

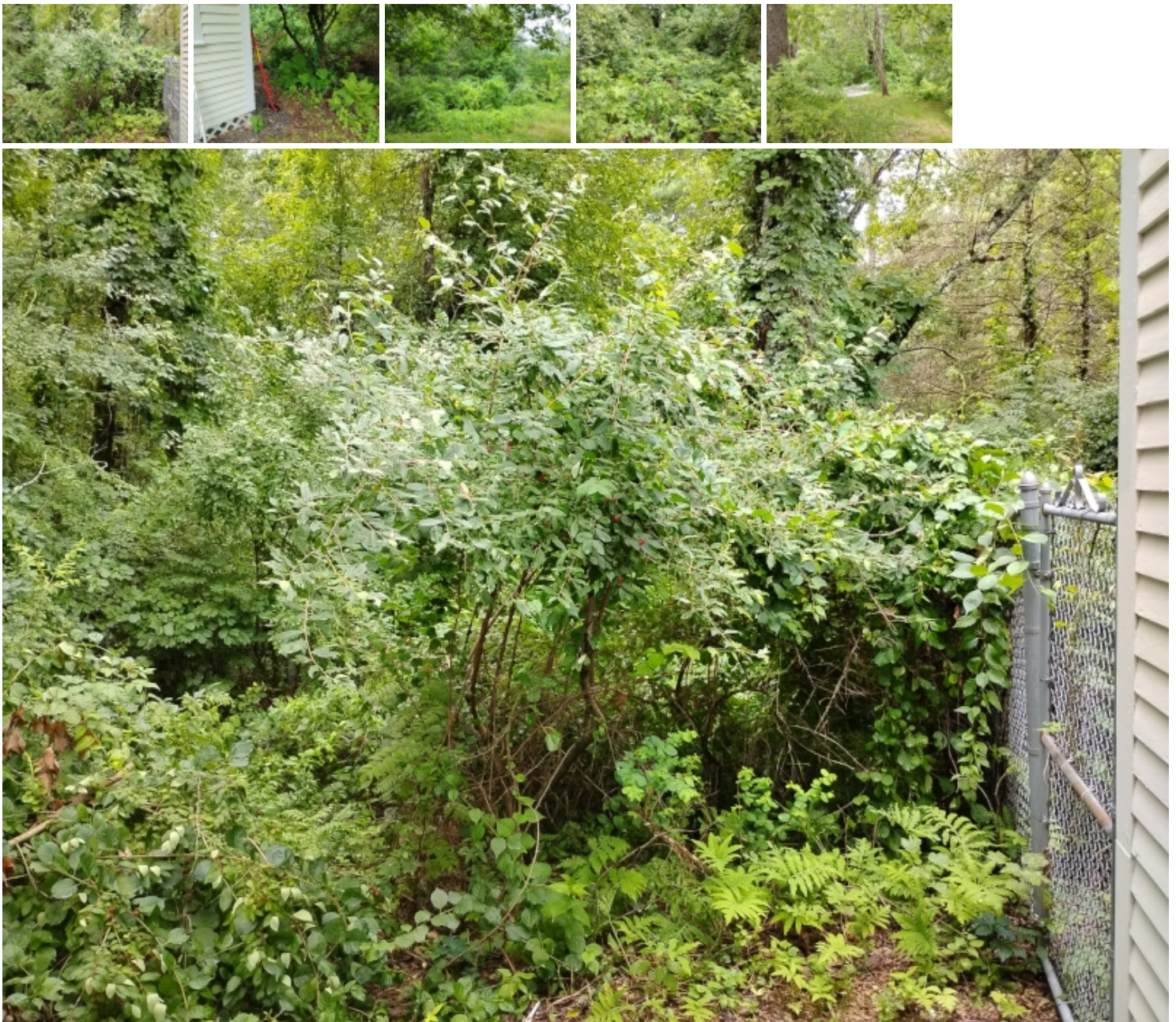


<ASIDE> [Cannot Review, take two...](#)

[2026/Aug/04]

I have physical disabilities. Nature has grown too close to this home: presents a true Fire Hazard. I hacked away at it two months ago (which left me injured, regardless of how cautiously I worked), clearing merely a four-foot perimeter, such that "Faith Charity" could get at the sides of the house: remove the rot and replace/repaint the siding. [Thanks again: looks great.]

