

Anna Wynn

From: Elizabeth Burdick
Sent: Thursday, December 12, 2024 10:34 AM
To: Anna Wynn
Subject: FW: Cashmen dredging

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Anna, Please save the below email as a public comment exhibit in support of the application. TY.

Regards,

Liz Burdick

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From: Richard Simon <shorelinedivingct@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, December 12, 2024 10:29 AM
To: Elizabeth Burdick <planner@ledyardct.org>
Subject: Cashmen dredging

Dear Ledyard Planning & Zoning Commission,

I would like to express my support of the Gales Ferry Intermodal Project. Eastern CT has limited shoreside land for commercial, maritime industrial uses. I understand Cashman has improved the GFI deep water pier and intends to create additional usable land to expand opportunities for water dependent business along the Thames River.

I own and operate two local maritime related businesses. I manufacture equipment used in commercial diving, and at Shoreline Diving, I have raised almost anything from the bottom, motorcycles, cars, boats, and planes. You may have seen in the media my discovery of the 1907 built Submarine Defender. I work alongside DEEP and engineering firms for dam inspections and yearly maintenance reports and with marine contractors for a variety of technical diving related projects. I dock my vessels in New London and Groton.

I work as a contractor for GD and Electric Boat and everyone in our area appreciates the economic impact they provide. Please consider what having a company the caliber of Cashman will also do for our region's blue economy.

I am unable to attend tonight's hearing and would appreciate it if my letter could be read into the record. I support the Gales Ferry Intermodal Application and request that the commission make a favorable recommendation.

Rick Simon
Shoreline Diving