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Liz Burdick,

First of all, thank you to you and the P & Z Board for all of the long hours you are putting in with the many applications for development in town. I have attended some of the recent meetings including last night's. In regards to the above mentioned permit, a rock quarry is definitely not anything that will be good for the town as a whole or the surrounding residents. Atty Carrol's presentation made it quite clear the proposal is not in compliance with many of the town's regulations for excavation, let alone a rock quarry. People in The Gales Ferry District complain frequently about the Baldwin Hill Quarry's blasting noise and shaking. Imagine what it will be like having one much closer to them? I rarely hear it where I live (7 Gallup Hill Rd.) but I can share with you the amount of noise and dust from the creation of the new walking path from Ledyard Center to the high school is quite disturbing, although the project timeline is relatively short, compared to the 10 year plan of GFI. I am awakened every weekday morning at 7am by the sound of boulders being dug out of the ground, dropped into dump trucks or crushed with the large rock crushing machine on site. This morning there was a very large boom that shook my house and windows. They are currently working on the section that is around the corner from my house and across the street from my house up to the school. Thankfully it is a short term project which will be beautiful when completed. I have already seen people using the completed section! For now, my cars are always dirty from the dust, part of the road in front of my house is torn up, and sometimes I have to wait to get out of my driveway. I will say that traffic control is very good about that. What I cannot imagine is if I had to live under these conditions for the next 10 years. No one will want to buy any property near that type of enterprise, or look at an ugly rock wall that used to be part of a mountain that does have some history connected to it. I'm sure the owners can find other uses for the property that comply with our zoning regulations that will not adversely affect the residential areas surrounding it.

In conclusion I feel that the only solution to this is to deny the application for a rock quarry in our town. I realize they will keep coming back with different wording to describe what they want to do, but if it sounds like a rock quarry, it is a rock quarry. Which is not allowed according to our regulations. Thank you.

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