Moermond, Marcia (CI-StPaul)

From: Cynthia Meyer <cjmeyer@umn.edu>
Sent: Wednesday, January 04, 2017 3:32 PM
To: Moermond, Marcia (CI-StPaul)
Subject: Re: 1386 chelmsford

Ms. Moermond-I am writing to follow up on my letter from about a month ago. At that time I asked you to reconsider your ruling regarding my property assessment. I am uncertain where things stand with my request. I am hoping that the reason I have not heard from you is because you are reviewing the materials I submitted and you are in the process of drafting a reply. Please let me know where things are at with my case and request. I would be more than happy to provide more information if that would be helpful.
Respectfully,
Cynthia Meyer

On Tue, Dec 6, 2016 at 11:34 AM, Cynthia Meyer <cjmeyer@umn.edu> wrote:
Ms. Moermond-

I am writing in response to an e-mail I received last week in which I learned that the assessment levied against my property last summer was upheld. I am hoping you will reconsider your decision or help me better understand how you reached that decision. In your letter you noted that you determined that the tree work had, in fact, been done on my property, so the charges should stand. I was not denying that work had been done, so I am worried that the two key points I was trying to make were not properly conveyed.

First, I did not receive the notice from the city about the order to do tree work on my property. Had I received the notice, I would have hired Rainbow tree service to do that work since, weeks before the date on the notice, I had had them do tree work for me and already had a $410.00 bid on the tree in question. I would never have risked the embarrassment of having city workers on my property or the uncertain cost of their work if I had any knowledge of the order.

Second, I am assuming the assessment I was sent included charges for time in which workers were cutting down foliage on my neighbor's property. This error required Ms. Martin and other city personnel to come to my home and attempt to ameliorate the situation with my neighbors, since the workers did not understand where my property ends and my neighbor's property begins. City workers were "on the clock" for much of the morning while arguing with my neighbors about what they were doing. I watched them spend one hour cutting down my tree and don't feel it is fair I should have to pay for the additional time they spent dealing with the fallout with my neighbors.

I respectfully ask that you lower the assessment on my property to $410., which is what I would have paid Rainbow Tree Service had I received the order in question. I understand it is difficult to believe my story of not receiving the city letter since it was not returned to the city office. However, I am hoping my documentation, thorough response to all other correspondence regarding this matter and longstanding history as a responsible resident and homeowner in St. Paul would hold some weight.

I am grateful for you considering my request.

Sincerely,
Cynthia Meyer
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