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To: Roxanne Maher; Town Council Group
Subject: Joshua Mackin – Planning & Zoning Commission

Good afternoon,

My name is Joshua Mackin, I have been in contact with Elizabeth Burdick and she asked me to forward this your way. I am sorry I will not be attending tonight's meeting. Due to personal circumstances I will no longer be able to pursue my interest in the planning & zoning commission at this time. Please take this speech I had prepared into consideration as I would like to pursue this commission in the future.

Joshua Mackin – Planning & Zoning Commission

Dear Members of the Planning and Zoning Commission,

Good evening.

My name is Joshua Mackin, and I'm asking to be considered for the Planning and Zoning Commission.

I understand that planning decisions in a town like Ledyard need to be careful and deliberate. Every approval or denial has long-term impacts on infrastructure, taxes, and the character of the community. Those decisions benefit from practical experience and a clear understanding of how development works in reality.

Ledyard has a population of about 15,575, with a median age around 37, meaning many residents are working adults and young families. Decisions made by this commission have long-term impacts on housing, infrastructure, and local taxes. At the same time, the town's tax base relies largely on residential properties, while commercial and industrial development remains limited, which places a greater burden on homeowners.

I have over ten years of experience in the construction industry, working directly with zoning requirements, building codes, and the permitting process. That background gives me a practical perspective on what's feasible, what's compliant, and what can become a long-term issue if it isn't planned correctly.

I recognize that I'm younger than many who have served in this role, and I respect the experience on this board. My goal is to add an informed, working perspective and to contribute thoughtfully and responsibly.

I'm prepared to listen, do the work, and serve the town to the best of my ability. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Joshua Mackin