

Forest Lake Association – Saturday, March 31, 2018

Good morning, all!

For those that don't know me, I am Greg Schulz, Vice President of the Forest Lake Association.

We're here this morning as a response to the Windham Planning Board Plan Review for a quarry development on lands to the southwest of Forest Lake in the Town of Windham. The association arranged for this meeting space today to provide an opportunity for concerned residents to:

- Come together as an organized voice for the effected community;
- Identify key individuals who will serve in leadership roles and/or provide consistent communications to the entire group;
- Define specific organizational goals and tasks that will move towards those goals.

Be advised, however, that the Association is neither an enforcement authority nor a legal counsel. Our mission is focused on water quality. Last year, for example, the Association conducted a watershed survey, completed a survey report, and is now working with Heather True at the CCSWCD to create a plan for watershed protection in the coming years.

Our volunteers regularly monitor lake water quality by patrolling for invasive plant species and testing the clarity and content of our lake water. In light of the potential quarry development, FLA is considering the possibility of more frequent testing; additional water quality monitors could make this a reality. Anyone interested in volunteering is encouraged to seek out any FLA trustee for additional information.

Your lake association expects to serve your citizen's initiative in an advisory role; more specifically as to the potential impact of a quarry development to lake water quality. We can also serve as a liaison to established contacts at CCSWCD and the MDEP, municipalities, and other relevant resources.

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FLA's initial suggestion would be to focus the committee's energies on key concerns recognized by the Windham Planning Board during their March 26th Quarry Plan Review meeting:

- Potential impact to water quality
- Noise levels
- Vibration levels
- Road maintenance and upkeep
- Safety for pedestrians on Lakeside Drive
- Overall impact to the quality of life for effected residents

We would also hope to see further efforts target the tasks identified, respectfully following a well-defined course of action. While we are very committed to supporting any efforts to protect lake water quality, we cannot and will not condone rumor, slander, nor individual attack of any kind. As such, we would hope that the community recognize that project is proposed by a developer and NOT an entire group of people who share the same name.

We encourage a cooperative tone in all future communications, remembering that ultimately we are of one community and will all benefit from identifying a mutually beneficial outcome.

Thank you.