

Judicial Planning & Zoning Commission
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Dear Commission Members,

I'm writing to ask you to deny granting GFI a special permit for their proposal to quarry at Mt. Dreaton

When we bought our home in 1979, you could not swim in the polluted Thames River. It's been a slow process, but the river is on the mend. Recovery signs are in its clear water and abundant wildlife. Eagles and oysters are thriving again.

At my age, time is relative. My greatest joy, after family & friends is sitting on my deck all summer long watching hummingbirds congregate and feed around my garden, plants and feeders. Last year, the forty-year old deck was replaced. The cost of that construction was almost as much as we originally paid for the house.

With the unique acoustic characteristics of the river, sound carries easily & widely. Especially during low pressure systems. You can often hear Waterford Speed Bowl races, Sub base activities, and traffic on 95 & 395, etc. While many

Other residents at these public hearings have well documented valid concerns about the hazards of Silica dust, another area of concern is noise

Common sense dictates noise will be generated by the blasting and disfiguring of Mount Decatur. The ongoing post-blasting activities at the site include rock removal, rock crushing, rock loading to conveyor machinery, to trucks, to train cars, to river barges, as well as all the engines required to move the product. The dust and noise created by the process are completely incompatible when surrounded by a historic and residential area. Not to mention the Thomas River itself.

The operation will run 6 days a week for ten years! My question to the commission: How can you knowingly expose us all, especially children, to silica dust? How can you deny us the generally quiet peacefulness of any time spent out of doors? Maybe on Sundays?

There is no need to detail all the other detrimental outcomes that could possibly arise from this proposal approval. However, a reminder:

- Blasting away almost half of a historical site
- Exposing us & our children to deadly dust
- Constant noise pollution
- Possible contamination of the Thomas River

- o Possible contamination of our aquifer & wells
- o General air quality
- o Traffic issues
- o Against current zoning regulations
- Etc., Etc., Etc.

I urge the planning & zoning commission of Sudbury to deny the GFI application.

Thank you for your service and your time.

Respectfully,
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PS

Walking out to retrieve my paper today, I was taken by the relative quiet beauty of the morning. If the GFI proposal is approved, will I be able to sit on my new deck and enjoy the serenity of my garden and backyard? With an active quarry operation just upwind from my home, I very much doubt it...