

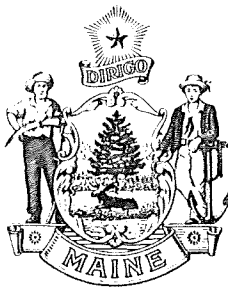
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The Honorable Donald M. Hall
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Dear Representative Hall:

This responds to your request for advice as to whether the boundaries of the towns of Ripley and Cambridge can be affected by an incorrect designation on a geodetic or a geological survey map. The law on this question is clear. The legislature alone has authority to establish and to change the boundaries of a town. Inhabitants of Fayette vs. Inhabitants of Readfield, 132 Me. 328 (1934); Shawmut Manufacturing Co. vs. Inhabitants of Benton, 123 Me. 121 (1923). Thus we are of the opinion that the results of a geodetic or a geological survey map do not have the effect of altering the municipal boundaries of Ripley and Cambridge established by the Legislature.

If I can be of further assistance, please do not hesitate to call.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Andre G. Janelle".

Andre G. Janelle
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