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To the Town Council and the Planning Board,

In effectively making the case that the proposed Gerrish Extension is too complicated from an engineering perspective and too expensive to maintain, repair or replace, and thus should not be a town-owned public road, our Director of Public Works and our Town Engineer also made the case why such a project should not be a private access road in the hands of a small number of residents who may or may not be able to afford upkeep and/or replacement or who may not agree with one another on doing so. Such a circumstance threatens any property tax income to the town from this project and, as well, threatens the property values not only of those residents themselves but also those of the broader neighborhood and ultimately our town. DPW's and the Town Engineer's findings are a threat to us all and argue against construction of an access road through the Gerrish wetlands and across the ravine. At the least, a study of the alternative, the Bagdad Access, is warranted.

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