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From: Rodney <rodneymosier@gmail.com>
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To: Elizabeth Burdick; Anna Wynn
Subject: Mount Decatur Plans

Hi Elizabeth Burdick and the Commission,

My name is Rodney Mosier and I first want to say that I moved to Ledyard in May 2022 with my wife, Deeba. We were quick to integrate with our new friends and neighbors in the Aljen Heights neighborhood and are so happy to be here at home. One of our favorite activities is being out in the garden in the summertime. Being a Connecticut native for the past 31 years, we've noticed more frequent air quality alerts for various reasons. Mainly forest fires in Canada and the west coast. We are concerned about the added effects on air quality from the blasting and machinery used to process the granite. Preserving air quality for citizens enjoyment is important.

Neither one of us cares for the plans to turn Mount Decatur into a quarry. I started paying more attention to zoning decisions when the beautiful woods in Gales Ferry were stripped away for a second dollar store. All I could ask was why? I guess I'm a tree hugger, but I believe for good reason. Green space is important for innumerable reasons. Having access to the green spaces of this town is something worth preserving. Mount Decatur has far more potential than it does being a big hole in the ground, which is what we would have with the Cashman Quarry.

Ledyard Center presents limitless potential for walkability and a place for our community to gather during events like the farmers markets. Our eagerness to gather is what gives our town its character. I want to see more of that on the Gales Ferry side of town. Overall I am a fan of what the Planning and Zoning Commission has done. But when the beautiful woods next to the Gales Ferry McDonald's was stripped away for a second dollar store, my confidence was shaken. I enjoy our conveniences like CVS, Dunkin Donuts, and Ocean State Job Lot. But when I see another business that already has representation within 1000 yards of itself, I am reminded of strip malls without a tree in sight. The way I see it, we are on a teeter-totter with the Ledyard center side of town flourishing and the Gales Ferry side on the verge of becoming real estate duplicates of every type of chain store.

As a current and future resident of Ledyard, I feel the need to become active in stating that I do not approve of the Cashman Quarry and I think it is wasted potential. The Thames River is the sister to the mighty Connecticut River, but it suffers from being overdeveloped at its mouth. The better we treat the area surrounding the river, the more it can be enjoyed. People enjoy being out by the water so that is what the Gales Ferry side should prioritize. This means limiting short-term mining operations that will extract materials from our town, materials that belong under the ground. Please don't give away our mountain.

I am excited for the future of our historic town as I find it a desirable place to live. I want to support its development so that it may continue to grow in desirable ways. A quarry is not desirable. What is desirable are open green spaces to sit down and eat a sandwich on a bench overlooking the riverbend. Also probably cheaper to make than a quarry. We are not interested in a quarry. Thank you for reading my email.

Best Regards,
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