Pictured– Imminent/Avoidable Disaster: the view out the back door, by the sliding door, the downslope of the yard, behind the barn and firewood shanty, around the hammock: all of which were lawn a mere few years ago, now highly flammable/susceptible should my chimney catch ablaze, again: a wildfire ravaging the neighborhood before containable.



<DRAFT> Town: Chair, Admin, Welfare; State: Representatives, Senator,
A new month has begun, please, let's get started.
In the meanwhile: a picture's worth..? [↑Above]

Further, I just applied for Fuel Assistance. I need heating oil for this Fall, having completely run out. Trouble is, the Feds don't release the funds until December now. [Cheapest way to be rid of us: freeze/starve us out.]
Anything you can do about that?

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<DRAFT> Community Charity, [CC: State Representatives, Senator]

I am withdrawing my request for your help insulating the upstairs of my home. That quest having begun last September: this being our forty-third back-and-forth email, with zero-forward-progress. It is time to admit that MAGA has won: whatever they haven't defunded/demolished has been drowned in bureaucracy. It is okay to acknowledge defeat, would be more productive, force you to find new approaches rather than losing (more of) the same battles every year.

I just submitted my application for Fuel Assistance: I could still use your help with that. What I need is heating oil for this Fall, but that has now been delayed until December: too late to help... This is New England, not the South. Please could/would you reach out to Our State/Federal Representatives/Senators (Governor, too) and Advocate for Urgency? Otherwise, how many (more) of Our Neighbors are going to freeze, this year?

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<RESPONSE> [(same) Tuesday, Abridged...]

Enclosed you find the application for assistance.

The process from the town begins with an application to determine eligibility.

[...]

We will need 2 months of most current bank statements (June & July) that show an itemized history.
A letter from social security of amount received monthly , and/or any other assistance, such as, child support payments, cash benefits and documentation of any income earned or gifted.

We also need documentation of utility bills to show a history of payments, a copy of most recent mortgage statement.

If other agencies are assisting you with basic needs such as, snap benefits, fuel assistance, etc., we will need a verification letters that state you applied or are receiving assistance from those agencies.

</RESPONSE>

<DRAFT> Town Hall, [CC: State Representative] [Wednesday...]

We have already gone through this process, last Fall, which wasted weeks: the financial interview conducted at the Town Police Station (with the (armed?) Chief sitting across the table from me: there (presumably) to 'bear witness' to any financial misrepresentation on my part (being not the slightest intimidating, mind you)). You have all those Proofs, nothing has changed: other than the SSDI COLA of 2.8%, my Savings is now under \$500: which will go towards heating oil (rather than fixing my car: with pieces falling off). I receive Food Stamps and Medicaid Spenddown (pretty much the gold-standard for 'Poor': universally acknowledged, being all the proof [update: well, not anymore: policy-change] required to qualify for): Fuel/Electrical Assistance, Medical Financial Assistance (after spenddown, through ["HMG1"]), an Amazon Prime Discount... Same as previously, which resulted in a (flat-out) Denial from the Town Human Services ("Welfare") Department (never to be heard from again, until yesterday).

How would it go any different, this time? Please, don't stall/hide behind bureaucracy. Instead, Practice Advocacy: speak-up, ask around Our Town for help. I've no doubt there are charitable folks/businesses to be found, willing to donate some labor (in the interest of Public Safety): someone just needs to find them, on our behalf. Please, Accommodate your disabled neighbors. Or is that too much to Officially Request of Town Government (yet again)?

Any thoughts/progress on hiring me a Building Inspector? [Not that old guy who works for the Town, who neglected to inspect the electrical here (several charities/revisions ago): because the basement stairs were too steep.] Top Priority.

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<RESPONSE> [Wednesday, Abridged...]

To move forward with any request for assistance, a completed application is required under local welfare guidelines.

Please not the following:

Assistance requests must be submitted through the application process.

[...]

If you choose to proceed please submit the completed application.

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<RESPONSE> [(same) Tuesday...]

Sorry to take so long to get back to you. I will look around to see what can be done on the fuel assistance front - I agree that releasing the funds well into the heating season is a bad way to run a program.

Regards, ["State Representative"]

</RESPONSE>

<DRAFT> State Representative, [Wednesday...]

