

September 10, 2024

To: Liz Burdick, Director of Ledyard Land Use & Planning

Tony Capon, Chairman, Ledyard Planning & Zoning Commission

741 Colonel Ledyard Highway, Ledyard, CT 06339

Re: Conflicts of Interest necessitating recusals, two requests

Dear Ms. Burdick and Mr. Capon,

I write to specifically request that Ledyard Planning & Zoning Commissioner Mr. Paul Whitescarver recuse himself completely from the administration of Gales Ferry Intermodal (GFI) P/Z application PZ#24-8SUP and PZ#24-9CAM regarding the proposed excavation and processing of aggregate at 1731 and 1761 CT Rte 12 (Mount Decatur).

Mr. Whitescarver has a conflict of interest here in that he serves as the paid Executive Director of the Southeastern CT Enterprise Region (seCTer) which advocates for offshore wind development. Mr. Whitescarver is also Board Secretary of the new regional non-profit Connecticut Wind Collaborative which is tasked with working with the government, industry, labor, and academia, along with neighboring states, to help drive offshore wind toward becoming a major economic driver in the state.

It is generally understood that GFI plans to excavate and sell large quantities of gravel and aggregate which make up Mount Decatur to the offshore wind industry and elsewhere. Under state statute Mr. Whitescarver is ineligible to participate in this P/Z decision. Please visit CGS 8-21 and Section 6 Conflicts of Interest in Ledyard's Town Charter.

As well, I would like to request that land use attorney, Robert Avena, and the entire firm of Suisman Shapiro, recuse themselves from representing the Ledyard Planning & Zoning Commission during the hearings and deliberations of Gales Ferry Intermodal proposed quarry application as well as from the IWWC/P&Z applications for project(s) proposed by C.R. Klewin LLC and Sweet Hill Acres LLC.

This request is based on my understanding that Suisman Shapiro Attorneys-at-Law based in New London, CT act as an agent for the Connecticut Wind Collaborative of which P/Z Commissioner Whitescarver serves as a Board director. Suisman Shapiro also acts as an agent for Avalonia Land Conservancy who is an abutter to Sweet Hill Farm where an application is currently in play before the Ledyard Inland Wetlands & Watercourses Commission.

Thank you all for your attention in this matter.

Yours Sincerely,

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