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Mayor Allyn, Chairman Dombrowski,

While I currently serve as a member of the Ledyard PMBC, the opinions expressed in this email are my own and do not necessarily reflect those of the PMBC or any other members thereof.

This time of year reimaginings of *A Christmas Carol* are everywhere. Ledyard is no exception. You are, of course, aware of the audit work Colliers is performing on the LMS & GHS construction projects. With Colliers cast in the role of The Ghost of Christmas Past, Ledyard is being forced to revisit unpleasant moments from our past, but instead of Fezziwig's office party, we get the LMS gymnasium floor.

You're probably better acquainted with the details of that situation than I, but as I recall, the gist of it is that, subsequent to the **expensive** gym flooring being installed, we had a water leak issue in the gym causing the floor to warp/buckle. At that time, the guidance was to allow the floor to dry and "settle". I'm not sure how successful that approach was, but it became moot soon after anyway, as another leak incident occurred, once again warping and buckling the floor.

At this point, I understand our Manager-at-Risk, O&G, and the associated subcon(s) deemed it best (for them anyway) to make stress relief cuts in the brand new flooring and face-nail it down. This is, obviously, not how the floor was intended to be installed. The rep from Colliers stated in the November PMBC meeting that he'd *never* seen that done before.

Like Scrooge, we can not undo the past. We can either dismiss it as a "bit of underdone potato" or learn from it and make changes to prevent an unpleasant future.

So I would ask of you merry gentlemen – are steps being taken to hold O&G and/or their subcons accountable for this debacle? Through the fault of neither the Town of Ledyard, nor Ledyard Public Schools, the taxpayers of this town, as well as the taxpayers of the state of CT, who shelled out over \$30M for the reconstructed Middle School, were delivered a substandard gym floor, damaged and improperly installed, yet at the full price of a correctly installed new floor.

If steps have not yet been initiated to have O&G replace the LMS gym floor with a brand new, correctly installed floor at their cost, I would implore you to take up such action as soon as possible. It is not reasonable for the students of Ledyard Public Schools or Ledyard's taxpayers to continue to suffer the consequences of O&G's negligence.

Thank you, and the best to all of you and your loved ones for the holiday season.

"God bless us, everyone"

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