

Roxanne Maher

From: Anne Roberts-Pierson <ar-pierson@att.net>
Sent: Sunday, September 15, 2024 11:44 PM
To: Elizabeth Burdick
Cc: Town Council Group
Subject: Quarry application, more public hearing session request

Dear Liz and Ledyard Planning and Zoning Commission,

After thoughtful attention to the public hearing process now in play as relates to Gales Ferry Intermodal quarry application, I respectfully request **weekly sessions** of said public hearing due to all the inputs that will be necessary in order for all interested parties to participate within the regulatory time frames of Planning and Zoning applications.

For clarity, I share a quick list of the voices needing to be heard:

1. GFI presentations by Attorney Heller and many of their experts.
2. Experts for the Town of Ledyard, paid for by the Applicant.
3. Gales Ferry District intervenor experts or legal representation.
4. Citizens of the Town of Ledyard and surrounding towns who want to be heard and their numbers are quickly expanding.

Two hours allotted to the quarry application were quickly used up by the applicant on Sept. 12, 2024 and only Atty Heller and 2 of their experts presented material.

Will the applicant and their experts take up ALL the time at the Sept. 26, 2024 next session which may be about 4 hours time?

Two weeks after that is October 10 (Thurs) and the info on the P/Z Sept 12 agenda says that the quarry application **Public Hearing must close by October 16 (Wed)**.

SO, if GFI takes up all the time on Sept. 26, using the current 2-week interval system, that leaves only one public hearing session on October 10 for Town of Ledyard experts, GFD intervenor expert testimony AND all the voices of the local and regional public who want to present their views.

I just don't see how the "the public" is going to be able to adequately participate in person in this application's public hearing process using the 2-week interval system. Do you?

Thank you for any consideration of this request.

Yours sincerely,
Anne Roberts-Pierson
4 Anderson Drive
Gales Ferry, CT 06335