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To: Michael Behrendt

Subject: Questions about 91 Bagdad Road

Mr. Behrendt--I would very much appreciate if you would forward the following to members of the Durham Planning Board and to the applicant for the subdivision of 91 Bagdad Road so that they may be prepared to provide the requested information. Thank You.

Dear Members of the Planning Board:

I am writing to express some outstanding questions I have about the proposed subdivision on the parcel at 91 Bagdad Road. I thought it prudent to send these questions in advance so that the developer can be prepared to comment. The current application is for the subdivision to be accessed via a private road which will attach to Gerrish Drive between houses at 20 Ambler Way and 11 Gerrish Drive.

My first question concerns how the developer anticipates solid waste will be handled. My understanding is that, as a private road is proposed, the town of Durham's Sanitation Division would not provide solid waste pick up. If the proposed residences were not serviced by weekly town pick-up, it's important for the residents of Ambler Way and Gerrish Drive to know what the plan is for managing solid waste. While admittedly an unlikely scenario, weekly positioning

of the trash of 14 households at 20 Ambler Way/11 Gerrish drive would be an unacceptable plan. Likewise, common dumpsters would be unacceptable, disturbing the balance of wildlife in the area by attracting certain species and disrupting migration patterns. And, private collection would mean that local residents were subject to the additional noise of another day of waste collection not to mention additional wear and tear on local roads.

Additionally, the plan for a private road also has implications for postal delivery. It is my understanding the the USPS will not deliver mail to post boxes on private roads (again, if I'm mistaken about this, please let me know). What is the developer's plan for mail boxes? Will 14 mail boxes be constructed between 20 Ambler Way and 11 Gerrish drive? What will they look like? Is there space to construct both a road and 14 mailboxes on the town-owned land? Where will they be situated?

As the Planning Board considers this application, it is important for both the board and local residents to hear the developer's plans for how solid waste and mail delivery will be handled.

Many thanks--

Kimberly Sweetman