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Rutland Quarry

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Pam,

Thank you for the opportunity to share my thoughts on the proposed new quarry site in the Town of Rutland. Please pass this along to the Committee that is doing the review. I am a practicing Registered Nurse and live on Oak Ridge Road in Rutland. I moved to Rutland for the quiet and nature. I've come to love Rutland for the community...shared births, illnesses, deaths, child care, animal care, walks along the road. Many residents have lived here for decades. It is a Rural Community in every sense and was designed to be that way as stated in the town's Plan Statement. It is historic, hosts hundreds of acres of DNR land which brings hikers, bikers, hunters, bird watchers, and anglers to the area for enjoyment of nature. Many of the roads are over low marsh land which crumble and crack under excessive weight.

After the recent reopening of the Center Road Quarry the noise level in the past few years has become increasingly noticeable. The breaking, engine rumbling, back tail gate banging, stone tossing on windshields and back up beeping alarms have become part of the environment. The proposal is for a new 40 acres of quarry, adjacent to the existent 10. I'm sure that other residents have mentioned how the cost of road repairs is shifted to the home owners as well as repairs to wells, septic's and home foundations weakened by blasting. There will also be increased particulate dust pollution and water flow disruptions. At the Town meeting the people speaking on behalf of the Quarry offered no tangible, measurable solutions to these existent and foreseeable problems.

Rutland made the decision several years ago to become Rural Residential alongside Agricultural. For an industrial business to move in and propose to intrusively alter so many resident's lives is mind boggling to me.

Have you ever lived briefly near road construction or building construction? There is rumbling and beeping, dust, large trucks on the road you can't see around that leave chunks of dirt, mud and rocks on the road, The noise starts early, sometimes wakes you, sometimes there is work in the evenings and weekends. You don't know when it will start and when it will end for the day. And after a month of the construction, you hope the project will be done soon. You postpone outdoor gatherings and walks and time on the porch. You keep your windows closed. It makes you feel weary and anxious. THIS project is not only NOT going to end, the proposal is to increase the intrusive, uncomfortable experience.

Thank you so very much for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

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