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To: [Karen Edwards](#)
Subject: letter to the Conservation Commission, re: Bagdad site walk and independent scientific judgement
Date: Friday, November 13, 2020 3:10:15 PM

Karen,

Kindly forward this letter to the Conservation Commission. Thank you.

To the Conservation Commission,

For reasons already discussed by the Conservation Commission, and by townspeople appearing before the Conservation Commission, we ask you to schedule a site walk at the Bagdad Entrance to the proposed Gerrish housing development site and thus expand your knowledge of access to that site, all in the interest of protecting the jurisdictional wetlands on town-owned land off Gerrish Drive.

We also ask you to engage, at the developer's expense, both an independent wetlands scientist of your choosing, who can judge wetlands impacts of this proposed project, and that you engage, also at the developer's expense, an independent qualified hydrologist who can assess the downstream impacts of this project on Gerrish Brook, Johnson Creek, and the Oyster River/Great Bay Complex, a hydrologist who can address both the quantitative and the qualitative aspects of this proposed project. The latter is important given not only the wetland to be destroyed by this project but also the great number of trees, including old growth trees, with their water absorption capacity, which would be removed from the site of both the Gerrish Extension access road and the road and building construction on the core of the site as well.

Thank you for your attention to these important ecological and conservation matters.

Sincerely,

Diana and John Carroll

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