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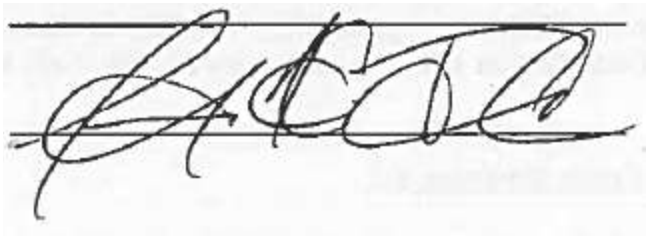
Ledyard Planning and Zoning Commissioners
Liz Burdick, Ledyard Director Land Use & Planning
Ledyard, CT.

Dear Commissioners and Ms. Burdick,

I am respectfully writing in strong opposition to the Cashman/GFI proposed implementation of a quarry in the middle of our town, in Gales Ferry, CT.

My specific concerns are as follows:

1) – The health risks to our families and children with sustained exposure to silica dust from the blasting. Health risks such as Silicosis, Lung Cancer, COPD, Kidney disease, Autoimmune disorders, Cardiovascular Impairment and Bacterial infections. I am a 100% disabled Veteran with diagnosed heart disease. My family and I have been members of this community for the last 25 years. This project, if allowed to continue, will cause us to move out as I am NOT willing to risk our health due to the lack of concern from the Towns elected/appointed officials.
2) – The sustained exposure to the heavy volumes of noise and construction/traffic expected throughout the proposed 10-year timeframe of this project. Route 12 is already a parking lot come 2:30 when Electric Boat and the local 2 Casinos simultaneously hold shift change at the same time. Now we are knowingly going to introduce an unknown amount of construction traffic. The current infrastructure (i.e. road capacity, traffic lights etc…) does not appear to be capable of accepting the sustained increase.
3) – Our Towns Elementary Schools, Middle school, REC League sports fields are within a mile, maybe 2 from the proposed project location. How has the town officials decided to risk the health of our children, Teachers and any other visiting towns folks so carelessly? As I understand this, our initial zoning officer opposed the project, voiced their opposition and was conveniently transferred, fired, relocated so that we could get the right people into our zoning offices to agree to entertain this “Special Permit” proposal that allows Cashman/GFI to circumvent our towns current approved zoning regulations. It brings to question how many of our officials have/will monetarily benefit from this venture.

Repectfully,
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