And regarding all the other matters? Lest they be forgotten/evaded...

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<RESPONSE> [Thursday...]

Still trying to figure what legislation could look like, but frankly, I am hesitant to move forward on a bill given the state's current financial crisis that has hit the Department of Health and Human Services particularly hard. I know this is not the news you hoped for and I hope you do not feel abandoned because of it.

Regards, ["State Representative"]

</RESPONSE>

<DRAFT> State Representatives, Senator, [Friday...]

We all feel abandoned by our government representatives (well, except for those who are pro-MAGA: somehow getting shit done, to the detriment of the disfortunate, to the profitability of sociopathy). You (all) seem to see only one way through: Legislation, ignoring other paths, blaming The System (of which you are a part/fault) for getting in the way, being immovable (when clearly that isn't so for the opposition).

The way forward is The People. Specifically, Our Neighbors. If we cannot fix the Nation/State, let's fix Our Town. Please, find those nearby who haven't given up, still care, are willing to Speak Up, thumb their nose at 'The Norm,' Act Locally, and all that. Or is there nobody (else) left around here who's sick of this crap, willing to Fight For Change (for the better)? How many clichés must be espoused before someone will (finally) Make A Difference?

I forwarded you the paperwork Town Hall requires before even considering 'helping': forcing us to navigate their labyrinth only to discover a trap-door Rejection waiting at the center (presuming we can even find our way there). They have never said a word about Advocacy, refusing to ask for help (on behalf of those who need it) because that might make them look bad/weak(/Communist), or actually encourage change (which they will then have to adapt to, or answer for). Bureaucracy will be the ruin of America if we allow it (to continue to be weaponized). We gotta take the power back, demand better.

Please, let's figure out how to keep my house from burning down, then move on to the next neighbor in need. Low-income chimney sweep vouchers seems like a no-brainer, a good place to start, a definitive goal, easily understood: the Public Safety benefits cannot be denied. Or will it take a few local homes(/lives) lost before anyone cares (how close it came to destroying *their* home)? I'm sure a reasonable agreement can be reached with the local businesses who deal in chimneys, heating {electrical, forestry} to remedy some of the most endangering conditions threatening our homes. Take up a collection: "Keep Our Town From Burning Down." There's certainly no shortage of 'spare change' floating around this here neck of our woods.

If not you, please find someone willing to Stand Up at/to Town Hall, Start the Conversation. Let us see who's opposed to Neighbors Helping Neighbors, and their rationale. Hopefully, finding those allies who won't just sit back and watch Our Village 'burned down' due to disregard/indifference/bureaucracy. When 'The System's Broken: build a new/better one.

Be well.

"Silent," Esquire

Justice of the Peace

ps. Apologies, I'm in a mood. Nothing personal. The Next American Revolution cannot come soon enough. Shall we start it here? Show how it can be done, peacefully. Does "Live Free Or Die" mean nothing (to you)?
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One Weekend Later... No Response.

<DRAFT> State Representatives, Senator,

And with that, there's really nothing left to say other than what's already been said...

"In the end, we will remember not the words of our enemies, but the silence of our friends."

~Martin Luther King Jr.

"Throughout history, it has been the inaction of those who could have acted; the indifference of those who should have known better; the silence of the voice of justice when it mattered most; that has made it possible for evil to triumph." ~Haile Selassie

Do Better, Please.

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<DRAFT> County Human Services, [(same) Thursday...]

Attached is what-all ["Town Welfare"] supplies for the initial intake application: four documents (seemingly endless signatures sought: assenting to misspelled legal mumbojumbo), fifteen [update, learned: the next town over's is seventy-five] pages (designed to trip us up with maths, reasked a dozen different ways)... that is not okay, would require an accountant/attorney/interpreter just to fill it out (properly)... having only gotten worse, longer, more cluttered, abstract since last year... panic-inducing their documentation is (to me). Please help?

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<RESPONSE> [Friday, Abridged...]

Do you currently or do you have a history of Substance Misuse? Hi ["Silent"]. I'll do my best to translate our intake to email here for you. [...] ["County Human Services"]

</RESPONSE>

<DRAFT> Community Charity, [Re: Fuel Assistance] [Thursday...]

