

May 28, 2021

To Todd Selig and Lorne Parnell,

We write this letter in regards to the Planning Board meeting the other night, Wednesday, May 26, 2021. We are appalled at the behavior at some of the Planning Board members. We are interested in all topics pertaining to our town, but our first intention is to be a part of the Gerrish Subdivision application. We also know that this is a very "hot topic" and somewhat controversial. If anything, we would think that would be even more of a reason to be cautious of what is said from town personnel and how town personnel conduct themselves.

We have brought this to your attention before, but Barbara Dill again fell asleep during the meeting. In fact, she fell asleep before any voting was happening, but when it came time for voting, board members can be heard asking, "Is she alive?" when her name is called for the vote. Then when Barbara regains herself and answers, she has the nerve to vote. If she was sleeping, then why is she still allowed to vote? We are not convinced she was even sure she knew what she was voting on. This matter that she votes on will eventually effect our neighborhood, therefore our lives, and we find it truly irresponsible of her to not step away. Last time this happened (it has happened twice that we are aware of in the past few months) and we contacted you, we were told she has been having some medical issues. Maybe this should be dealt with before she returns to voting on major decisions that impact other people's wellbeing.

In addition, we are wondering why it is the right of the applicant's engineer, Mike Seivert, to silence a neighbor of ours when he is trying to speak? First off, the public comments were never closed properly so Mr. Lewis was simply answering a comment/question made by Michael Behrendt. Does Mike Seivert now assist in helping to run the meetings? To make matters worse, the Planning Board laughed at this situation after it took place. This truly does not help us feel any better about the fact we already feel there is a large amount of influence from Mike Seivert and honesty a very biased application/review for this subdivision.

The meeting on Wednesday, in regards to the Gerrish subdivision was a disgrace. The town officials, asking if members are asleep or not during votes, town officials calling out the words, "that's absurd" when the public is speaking, the applicant's engineers speaking out of line, etc...this does not leave us with any confidence that the town of Durham is working with, and/or for us, not only in the matter of this subdivision, but quite frankly, in any matter. Something needs to be done with the way this matter was handled Wednesday.

Thank you for your time,

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