



Ryan michaels <rtgmich@gmail.com>

Meeting

6 messages

Arthur Capello - Berwick Town Manager <townmanager@berwickmaine.gov>

Mon, Aug 25, 2025 at 12:31 PM

To: Ryan michaels <rtgmich@gmail.com>

Cc: Tim Towne <chief@berwickmainepolice.gov>

Good afternoon, Mr. Michaels. The Chief and I have set an appointment for you to meet with us on September 3rd from 11 am to 12 pm. We will meet at the PD.

Thank you

Please note my email address has changed to townmanager@berwickmaine.gov

Arthur Capello

Town Manager

Office Hours: Mon-Thur 8am to 6pm

(207) 698-1101 ext. 111

townmanager@berwickmaine.gov



NOTICE: Under Maine's Freedom of Access ("Right-to-Know") law, documents - including email - in public officials' possession of city business are classified as public records. This means if anyone asks to see it, we are required to provide it. There are very few exceptions. We welcome citizen comments and want to hear from our residents, but please remember that what you write in an email is not private and could appear in the local newspaper.



Book time to meet with me

Ryan michaels <rtgmich@gmail.com>

Mon, Aug 25, 2025 at 1:57 PM

Reply-To: rtgmich@gmail.com

To: Arthur Capello - Berwick Town Manager <townmanager@berwickmaine.gov>

Cc: Tim Towne <chief@berwickmainepolice.gov>, Denise Dunn <ddunn@berwickmainepolice.gov>, Brendan Reil <breil@berwickmainepolice.gov>, Edison Odess <eodess@berwickmainepolice.gov>, Christine Alberi <ombudsman@cwombudsman.org>, "kmslattery@yorkcountymaine.gov" <kmslattery@yorkcountymaine.gov>, "jdgosselin@yorkcountymaine.gov" <jdgosselin@yorkcountymaine.gov>, "jamcgettigan@yorkcountymaine.gov" <jamcgettigan@yorkcountymaine.gov>, "jrkern@yorkcountymaine.gov" <jrkern@yorkcountymaine.gov>, "CAHOLMES@yorkcountymaine.gov" <CAHOLMES@yorkcountymaine.gov>, Ann.Fredericks@legislature.maine.gov, "Rafferty, Joe" <Joe.Rafferty@legislature.maine.gov>, Thomas.Lavigne@legislature.maine.gov

Good afternoon, Mr. Capello,

Thank you for reaching out and setting a time to meet with you and Chief Towne. I am willing to meet, but I do want to note that the September 3rd, 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. time was assigned without first checking my availability. Given the importance of these discussions and the history of delays in getting to this point, I believe future meetings should be scheduled through a mutual confirmation process to ensure all parties can fully participate.

For transparency and accuracy, I plan to record our conversation. I have recorded in the Berwick Police Department before without issue, but since I do not yet know where in the building our meeting will be held, I just want to confirm that recording will be permitted in that space as well. If for any reason recording is not allowed in the planned location, please let me know so we can arrange an alternate setting that will accommodate recording.

I also want to note two additional points. First, I am currently awaiting responses to several outstanding FOAA requests, all of which share a statutory response deadline of Friday, August 29th. This includes the FOAA request I hand-delivered today, which is also due the same day under the five-business-day rule. I look forward to receiving those responses on time, in accordance with Maine law.

Secondly, I also want to note that when I hand-delivered my FOAA request to the Berwick Police Department today, the interaction was markedly different from my experiences earlier the same day with Sanford and Biddeford PD, both of which accepted and acknowledged my request without issue. I will provide full details and documentation of today's interaction at our meeting.

I appreciate your time and look forward to a constructive discussion.

Respectfully,
Ryan Michaels
215 Long Swamp Road
Berwick, ME 03901
207-216-7955
rtgmich@gmail.com

[Quoted text hidden]

Arthur Capello - Berwick Town Manager <townmanager@berwickmaine.gov>

Mon, Aug 25, 2025 at 2:03 PM

To: "rtgmich@gmail.com" <rtgmich@gmail.com>

Cc: Tim Towne <chief@berwickmainepolice.gov>, Denise Dunn <ddunn@berwickmainepolice.gov>, Brendan Reil <breil@berwickmainepolice.gov>, Edison Odess <eodess@berwickmainepolice.gov>, Christine Alberi <ombudsman@cwombudsman.org>, "kmslattery@yorkcountymaine.gov" <kmslattery@yorkcountymaine.gov>, "jdgosselin@yorkcountymaine.gov" <jdgosselin@yorkcountymaine.gov>, "jamcgettigan@yorkcountymaine.gov" <jamcgettigan@yorkcountymaine.gov>, "jrkern@yorkcountymaine.gov" <jrkern@yorkcountymaine.gov>, "CAHOLMES@yorkcountymaine.gov" <CAHOLMES@yorkcountymaine.gov>, "Ann.Fredericks@legislature.maine.gov" <Ann.Fredericks@legislature.maine.gov>, "Rafferty, Joe" <Joe.Rafferty@legislature.maine.gov>, "Thomas.Lavigne@legislature.maine.gov" <Thomas.Lavigne@legislature.maine.gov>

Good afternoon. The chief will make sure we are in an area that you can record. For transparency, I will also be recording the meeting.

