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Subject: RE: garbage dumping at Rutland gravel pit

Thank you for your message and I will be looking into your complaint with the operator (Kevin Hahn). After my inspection, I will prepare a report and send it to the town clerk. I'll also reach out to DNR staff to receive their thoughts with regards to the type of fill material being brought into the site.

Please note that it is common for mineral extraction sites to bring in asphalt and concrete for recycling purposes. Fragments of broken concrete that contain steel rebar is also acceptable, but the operator should be removing as much as possible and set aside for proper disposal. Other materials that are accepted are blocks, bricks, dirt, clay, overburden and dirt as long as the material is considered clean and not contaminated.

Construction materials are not allowed to be brought in and disposed of. For example, dimensional lumber, tires, metals, plastic, treated wood. If there are violations of the Conditional Use Permit, I will be enforcing the Dane County Zoning Ordinance.

Thank you,
Dan Everson

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Dear Mr. Everson and ZLR Committee;

Once again, garbage and construction debris are being dumped and buried at the K&D quarry on Center Road in the Town of Rutland. Not three months after the last violation hearing, dozens of truckloads of construction debris – not clean fill – were delivered to the quarry last week. Photos are enclosed.

As you know this pit operates below the water table. Everything that is buried here finds its way into the groundwater, and residents are on private wells here. Residents understood this to be a mineral extraction operation when your office permitted it against the wishes of the community. **No one was expecting a landfill**, and observation of the truck traffic shows this aspect of the operation to be almost as active as the gravel extraction. This activity was downplayed by the owner and by your staff report. If neighbors understood this site was acting as an **unofficial garbage dump** in our neighborhood there would have been even more resistance. **This sends the message that access to gravel is more important than public health.** It's insult to injury – the pit has blasted dozens of times this year, not the “two or three” as they said in the hearing. Houses shake; animals startle. Rocks and debris accumulate on the road. The noise and traffic on our narrow roads have been nonstop most days. You should come down and see if this quarry looks like the "small father-son operation" that was described.

During the August hearing the operator said, regarding the fill, “It’s hard to tell what’s in there”. If this is the case, they should not be accepting fill. Previous material was not removed on the schedule provided by the ZLR, and clearly they did not take your warnings seriously. I am requesting another investigation, with a requirement to remove all non-clean fill in a timely manner and to stop accepting construction debris.

Please let me know how you intend to follow up.

Regards,

Gail Simpson

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