Anna Wynn

From: Elizabeth Burdick
Sent: Thursday, December 19, 2024 3:57 PM
To: lpage.rocks@gmail.com
Cc: Anna Wynn
Subject: FW: Cashman quarry proposal

Good afternoon, Linda, Your email has been received and will be marked as an exhibit and posted on Monday, 12/23/24. Thank you.

Regards,
Liz Burdick
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From: Linda Page <lpage.rocks@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, December 19, 2024 3:41 PM
To: Elizabeth Burdick <planner@ledyardct.org>
Subject: Cashman quarry proposal

Dear Ledyard planner,
I grew up across the Thames River on Kitemaug Rd right on the water directly across from Dow from the early 60's until 1977. I witnessed the plant, barge and truck noises, the light's and odors for years. Moving back to Kitemaug in 1996, I had all the same experiences. I even joined the Dow Community Advisory Panel as a representative from Uncasville due to my concerns. Once I called in a fire that started near the railroad tracks unseen by Dow because I could view it from Uncasville. I witnessed the huge styrofoam fire one year also, a front row seat. My family owned a big part the property left side of Point Breeze where the antique iron ring from the war is located.

I moved to Inchcliffe Rd Gales Ferry in 2001 and have been exposed to the blasting from the Baldwin Hill quarry for several years. The blasts have been nerve wracking, loud, and probably property damaging. Our house has been shaken to the point of items falling off shelves. It also fightened me and our animals. I was once shot at by a drive by shooter so when I hear loud noises like blasts, I panic. I feel the blasting noise and shaking is an infringement on my right to live a peaceful existence and precludes the continuing enjoyment of my property.

The large trucks carrying the rock being moved from Long Cove Rd out on to Rt 12 constantly spill on Rt 12 causing loose gravel to coat the road at the intersection. This causes unsafe road conditions for drivers. It also gets on vehicles and causes visibility issues. The silica dust being stirred up is also concerning. It's also a nuisance trying to keep cars clean. Motorcycle drivers especially have issues with the loose rock. The constant stream of large trucks are loud, polluting, slow moving and tie up traffic. Some of the truck drivers are rude and intimidating, causing unnecessary stress to other drivers.

Concerning the Cashman plans to have a another facility blasting and disrupting the lives of Gales Ferry residents: it behooves the planners to look after its residents and students welfare. The students at the nearby schools will be subject to the loud noise and shaking which may upset many students and disrupt their studies. The daily silica dust drift from this operation would be a health hazard for students and surrounding residents, here and across the river. The traffic and mess will be constant.

I firmly request you to reject Cashman's proposal. I've experienced the Baldwin Hill facility for years now. I know what it's like to live nearby a quarry. Having another close by is just an injustice to us trying to live a peaceful life. I do not infringe upon people outside my property with loud noise and property damaging ground shaking or dirtying the roadways or spreading silica dust. What gives a company the right to do it to us?

If you allow this to proceed, you will come to see how this will affect us and regret the decision to do so. Once it goes forward, there's no going back.

Sincerely,
Linda Page
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