Thank you

Please note my email address has changed to townmanager@berwickmaine.gov

Arthur Capello

Town Manager

Office Hours: Mon-Thur 8am to 6pm

(207) 698-1101 ext. 111

townmanager@berwickmaine.gov



NOTICE: Under Maine's Freedom of Access ("Right-to-Know") law, documents - including email - in public officials' possession of city business are classified as public records. This means if anyone asks to see it, we are required to provide it. There are very few exceptions. We welcome citizen comments and want to hear from our residents, but please remember that what you write in an email is not private and could appear in the local newspaper.

 [Book time to meet with me](#)

[Quoted text hidden]

[Quoted text hidden]

[Quoted text hidden]

[Quoted text hidden]

 [Book time to meet with me](#)

Ryan michaels <rtgmich@gmail.com>

Mon, Aug 25, 2025 at 2:08 PM

Reply-To: rtgmich@gmail.com

To: Arthur Capello - Berwick Town Manager <townmanager@berwickmaine.gov>

Cc: Tim Towne <chief@berwickmainepolice.gov>, Denise Dunn <ddunn@berwickmainepolice.gov>, Brendan Reil <breil@berwickmainepolice.gov>, Edison Odess <eodess@berwickmainepolice.gov>, Christine Alberi <ombudsman@cwombudsman.org>, "kmslattery@yorkcountymaine.gov" <kmslattery@yorkcountymaine.gov>, "jdgosselin@yorkcountymaine.gov" <jdgosselin@yorkcountymaine.gov>, "jamcgettigan@yorkcountymaine.gov" <jamcgettigan@yorkcountymaine.gov>, "jrkern@yorkcountymaine.gov" <jrkern@yorkcountymaine.gov>, "CAHOLMES@yorkcountymaine.gov" <CAHOLMES@yorkcountymaine.gov>, "Ann.Fredericks@legislature.maine.gov" <Ann.Fredericks@legislature.maine.gov>, "Rafferty, Joe" <Joe.Rafferty@legislature.maine.gov>, "Thomas.Lavigne@legislature.maine.gov" <Thomas.Lavigne@legislature.maine.gov>

Good afternoon, Mr. Capello,

Thank you for confirming. I have no objection to you recording the meeting — in fact, I welcome it. I've been requesting transparency from the Town and the Berwick Police Department for some time, and a complete, mutual record of this discussion will only help ensure accuracy and accountability for all parties.

As always, my goal is a professional, fact-based conversation, and I have nothing to hide. I look forward to a constructive discussion on September 3rd.

Respectfully,
Ryan Michaels
[Quoted text hidden]

Arthur Capello - Berwick Town Manager <townmanager@berwickmaine.gov>

Mon, Aug 25, 2025 at 3:07 PM

To: "rtgmich@gmail.com" <rtgmich@gmail.com>

Cc: Tim Towne <chief@berwickmainepolice.gov>, Denise Dunn <ddunn@berwickmainepolice.gov>

Good afternoon. Here is one of your FOIA request.

Thank you

Please note my email address has changed to townmanager@berwickmaine.gov

Arthur Capello

Town Manager

Office Hours: Mon-Thur 8am to 6pm

(207) 698-1101 ext. 111

townmanager@berwickmaine.gov



NOTICE: Under Maine's Freedom of Access ("Right-to-Know") law, documents - including email - in public officials' possession of city business are classified as public records. This means if anyone asks to see it, we are required to provide it. There are very few exceptions. We welcome citizen comments and want to hear from our residents, but please remember that what you write in an email is not private and could appear in the local newspaper.

