

TO: Durham Planning Board, Conservation Commission, Town Council, Town Planner Michael Behrendt, and Town Administrator Todd Selig

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RE: Photos of woods road from Bagdad Rd. ROW Access Point to Proposed Mulhern Subdivision

DATE: Jan. 4, 2021

Click on the link below to download photos taken Dec. 29 following a woods road from the Bagdad Road right-of-way access point to the location of the house sites in the proposed Mulhern subdivision. Mike Sievert used this woods road to convey the necessary equipment for digging test pits for the subdivision. As can be seen in the first photo of the series, that woods road begins in the back yard of the house the Mulherns now live in. The second and third photos show the 100+ feet of frontage beyond the Mulhern house that the 15-acre proposed subdivision parcel has on the Bagdad ROW, a more logical start than a back yard for an access road to the subdivision. These first three photos of the access point at the Bagdad Rd. ROW show the terrain easily lends itself to the building of a road. The remaining photos are in order, following along the woods road from the Bagdad ROW to the subdivision house sites and thence to the top of the ravine where the proposed road through the Gerrish Drive wetland would meet the loop road of the subdivision.

Again, I emphasize, these photos are in order. At no point did I stray off that woods road. More importantly, as these photos show, the only encounter the road has with a wetland is at the point where a bridge of logs is laid across a small stream. The photos show this log bridge does not impede the flow of that stream. At no point along that road is there any indication of tire ruts suggesting a vehicle might have encountered mud.

AS THESE PHOTOS SHOW, CONVERTING THIS WOODS ROAD TO AN ACCESS ROAD FOR THE MULHERN SUBDIVISION WOULD NOT DESTROY A WETLAND NOR CAUSE ANY DAMAGE TO A WETLAND.

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Respectfully submitted,
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