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**Subject:** A Question of Fairness

Todd, Michael, Sally, Chuck, Kitty,

Several times during these many months of public hearings before the Planning Board on Gerrish we have heard a plea for the interests of two residences near Bagdad Road on the Bagdad Road Access to the proposed Gerrish project. This plea supposedly relates to the potential mild impact on those two households of increased traffic on their road if the Bagdad Access to the Mulhern's proposed development were used. But never have we heard much sympathy for nor understanding of the much greater negative impact on the abutters and near abutters to the proposed Gerrish Access, the White and Merton/Kelly households, the Sweetman and Lewis and Sproule households, all of whom would suffer greater negative impact than the two households on the other side, the Bagdad side. No town approval should be given for a proposed Gerrish Access, nor should the townspeople's Gerrish land be disposed of, until an adequate and equal assessment is made of the alternative, the Bagdad Access.

The Planning Board has thusfar consistently failed to recognize these greater impacts on the five households of the Gerrish/Ambler neighborhood, not to mention the many impacts to a much greater number of households on the Ambler/Gerrish Horseshoe, should the Gerrish Access ever be built. It is time, therefore, for the Planning Board and the Town to take a serious look at access through the applicant's own property off Bagdad Road, the Bagdad Access. And it is time, as well, for the Planning Board and the Town of Durham to show fairness to its many Gerrish/Ambler households, and particularly to those five households who are so very directly and immediately affected by this proposed project. The fact that town land is involved, land owned by all of us who are Durham residents and taxpayers, is even more reason to avoid attempting such disruptive and damaging access from the Gerrish/Ambler side when the other side, the Bagdad Access, is not even studied. You are the officials of the Town of Durham, elected and appointed, and It's time for you to initiate that study, an objective independent study of the Bagdad Access. Fairness requires it. Justice demands it.

Sincerely,

John