As I understand from your email yesterday, you require the 'all-pages' SSDI Benefit Letter, trouble is... I don't have it, haven't gotten one in years. Login.gov does not recognize my face as a face, so I cannot access mySSA. Every year, I request they send me physical copies of my letters through the mail (which they haven't, years running), ask if I can come in to their local branch to prove I am who I am (such to use their website: as their "Confirm ID at your local Post Office" sign-up page/form is broken, years running), demanding my full SSDI Declaration... all they've ever done is send me the one-page version: which is inadequate [update: this year, by policy-change] to suit *your* needs, neglect to schedule me an appointment (claiming they'll get around to it, but never do), and all my notices (still) get sent to somewhere I cannot find/reach. [Bureaucracy, am I right?] Perhaps this year will be different? I shall send you whatever I can get from them, whenever-long it takes to arrive. Good enough (to proceed, rather than "halt and stand still" until they (don't) respond [being the intended 'hold-up,' by design])?

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<DRAFT> Faith Charity, [Thursday...]

There have been a few more Updates to "Cannot Review [+take two]..." since last I wrote to you. [The quest continues...]

I would appreciate it if you could send that link to the Crew Leaders who helped here (leave it up to them whether/not to pass along to their team). I want them to have further context/backstory regarding who they assisted: being most grateful/humble for their efforts.

If you do not want your response, nor charity name, posted there, I understand: just say so. [I thought I was being complimentary towards your cause, but cannot be certain.] I acknowledge that this is your busy season: wrangling a fresh horde of hundreds of teenagers (across dozens of jobsites) every week, doing Good for those who need it (whom nobody else seems willing to help, nomore): please take your time, if/when convenient: I would love to hear your thoughts/insight.

Bless You.

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<DRAFT> State DHHS, [BCC: 13 Departments] [Subject: Authority in()Action] [(next) Tuesday Morning...]

It has been quite some time since last we 'buted heads' over my (re)application for EBT, Medicaid: appreciated. [Doesn't mean I have given up 'the fight' elsewhere...] Do you happen to have any Authority over Town Human Services? Attached: the Town's "Welfare" initial intake paperwork. I have no doubt you long-ago perfected a streamlined application (before the lawyers weighed it down with dozens of "I affirm/agree/attest" declarations and subtle disqualifiers). Mightn't it be easier for All Human Services if you had a "universal" form to prove our limited resources, with which to then determine acceptance/rejection? Rather than leaving it up to each Town/County/Department/Coordinator/(Attorney) to waste time/effort/money concocting their own (abominations)? [We already (re-)submit/affirm our every (unreasonable) proof through you, digitally, seasonally: how difficult might it be for you to export said data, officially?]

Is there anything you can do to help me/us? Do you have an Advocacy Program? Or any attorneys authorized to 'wag their finger' at the Towns when they are being evasive to their Public Safety Responsibilities?

Context– "Cannot Review [+take two]..." [[Jul/04](#), [Aug/04](#): feel free to skim, I'm sure you've seen it all before. Follow it back to [Feb/01](#), [Feb/07](#), [Apr/08](#) for failure of (mental) healthcare, too.] I am getting nowhere (for nearly a year now on that front), have nobody to speak up for me, have nothing productive left with to plead (for my life)... Here is my latest unsent draft, which I somehow doubt would help to overcome the now-standard "No Comment" nonresponse/deflection...

<DRAFT> Town Hall,

As I understand it from your Basic Needs Policy, the only aspect of my needs you might be willing to assist with would be Utilities: specifically Heating Oil. However, as I already qualify for Fuel Assistance (fingers-crossed; even though it won't arrive until December: too late), all you will have to offer me then is another rejection?

I have asked County Human Services to help me fill out your (nightmare) forms. Should I tell them not to bother, save them from wasting their time/resources in a futile endeavor?

Must I fill out those forms before you will acknowledge my repeated requests for Advocacy/Compassion/Accommodation? Is Town Hall even willing to ask around for those nearby charitable who might help remediate the 'endangering' conditions our homes are facing? Which would require a Building Inspector to suss out, first. Are you (again) refusing to provide that service? Even though the Town Inspector neglected their official duties? Having signed-off sight-unseen on the questionable electrical here. Further, 'heating' hasn't been inspected since long before the last chimney fire.

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At what point are we (not) supposed to give up, roll over (and die of systemic neglect)?

