

Anna Wynn

From: Elizabeth Burdick
Sent: Thursday, December 19, 2024 8:18 AM
To: Anna Wynn
Subject: FW: Request to Reject GFI Quarry Application

New public comment exhibit.

Regards,

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From: Charlotte Shepard <charlotteshepard720@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, December 18, 2024 6:43 PM
To: Elizabeth Burdick <planner@ledyardct.org>
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To: Planning and Zoning Commissioners
From: Robert and Charlotte Shepard

We are Bob and Charlotte Shepard and we reside at 7 Oakwood Drive in Gales Ferry. We are writing to urge you to reject the GF Intermodal application for a special use permit. The fact that the applicant needs a “special use” for excavating the property and that they will be mining granite from the property is probably reason enough to reject the permit. We have lived in our home almost 52 years and love the peace and the tranquility of the neighborhood. For the past year or so we have been walking in Gales Ferry Village which is even more tranquil (and has less vehicular traffic) than our own neighborhood. We can’t imagine how adversely that peacefulness will be affected by weekly blasting and subsequent earthmoving equipment.

At our home in Christy Hills we frequently hear not only the sounds of the train whistle but also “Taps” from the base so we are sure our peace will be disturbed by the noises and quakes that will be coming from the Mount Decatur site. While walking in the village we have noticed the prevailing winds off the river and can only imagine how those winds will exacerbate the sounds of excavation and the amount of dust that will be heading our way.

We are also concerned about the increased traffic on Route 12, and its potential for more accidents. The other day we needed to wait minutes to exit onto Route 12 from the Henny Penny service station at the corner of Chapman Lane and we were heading south. A few days later we were exiting Holmbergs and heading south again and had to wait even longer. We can’t imagine how unsafe it would be to do either of these turns with additional traffic, like 100 truck runs a day.

Although we haven’t attended any of your meetings in person we have been on Zoom to participate since last summer. We have listened carefully to both the pros and cons of this project. It seems to us that the

town stands to lose a lot more than it will gain if this special permit is granted. There is no doubt in our minds that the project is quarrying which is not permitted under your regulations; therefore, it should be rejected.

Thank you for the time you have devoted to this subject.