

Anna Wynn

From: Elizabeth Burdick
Sent: Wednesday, December 4, 2024 2:06 PM
To: Anna Wynn
Subject: FW: Oppositional letter to Cashman/GFI proposed quarry
Attachments: Mt Decatur Quarry.pdf

Anna, Please save attached letter as a public comment exhibit. Thanks.

Regards,

Liz Burdick

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Subject: Oppositional letter to Cashman/GFI proposed quarry

Pasted below and attached to this email, please find our letter requesting the denial of Cashman/GFI's application to mine Mt. Decatur.

December 3, 2024

Justin & Laura Smith
14 Stevens Ave
Ledyard, CT 06339

Ledyard Planning and Zoning Commissioners
Liz Burdick, Ledyard Director Land Use & Planning
Ledyard, CT

Dear Commissioners and Mrs. Burdick,

We are respectfully writing in **strong opposition** to the Cashman/GFI proposed implementation of a quarry in the middle of Gales Ferry.

Our specific concerns are:

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3. First and foremost for the potential spread of damaging silica

4. dust to residents and children attending Gales Ferry, Juliet Long and Ledyard Middle Schools. It has been shown this dust has the potential to cause lung silicosis, a chronic, long-term, debilitating disease with no cure. According to the American Lung Association,
5. complications from silicosis can include tuberculosis, lung cancer, chronic bronchitis, autoimmune disorders and kidney disease. This is a risk that we should not be willing to take with any population, let alone our children.
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9. Environmental impacts including threats to land, our watershed
10. and wildlife habitats. Any mine creates risk for bacteria and other pollutants to enter our ground water and compromise the integrity of our drinking water in addition to the threat of nearby wells running dry due to the removal of large volumes of water during
11. the mining process.
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15. Quality of life for all residents in the surrounding area
16. will be negatively impacted with increased noise pollution from rock crushing and blasting, heavy equipment operation, and increased traffic due to trucks moving in and out of the quarry numerous times daily.
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20. Real estate values will suffer great losses due to the aforementioned
21. negative health and environmental impacts as well as the obvious negative effects on residential life in the immediate and surrounding areas.
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Pursuant to our concerns, the proposed quarry would violate the following Ledyard zoning regulations:

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- 11.3.4.B... that transportation services would be adequate
- and that the uses would not cause traffic congestion or undue traffic generation that would have a deleterious effect on the welfare or safety of the motoring public.
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- 11.3.4.C... that the use(s) would not be noxious, offensive,
- or detrimental to the area by reason of odors, fumes, dust, noise, vibrations, appearance or similar reasons.
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- 11.3.4.D... that no adverse effect would result to the property
- values or historic features of the immediate neighborhood.
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- 11.3.4.F... that the proposed uses would not cause any unreasonable
- pollution, impairment or destruction of the air, water, and other natural resources of the state.
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Thank you for your time.
Justin Smith Laura Manzi-Smith