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<RESPONSES> [Abridged...]

Address not found: Your message wasn't delivered to [redacted: taken from their website: 2x] because the address couldn't be found, or is unable to receive mail.

Thank you for your email. I think you would be better served to call our office and speak with a customer service representative where you can explain what services you are looking for and what town you reside in.

Thank you for reaching out, and for your suggestions regarding consistent application forms among different agencies providing governmental services.

DHHS does not have any authority over town welfare services. This authority lies with the town, which determines its own specific application processes and eligibility criteria, as described in the following law: [Pasted in its entirety:] TITLE XII- PUBLIC SAFETY AND WELFARE CHAPTER 165: AID TO ASSISTED PERSONS

Therefore, it seems that you would need to follow up with your local town officials in this matter.

Your request is being processed and is under review. Please feel free to reach back out to this email [redacted] if you are not contacted by the Department by [next Monday] end of day and I will follow up with them internally.

Thank you for your message. I wanted to clarify that the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) has little to no influence over decisions made at the town level. If there are concerns about town operations or policies, the best avenue would be to elevate those directly to the Town Administration and/or the Board of Selectmen.

DHHS is always happy to assist with and support the programs we offer, but our influence is limited to those specific services.

DHHS has attempted to call you. An important message about your case is now available online. You can read it online and print a copy, if you would like.

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We tried reaching you by phone today regarding your inquiry of local resources with your shelter/utility costs, but were unsuccessful in our attempt and left you a voicemail.

You are currently open for SNAP [of \$24/mo] and the APTD Medical Assistance program (with a spenddown [of \$1,330/mo]). These are the only programs that DHHS offers at this time that you are currently income eligible for.

If you are seeking additional assistance with your shelter/utility costs, I would certainly encourage you to reach out to your local town hall, your local Selectman's Board, and other local resources to inquire about assistance in these areas. You may also be able to contact your local ["Community Charity"] program and see what they suggest in the interim of receiving Fuel Assistance.

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Please do not reply to this email. This is a send-only address that cannot receive replies.

</RESPONSES>

<DRAFT> State DHHS: Commissioner, Regional Admin, [Thursday...]

I could really use a point-person, an advocate (with Authority) if you will, rather than fumbling my way through with whomever responds (or doesn't), from whichever department, in whatever direction they redirect me (away from), please. [Reminder: over-the-phone is incompatible with my disabilities: an Accommodation we have previously discussed/addressed, at the highest levels (which seemingly, few below received 'the message').]

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<RESPONSE> [(next) Tuesday Afternoon...]

I can be your point of contact for questions regarding the Bureau of Family Assistance programs such as Medicaid, SNAP (Food Stamps) etc. I believe you have also reached out to the Office of the Ombudsman as well and they try to connect you with the team that may be able to assist based on the nature of your question. Thank you, ["Regional Admin"]

</RESPONSE>

<DRAFT> Regional Admin, [CC: Commissioner] [(that) Friday...]

I appreciate your offer, but things have been going smoothly with your bureau (for me, anyways) for a while now: well done. It is all the other departments under your DHHS umbrella that have (again) demonstrated the same-old same-old. Regarding the Ombudsman: last time I reached out, it required siccing the Governor's Office on them to finally get a response of: "Fault the Feds!" Unhelpful. Why would it go any different this time, me reaching out on my own? I know it's not your problem, but could you please pass along my concerns/story to them, advocate for a helpful response (this time)? Thank you.

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<RESPONSE> [(previous) Tuesday Afternoon, Abridged...]

I understand this has been a long process between the other home repairs and with our program getting ready to help in what we can.

The good news I have for you is I do have funds approved to insulate your second floor. My apologies I didn't make that clear sooner.

[...]

I appreciate your patience regarding this, but if you really think you want to withdraw your request, I understand. I do feel we can make progress towards getting this done for you though!

Take care, ["Community Charity"]

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<DRAFT> Community Charity, [Thursday...]

I had given up, hence my withdrawal.

Of course I would like to proceed.

Let me know when works.

Thank you.

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<DRAFT> Everyone (Local/State: 30x) Else, [Subject: Semiannual Update] [That Weekend...]

