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GT BOC

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Once again I suggest that the 8:00 AM time for the Grand Traverse Board of Commission meeting is to the exclusion of many.

Examples include daytime workers & parents getting kids off to school.

I ask that you please have these meetings when those valuable citizens are able to attend.

Take a look at who is in attendance today (excluding county staff and people whose presence is related to GT staff topics.)

We are almost all seniors & retired.

Commissioner Clous observed that more people are attending the 8:00 meetings than when the meetings were after work. He surmised that the early morning time is therefore the better time to hold the mt'gs.

Actually, there are more citizens attending these meetings because we're concerned about the GT Board of Commissioners' **transparency, fairness and citizen awareness regarding Grand Traverse County topics of concern.**

Inclusion and transparency builds community trust.

We're here to stay ... but younger people and daytime employed citizens deserve to be included and welcomed.

These BOC meetings are supposed to serve the people of Grand Traverse... not **exclude** them.

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..... a separate concern.....

Chairman Hentschel, as a member of the Airport Commission, I ask that you take to the Commission this important point.

The trees that are now missing from the deforesting area were filtering water that goes into the ground-water ^a leading to the Bay. Mitchel Creek watershed includes the general area of the airport.

As the Record Eagle Forum piece written by Barbara Stamaris points out, The Great Lakes Underground Water is actually our 6th Great Lake with the volume equal to Lake Huron. Please do not cover the denuded area with huge sections of impervious asphalt. It's important to plant some trees to filter the water that goes directly into our Bay.

Thank you.