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To Michael Behrendt and the Planning Board,

At the last Planning Board meeting, on the matter of Gerrish, Mr. Sievert criticized as an exaggeration the idea that replacement of the complicated Gerrish Access Road from Gerrish Road to the beginning of the loop road would cost at least a million dollars to replace when that becomes necessary (see Minute 9:18 of the Planning Board meeting of September 22.)

The source of that information on the cost of replacement is the joint letter of Rich Reine and April Talon to the Town Planner and the Planning Board. Rich Reine's and April Talon's exact words are: "... For just the access road is calculated to be well in excess of one million dollars, exclusive of the loop road and other infrastructure. This replacement cost for the access road infrastructure will only increase, as future construction will require access to the properties to be maintained at all times." This indicates the assessment of a much higher monthly cost to the homeowner's association than is currently being discussed.

It would not be wise for the Planning Board and Town Planner to fail to take seriously the words of Durham's Public Works Director and Town Engineer.

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