 [Book time to meet with me](#)

From: Ryan Michaels <rtgmich@gmail.com>

Sent: Monday, August 25, 2025 2:08 PM

To: Arthur Capello - Berwick Town Manager <townmanager@berwickmaine.gov>

Cc: Tim Towne <chief@berwickmainepolice.gov>; Denise Dunn <ddunn@berwickmainepolice.gov>; Brendan Reil

<breil@berwickmainepolice.gov>; Edison Odess <eodess@berwickmainepolice.gov>; Christine Alberi <ombudsman@cwombudsman.org>; kmslattery@yorkcountymaine.gov; jdgoselin@yorkcountymaine.gov; jamcgettigan@yorkcountymaine.gov; jrkern@yorkcountymaine.gov; CAHOLMES@yorkcountymaine.gov; Ann.Fredericks@legislature.maine.gov; Rafferty, Joe <Joe.Rafferty@legislature.maine.gov>; Thomas.Lavigne@legislature.maine.gov

Subject: Re: Meeting

Good afternoon, Mr. Capello,

Thank you for confirming. I have no objection to you recording the meeting — in fact, I welcome it. I've been requesting transparency from the Town and the Berwick Police Department for some time, and a complete, mutual record of this discussion will only help ensure accuracy and accountability for all parties.

As always, my goal is a professional, fact-based conversation, and I have nothing to hide. I look forward to a constructive discussion on September 3rd.

Respectfully,
Ryan Michaels

On Mon, Aug 25, 2025 at 2:03 PM Arthur Capello - Berwick Town Manager <townmanager@berwickmaine.gov> wrote:

Good afternoon. The chief will make sure we are in an area that you can record. For transparency, I will also be recoding the meeting.

Thank you

Please note my email address has changed to townmanager@berwickmaine.gov

Arthur Capello

Town Manager

Office Hours: Mon-Thur 8am to 6pm

(207) 698-1101 ext. 111

townmanager@berwickmaine.gov



NOTICE: Under Maine's Freedom of Access ("Right-to-Know") law, documents - including email - in public officials' possession of city business are classified as public records. This means if anyone asks to see it, we are required to provide it. There are very few exceptions. We welcome citizen comments and want to hear from our residents, but please remember that what you write in an email is not private and could appear in the local newspaper.

 [Book time to meet with me](#)

[Quoted text hidden]

 **SKM_C250i25082212380.pdf**
300K

Ryan michaels <rtgmich@gmail.com>

Mon, Aug 25, 2025 at 3:26 PM

Reply-To: rtgmich@gmail.com

To: Arthur Capello - Berwick Town Manager <townmanager@berwickmaine.gov>

Cc: Tim Towne <chief@berwickmainepolice.gov>, Denise Dunn <ddunn@berwickmainepolice.gov>

Thank you for providing the FOIA request materials. I appreciate seeing that my complaint was filed on July 30, 2025, as requested.

I did notice one small but important inaccuracy in the narrative report. It states that I "claimed that the AG had sided with DHHS." For the record, I did not say this. What I stated was that I have submitted documented evidence of misconduct to the Attorney General's Office for many months without acknowledgement or response. My concern is the complete lack of engagement from their office, not that they have explicitly taken a position in favor of DHHS.

I do not believe this was done on purpose, as I understand how this could be easily misunderstood given the complexity of the situation — and I also recognize that my disability can sometimes make it harder for others to follow my explanations. That said, facts matter, and in my lived experience, I have repeatedly stated just how long I have been wrongfully alienated from my children. Details matter, because it is the accumulation of false details that has cost me my children, and cost my children their father.

If needed, I can provide the audio recording of my entire conversation with Officer Odess. For accuracy's sake, you could listen to it and clearly understand what I was actually saying. With the benefit of hearing the full exchange, I believe you would see that my explanation now aligns with what was said at the time.

I wanted to ensure this distinction is clear for accuracy in the record.

Thank you for your time and attention.

Respectfully,
Ryan Michaels

Entered: 07/31/2025 @ 1843 Entry ID: BERE0
Modified: 08/01/2025 @ 1016 Modified ID: BERDD
Approved: 08/01/2025 @ 1109 Approval ID: BERJL

On 07/30/2025, I, Officer Edison Odess, was working uniform patrol for the Berwick Police Department. At approximately 0916 hours, Ryan Micheals came into the station to file a complaint regarding the Department of Health and Human Services, the Attorney General's office, and the Berwick Police Department.

Ryan stated that he has been mistreated by DHHS, the AG's office, and the Berwick Police Department. He told me that he had gone to the DHHS office to inquire about his children. His partner had been given full custody of the children in a previous case. Ryan stated that DHHS told him to leave and had him trespassed from the office. When Ryan contacted the AG's office to make a complaint against DHHS, they sided with DHHS.

Ryan provided documents regarding his complaints and allegations and provided a thumb drive with video footage of the incident in the DHHS office. I told Ryan that these items would be reviewed. I turned them over to Captain Locke for review.

Ryan also wanted to make a complaint on the Berwick Police Department's inadequate effort in the situation.

Nothing further.

[Quoted text hidden]