Since last I wrote to you... Topics (lived experience): Disability, Welfare, (Mental) Healthcare, Hunger, Charity, Faith, Advocacy, Authority, Heating, Public Safety, Indifference, Silence... "[Too distracted to review...](#)" [Feb/01] click the green "[next]" at the bottom of that entry for those to follow. Or, for just the past six weeks: "[Cannot Review](#) [+take two]..." [Jul/04, Aug/04] This isn't a game of 'gotcha' or a trap: promise. Should you not wish your responses posted there: just say so. [Rather than saying/doing nothing, as far too many did.] I know, it's weird, hard-to-follow (has little to do with the rest), long-winded (30+ pages): welcome to my reality. Advice: KBO (don't give up, as I was/am about to, yet again).

Having already demonstrated (Town/State, don't even get me started on the Feds') Government is not going to assist, time to see/hear what Our Neighbors have to say, are willing to do. Please, pass this along.

[But perhaps could you preface it better?]

Kindly, Help/Save Us?

Your Neighbors,

[ZIP CODE]

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<DRAFT> The Only Respondent, [(next) Friday...]

I am a bit tetchy when it comes to "fill out our forms, first, then (perhaps) we can have a discussion." Having demonstrated how that's been going (poorly) with the Town... [Doesn't forcing me to send my SocSec# over unencrypted email violate some manner of State Privacy Laws? That, or I would have to print-out nearly a hundred pages of all my (bank/court/government) proofs, as apparently they were unable/unallowed to download those PDFs from my secured GDrive Folder.] Should we fill-out the forms incorrectly, or not know the proper keywords/math (which I don't): auto-denied/roundfiled the help-request becomes. That, and then our mistakes become a matter of Official Record (to be used against us later (in court): which your form too made clear to mention(/threaten)), before we even get started.

Attempting hereby to explain one scenario/concern (of many)– ["Town Hall"] has repeatedly refused (by saying nothing) to Accommodate this Communications-Disabled Citizen: Failure to provide an Advocate or Interpreter: despite at least twice the conversation ending with them stating (along the lines of) "does not compute." If they cannot understand us (or choose to pretend they don't such to not answer our (reasonable) questions/concerns) doesn't that obligate them to provide us with someone who speaks their same language: 'government/liability'? I encounter this brush-off frequently: most simply "no comment" their way out by not answering, or redirect to the same few Googled "advocacy" links: most of whom stopped responding to my letters years ago, or simply again redirect me elsewhere. [And around and around and around the drain until we drown.] I require a Proper Introduction to some of these "advocacy groups" you keep talking/praising about, who seemingly want nothing to do with helping me. [Dumping us upon the digital backdoorsteps of (yet another) elsewhere does not advocacy make.]

I sent you those links to provide further examples of this and more issues, going back weeks, months, years, a decade+ should you care to follow it that far back: please do. Evidence, best I could present of Systemic Neglect/Indifference/Disregard towards Your Disabled Citizenry, at all levels.

Additionally (unrelated to disabilities), the Town Inspector failed to actually inspect the dodgy electrical here: a topic the Town has not addressed. I suspect you'd just tell me to take it up with a lawyer: being a service I cannot afford, yet another example of not a clearly defined/precedented situation easily/quickly resolved (to a lawyer's financial benefit): story of my disabled life. Must my house burn down before I have a case? Or perhaps the State could step-up and protect their most endangered (from those in power doing their damnable best to Evade Responsibility: for that which is clearly theirs)? Has the Executive Branch No Authority over Your Townships (when they've done 'wrong')?

Please, prove why you're here: "There is nothing more important to us then collaborating and working one-on-one, with advocacy groups or other state agencies. Let us know how we might assist!"

Assist Me, Please.

ps. I couldn't help but notice nobody at your office signed their name to your email: yet another example of the 'bureaucratic dodge' which has become even more common, a way of making it harder for us to track-down, follow-up with anybody specific. Of note: there has been No Response from anyone at the Governor's Office (to which you are inexorably tied) to the same email I sent youse...

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No Response.

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<DRAFT> Town Hall, [CC: State Representative] [Thursday...]

If at this point (years later) it still remains "unclear" what this disabled citizen is asking/requesting/pleading of ["Town"] Government, therein is the requisite proof that an Advocate (or at least an Interpreter, possibly an Attorney) is required, which you shall provide for me.

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No Response.

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