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**From:** Audrey Albert <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Friday, January 29, 2021 10:04 AM  
**To:** Beaulieu, Philip  
**Subject:** Fwd: Planning Board Meeting 1-28-21

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**From:** Audrey Albert [REDACTED]  
**Date:** January 29, 2021 at 9:51:28 AM EST  
**To:** pbeaulieu@dot.state.no.com  
**Subject:** Fwd: Planning Board Meeting 1-28-21

Dear Mr. Beaulieu,

We are forwarding you a copy of an email that we sent to our town officials regarding Northeast Snowmobiles and ATV Rentals' plans to purchase and operate an ATV rental business in Gorham NH at the former Burger King property on Main Street.

We feel that you should be made aware of this site plan review because it effects traffic and safety on state highways.

The 175 OHRVs that the rental company plan on having at this location is outrageous for our small town and will create numerous safety issues. There will be a significant increase in traffic, congestion, noise, enforcement needs and parking problems associated with that volume of patrons parking their personal vehicles.

The majority of OHRV rental customers are mostly out of town or out of state people. They are clueless as to the legal boundaries of operating their rented OHRV's on the highways. All too often, the police department has to respond to calls from townspeople or motorists regarding OHRVs traveling illegally on the Berlin-Gorham Road, on Route 2 heading west up Gorham Hill, on Route 16 south heading towards Conway and also Route 2 east towards Shelburne and Maine. These riders have now entered into 40 to 50+ mph highways, jeopardizing themselves as well as motorists utilizing these roads. This is an extremely concerning safety issue.

No amount of signage or education is or has been a solution to this problem. Riders arrive here from out of town so revved up and excited to ride, there are no rules that apply to them. As one rider said to me, "if you don't like it, why don't you move, I'm here to ride."

Please be aware of these very concerning issues and their potential dangerous outcomes. This number of OHRV's on state highways in our small town is a hazardous situation and an impact analysis is certainly warranted prior to this business venture being approved.

Please read the letter below that was sent to our town's planning board and thank you for your time.

Rene & Audrey Albert

[REDACTED]  
Gorham, NH

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Begin forwarded message:

**From:** Audrey Albert [REDACTED]  
**Date:** January 28, 2021 at 1:49:51 PM EST  
**To:** mltz@gorhamnh.org dvallee@gorhamnh.org  
**Subject: Planning Board Meeting 1-28-21**

Dear Michelle and Denise,

We would like this letter forwarded to the Planning Board and read into the record at Thursday's 1-28-21 planning board meeting.

We are asking the Planning Board to require an impact analysis as part of the site plan review application for Northeast Snowmobiles and ATV Rentals to conduct an ATV rental business at the former Burger King property on Main St. in Gorham, NH.

Our town officials need to be honest, responsible and serious when considering the impact of having 175 OHRV rentals unleashed throughout our beautiful town and neighborhoods. Obnoxious noise and fumes do not compliment any city or town, it has negative impacts for visitors and especially our resident's quality of life. Do not allow our streets to become even more like NASCAR-like roadways. Do not create additional safety issues. Do not put added stress on our police department.

Gorham has zoning laws, it has a noise ordinance and it has a master plan that states the things that residents like the most about living in Gorham are: the small town feel, quiet, peaceful, safe, low crime, friendly people, clean, scenic, nature, mountains and a walkable downtown. Do not ignore these important town foundations. Do not create a recurrence of issues that are evident and ongoing on the Lancaster Road area. Do not allow our town to become out of control and over run by these "off highway" vehicles.

We are personally affected by horrific noise and abuse from OHRV's in our residential neighborhood every single day of the entire summer and into the fall. We do not want to see any more tax paying Gorham residents suffer by having to endure this unfair abuse.

Do the right thing as our town officials and require an impact analysis before

jumping from the frying pan into the fire.

Thank you,

Rene & Audrey Albert

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Gorham, NH

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