

Re: 19-21 Main Street

June 8, 2022

Dear Members of the Durham Planning Board,

I submit my public comments from last night as permitted under your current procedures.

I will be brief. First, the Site Plan Regulations are clear: **Extensive grading and fill shall be avoided.** This is not a conditional statement. It does not say, "where practicable." The language of the ordinance is clear and must be adhered to: **Extensive grading and fill shall be avoided.**

I would hope that the recent court decision on the Gerrish Drive project would serve to remind Planning Board members that words matter. The language of the ordinance *must* be followed. Even if you do not agree with the language or wish it were worded differently, you are bound to honor the meaning of those words as they are written.

Respectfully submitted,

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