures and fire ratings, and I am happy to report that we had it delivered last week, and hired a contractor to build a platform underneath the tent. This will allow us to host weekend retreats without allowing anyone inside the house at any point. The maximum number of people sleeping inside the house will never go over 6 adults. Because of the categorization with the State of New Hampshire, portable bathrooms are legal and safe to use while we stay outside, including overnights. We will also not be cooking any food here to be served at retreats.

In short, we have addressed every single concern that the town has identified, and we have hired an engineer to handle everything. It was also made clear at the last Planning Board meeting that we are in over our head trying to do this alone. So in working with the engineer, and going to great lengths, at great expense, we have addressed all points, and will have a proper application within a week.

Additionally, we also realize this is not a long term solution. October will come quickly, and we will no longer be able to practice our faith outside. We are working with the engineer on this challenge, but this could very likely end up where we only host 4 people at a time (totaling 6 people in the house at any given time) over the winter. Planning for the winter has yet to come into focus, but the understanding is that we would not be able to survive the winter rolling back our retreats that far. Our current expected course of action is to leave by the end of October. Most likely long before that. We have begun negotiations with the owner of a property elsewhere that will suit our needs far better than the home at 417 Shaker Rd. While we are not yet under contract, we expect to be under contract by the middle of next week. Our community has stepped up big time, and we have raised hundreds of thousands of dollars in an effort to procure a forever home for our community. If all goes as expected at this point, we should be moving at the end of July. That is our goal. It may be pushed back a month, but we hope not. The property should close rather quickly, once we place it under contract.

Lastly, I am asking for a stay of the fines just for a short time, until we are able to complete the application and show how serious we are about these matters. The fines being presented would undoubtedly crush our hopes to move, as it would eat up large portions of our down payment. This would be a very unfortunate fate for the money that our community has generously donated and shared in an effort to save our church. We want exactly what all of you want: to focus on and improve safety, as well as to move to a more suitable location. We are asking for your mercy while we continuously work very hard at compliance, only for a short time.

Respectfully,
Derek Januszewski



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