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Dear Select Board Members:

Thank you very much for your dedicated efforts in drafting a new mining ordinance for our town. Your attention to this complex and important matter is greatly appreciated.

I am writing to provide a comment regarding the permit renewal schedule in the current draft. My understanding is that the draft ordinance requires a permit renewal after five years for new or expanded bedrock quarry or mining operations. However, this same requirement does not appear to apply to existing pits and operations.

It seems prudent and responsible for the town to ensure that all mining operations, including existing ones, are subject to a standard five-year renewal schedule. Requiring regular renewal would help ensure ongoing compliance, allow the town to monitor evolving environmental and operational standards, and apply a necessary degree of oversight regardless of when the operation began.

I respectfully urge you to consider amending the draft to include this five-year renewal requirement for all existing operations.

Thank you for considering this point.

With much appreciation for all you do for Alna,

Charlotte Cole