

November 3rd, 2025

To the Alna Select Board & Alna Planning Board,

Thank you for taking public comment on the proposed mining ordinance and to consider amendments to the existing blasting ordinance.

By living on Route 218 downhill from the Crooker Construction Whitefield Pit, we have a unique perspective that all but six Alna property owners do not understand. Turning out of our driveway is a life harrowing event when a loaded truck comes around the blind curve. Engine brakes rattle our windows. Watching trucks leave untarped means always keeping an eye out for softball-sized stones jumping out when you're cutting your grass. And recently following the approval of the blasting ordinance, the vibrations have shaken the house, family paintings have crashed off of walls, and contractors replacing clapboard siding have had their ladders bounce from the unknown timing of the blasts.

By no means do I have any confusion about where I live, but what I am asking is for careful consideration and further notice to the affected property owners. This is what we live with from Monday to Saturday.

All of this is to say that the supposed small impact of increased quarrying operations has had a greater impact than what you were told. **Any and all proactive measures by mining and blasting should be greatly expanded from 1000' to 5280'**. This should include not just notice of when operations are occurring, but also for impact remediation. **Any decision made on a lesser amount is actively dismissing property owners' quality of life**. Abutting landowners are not the only ones facing impacts of mining and blasting operations. I know that Crooker Construction would like to be a good neighbor and to coexist. We do too.

For some people in town, their concerns are rooted either in personal wishes of what to do on their own land or concerns about mineral extraction and creating giant holes in the ground that will never be replaced. All of our towns opinions are valid, but what I am asking for is a decision that takes priority consideration for the people who live here.

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