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**To:** [Richard Reine](#); [April Talon](#); [Rene Kelley](#)  
**Subject:** Gerrish Drive - email from Gail Kelley about accidents  
**Date:** Wednesday, April 28, 2021 11:32:09 AM

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Rich, April, and Rene (cc to Planning Board),  
Please see the email from Gail Kelley below.

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**From:** gail kelley [mailto:[gailkelleyo@yahoo.com](mailto:gailkelleyo@yahoo.com)]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 28, 2021 11:09 AM  
**To:** Michael Behrendt  
**Cc:** John M. Lewis; John Carroll  
**Subject:** One more detail re: Gerrish/Ambler accidents

Hello, Michael.

I just remembered another verifying detail regarding the frequency of accidents on the Gerrish/Ambler curve. This occurred sometime in the mid-late 1990s. After the first two or three accidents, the DPW erected on that curve two large yellow signs, each bearing a black arrow.

One sign, attached to two poles about the height of a standard guardrail, was placed where the culverts empty into the wetland. The arrow on this sign pointed in the direction of Ambler Way and was visible to anyone traveling down Gerrish Drive.

The other sign, on a single taller pole, was placed in the grassy area to the left of my driveway as you face my house from the curve. The arrow on this sign pointed in the direction of Gerrish Drive and was visible to those traveling down Ambler.

Within a year or so, the signs disappeared. The lower sign and its poles were gone. The pole for the taller sign remains in place, with a thin elm tree now growing tightly against it. My husband and I have been unable to dislodge this pole -- as it turns out, a fortuitously failed effort on our part. Because this pole is still in place, we suspect the loss of the signs was the work of vandals.

I believe Mike Lynch was DPW director at the time the signs went up. If you can reach him, he undoubtedly could confirm this information.

Best,  
Gail Kelley