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Development Review Board

Chester Vt 05143

re: Letter against Allstone Conditional Use Permit

This letter is written in opposition to the conditional use permit application submitted by Julian Enterprises. Their conditional use permit requests that Julian enterprises be allowed to not only continue the illegal quarrying activity currently under way at the 3 quarry sites, but to allow them to greatly expand their currently illegal quarrying activity.

Greg Adamovich received his conditional use permit in 2003 from the town of Chester, and a land use permit from the State of Vermont in 2005. Both of these permits outline the limited conditions the quarry could operate under in recognition of the fact that the quarry was located in a conservation/residential zoning district in close proximity to the predominately residential village area.

Greg Adamovich operated this quarry for many years respecting the permit limitations and with respect for the surrounding residential neighborhood. There were few complaints of any kind during this period showing the quarry as originally permitted could be operated without ruining the lives and properties of residents of this village area.

In 2018 the quarry was sold to Julian Enterprises. Soon after purchasing the quarry from Adamovich, Andrew and Jason Julian began major expansions at 3 quarry sites, the south quarry in down town Gassetts, the north quarry in Gassetts and the Chandler Rd Quarry. The north quarry and Chandler road quarries are being operated without state permits and without approval from the town of Chester. All quarrying at these two sites from the time the Julian Enterprises purchased them has been done illegally. In addition to operating these quarries illegally without permits, the Julian's have erected unpermitted structures at Chandler Rd quarry, introduced stone processing in a building permitted for "Storage", dumped waste stone processing materials into adjoining streams and brooks (photo documentation) and introduced stone crushing and pneumatic hammer equipment that creates noise levels well above those in the original permit.

Quarrying activity has also greatly increased at the original south quarry site with the introduction of pneumatic hammers which create disturbing loud repetitive noise throughout the village area. One family across from the quarry who has resided in their home for over 25 years has now deserted their home as they have given up hope that the state or town of

Chester will act to stop the criminal Julian brothers from their illegal activity. Residents who have lived in this generally peaceful village are now being forced to leave their homes and the state and town have done nothing to remediate the situation.

The Julian brothers have been indicted many times in their home state of Connecticut for assisting in the dumping of toxic waste on public property, fraud and forgery. Now the Julian brothers have brought their illegal activities to Chester, Vermont. So far they have quarried illegally, erected buildings illegally, dumped waste into streams and rivers illegally, introduced the use of non-permitted equipment illegally, and continue to create noise levels well above permitted levels, illegally. And, no-one stops them.

Many long term residents of the village of Gassetts talk about leaving town if the quarry is not made to abide by it's original permit and any expansion of the quarry is allowed.

It is obvious that allowing any of the illegal activity to continue, or the granting of further conditional use permits would be wholly inappropriate in this village area. What the town can expect is the migration of current residents, the degrading of local property values, and the town's tax base.

Please deny this conditional use permit application, and enforce the current permit.

Thank you

Scott Kilgus (resident since 1974)