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To: Ledyard Town Council (towncouncil@ledyardct.org)
From: Nora Taylor, 9 Partridge Hollow Road, Gales Ferry, CT 06335
Re: Planning & Zoning Commission Appointee

Dear Ledyard Town Council,

As a citizen/resident of Gales Ferry for almost 40 years, and of the last 4 years or so, someone who has become familiar with business and land development (housing) proposals to the P&Z Commission, it has become an interest and concern of mine regarding the future of possible industrial/commercial and density housing/residential development in Gales Ferry and Ledyard.

After attending many P&Z meetings, public hearings and familiarizing myself with current events such as the re-writing / updating of the Ledyard Zoning Regs, may I ask the Town Council to carefully consider who is being recommended to be appointed to the Planning & Zoning Commission.

I ask that consideration be given to a candidate who is fair and impartial. Someone who might have a vision for our town's development that is sensitive to the history, landscape, residents and environmental changes that come with any proposed development idea.

Ledyard's planning decisions should reflect a balanced and appropriate development pattern for the town, both in Gales Ferry and Ledyard. Not every development idea, be it business, industrial or residential, has to be approved, does it? "Is it right for our town?" or "Is it right for the location being proposed?" are the questions that should be considered with every proposal brought to P&Z.

In particular, I would ask that you please be sure that the person appointed to P&Z does not support a "developer-first vision of Gales Ferry." There is appropriate and non-appropriate, responsible and non-responsible development that can happen for this town that will benefit both residents and the town's tax base. Inappropriate development (Heavy Industrial in a residential area or 5-Story, 400 + apartment complexes) will lead to more inappropriate development that would change the quality of life and what makes this town attractive in the first place. While economic and residential development are needed, that development should not alter the character of our town, nor should that development put our residents, schools or environment at risk.

Thank you for your consideration,

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