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**“New Quarry Application”** is a more descriptive title for the document now before the Town of Manlius labeled “Town of Manlius Zone Change Application” by “T. H’ Kinsella, Inc.” There is no existing quarry on the property outlined in this application although the word “expansion” (used in some town documents) tries to indicate otherwise.

The impact of this proposed zone change to Natural Resource Recovery District (NRRD) involves land and residents in the Town of Manlius for generations to come. The impact of the proposal goes well beyond the boundaries of the property directly involved.

The proposed long-term quarrying operation will result in an irrevocable, permanent change to the visual and physical conformation of the land.

This could be the opening wedge of a quarrying plan that would change and industrialize the development of the eastern part of the Town of Manlius.

If carried out, this proposal would create the largest piece of property with a single uninterrupted zone in the Town of Manlius. That zone would be “Natural Resource Recovery District” specifically to operate a quarry. (The Restricted Agriculture zone is the default designation for non-specific use.)

I have walked the property involved in all seasons of the year except snow.

The proposed quarry operation would mutilate the Pool’s Brook Valley as well as remove its southern palisade, a significant visual landmark.

All the comments from neighbors and others said they would trust the Kinsella family “to do the right thing” by the land.

However, the situation could change in the blink of an eye and beyond any advance notice or local control, so that Town of Manlius residents could be dealing with the international firm of Henson Aggregates N.A. of London, England.

Any comments about the proposal would be more easily referenced if the entire application carried pages that were numbered consecutively.

Specifically the proposal is to allow mining of property in eastern Town of Manlius bounded roughly by Salt Springs Road on the south, Townsend Road on the west, Route 5 on the north and Gulf Road on the east.

The homes on all those roads are on wells. Those wells would certainly be endangered by any quarrying. Homes in the Skyridge subdivision depend on a community well that would be threatened by the quarrying. There is no well log report although there are pages allocated for it.

In addition, the artesian spring near the northeastern corner of the proposed zone is greatly endangered by any disruption within the proposed zone. The spring is omitted from the environmental report.

Also omitted from the report is the description of the historic primitive lime kiln on the western edge of Gulf Road.

A stream now disappears in a field off Palmer road and reappears as

a Pool's Brook tributary near the billboard on Route 5. Here again the impact of quarrying is absolutely certain but of unknown quantity or quality..

The state Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation department requires an archeological survey in advance of a quarrying permit. There is no indication that one has been made. I would like to see a copy.

This application before the Town of Manlius is to open an absolutely new quarry. The photographs in the visual impact section all show scrub trees and bushes that may or may not be present as shields when the proposed quarrying is in progress.

Almost all of the background data is before 2000 and could be classed as archival.

"Talbert Road" is identified as a photograph location. I would like to know where that is.

Page 7 of 13 says that there will be no added traffic on Gulf Road. That is difficult to believe. For example see Townsend Road northward from Salt Springs Road.

The use of Gulf Road by quarrying traffic would have a direct detrimental effect on homes in the Skyridge subdivision and on adjacent roads such as Salt Springs Road and Palmer Road.

Page 11 E 2 incorrectly states that there are no bedrock outcrops in the proposed zone.

The "p.m." peak traffic hours are identified as "12 pm to 12 pm"

I am familiar with several quarrying operations and have toured both the Jamesville Quarry (three or four times) and the existing Kinsella Quarry in the Town of Manlius.

I was appointed by the Town Board to the Town of Manlius Quarry Monitoring Committee and have served as its chair as it monitored quarrying operations, neighborhood impact and reaction of neighbors through the years.

This application now under consideration has extraordinary power over the development and status of both existing and potential subdivisions. It should be considered for its long-term impact on land-use and appropriate development.

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