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I offer the following comments to the Planning Board on the 5/14/23 Draft reviewed at the 5/23/23 Workshop

Article 1: Purpose

Suggest adding the following public purposes;

8. To protect public water resources. [blasting will open fissures in the bedrock outside the blasting area that have the potential to affect the natural flow and quality of ground water].

9. To protect historic resources. [the National Historic District villages of Head Tide and Sheepscot need protection from the very heavy trucks delivering material from the quarry via a weight limit as all local roads do during the Spring thaw. Liquifaction of the soil under historic structures in the village of Head Tide caused by heavily loaded trucks hauling quarry material has resulted in damage to historic structures.

Article 3: Authority and Administration

3. Expert Consultants. This is very important and is standard practice where applicants may be presenting complex engineering and other technical information whereas the permitting authority does not have the expertise to adequately review it.

Article 6: Standards

C. Liability Insurance. The insurance requirements as being “adequate” need better definition.

Z. Impact on.....Yes, these are both important. If Wiscasset complained that a number limit forced more trucks onto Federal Street, I would argue for the weight limit because of the physical damage the very heavy trucks cause on saturated soil. The soil under the structures [houses, barns, store, stone retaining wall] in Head Tide Village is saturated most of the year.

Other.

Suggest consulting with the Road Commissioner about his added duties under this Ordinance so you have his support at Town Meeting.

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