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Regards,

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Ledyard Planning & Zoning Commissioners
Liz Burdick, Ledyard Director of Land Use and Planning

Dear Commissioners and Ms. Burdick,

We are writing to reiterate our opposition to the Cashman/GFI proposed “excavation” which has been the subject of multiple hearings over the past few months. We have attended these hearings either in person or online and have found Cashman/GFI’s experts unpersuasive as they pertain to multiple factors: noise, traffic increase and congestion, health (especially production of silica dust), environmental effects, and preservation of Mount Decatur.

The Ledyard Planning and Zoning Commission’s Regulations, article 1.3, state (in part) that the purpose of the Commission’s regulations is to:

- (A) Lessen congestion in the streets;
- (B) secure safety from fire, panic, flood and other dangers;
- (C) promote health and the general welfare;
- (D) provide adequate light and air;
- (E) protect the state’s historic, tribal, cultural and environmental resources;
- (F) facilitate the adequate provision for transportation, water, sewerage, schools, parks and other public requirements;
- (G) consider the impact of permitted land uses on contiguous municipalities and on the planning region, as defined in 4-124i, in which such municipality is located....

Cashman/GFI's proposal is for a QUARRY, no matter how many euphemisms they use to describe it otherwise. This proposal runs counter to all the above quoted purposes of the Commission's regulations:

- (A) Street congestion will INCREASE with trucks carrying away quarry products
- (B) "Other dangers" include blasting, noise, vibration, dust, etc.
- (C) Extraction of granite produces silica dust, which can lead to silicosis, a lung disease that is untreatable and always fatal.
- (D) Gales Ferry air quality will decrease, with multiple health consequences for residents
- (E) Mount Decatur is an historic site that cannot be replaced
- (F) Gales Ferry children deserve schools and playing fields that are free from silica dust
- (G) The impact of a quarry will be far-reaching. Silica dust, noise, traffic congestion, vibration, etc. will impact the Thames River and contiguous communities, and residents near the quarry will see their home values decrease.

For ALL the above reasons, we urge the Commissioners and Ms. Burdick to adhere to their stated regulations and reject the Cashman/GFI proposal.

Sincerely,
Kim and Jim Millar