

Carr, Tim

From: Christine Heath <mattandchristine@fairpoint.net>
Sent: Wednesday, August 10, 2022 12:14 PM
To: LUPC, Wolfden Rezoning
Subject: Please do not let WOLFDEN MINE IN OUR TOWNS OF PATTEN, STACEYVILLE AND SHERMAN!!

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Good day to you! I am writing to ask you to please stop any metal mining from happening in Penobscot and Aroostook counties! It would destroy all of our businesses, and our qualities of life in general! Wolfden is not from this area, from Canada, and trying to destroy our resources for their gain! Please help stop this!!!! Sincerely, Christine Heath-Carr

Carr, Tim

From: Christine Heath <mattandchristine@fairpoint.net>
Sent: Thursday, August 11, 2022 8:56 AM
To: LUPC, Wolfden Rezoning
Subject: Pickett mtn rezoning

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Dear Sir or Madam,

My name is Christine Heath-Carr. I am a resident of Sherman Maine. Please please please DO NOT REZONE PICKETT MOUNTAIN!!!! This would greatly destroy the Katahdin area, and the Penobscot Indian Tribe lands and waterways along with our own land and waterways!! Please stop this from happening!!! Sincerely, Christine :0)

Carr, Tim

From: gale-home <gale-home@comcast.net>
Sent: Saturday, January 21, 2023 3:29 PM
To: LUPC, Wolfden Rezoning

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Please do not rezone any land to allow the Wolfden company to operate mines in Maine. Maine's future economy depends on its pristine environment, a vanishing resource for future generations that we must not squander.
Gale Flanders
East Sangerville, Maine

Sent from my Verizon, Samsung Galaxy smartphone

Carr, Tim

From: Gustavo Roth <gqr5059@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, January 27, 2023 6:56 AM
To: LUPC, Wolfden Rezoning
Subject: Opposition to Project

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Hello LUPC,

I am reaching out to express my opposition to the rezoning of Pickett Mtn. near Patten.

If the project goes through, the positive growth and development expected in the short term would be dwarfed by the long term losses in both tourism to the area, as well as cultural and natural value. In case of contamination to the soil, local business would be severely harmed as visitors would be disincentivized to travel to our beautiful parks. This could also generate an impact to local agriculture if soil composition becomes a hazard.

Thank you for your consideration,

Gustavo Roth
Area property owner

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Best,

Gustavo Roth

Carr, Tim

From: Nancy Seavey <nseavey1@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, February 24, 2023 8:58 AM
To: LUPC, Wolfden Rezoning
Subject: Wolfden Rezoning

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To Whom it may concern:

My name is Nancy Seavey and I live in Dover-Foxcroft, Maine. I grew up here and chose to stay here to raise my adopted, foster and biological children. The Piscataquis, Penobscot and Aroostook County area is a wonderful area to raise a family. I'm grateful for what this area has given my family and I. However, as my children have grown and gone on to different Universities for a wide field of study, the reality is that they aren't coming back to this region to raise their families. This is heartbreaking. The economic vitality for this region has always been dismal. Today it's as bleak as ever. Our youth are moving away in pursuit of economic sustainability that this area can not provide for them. That is why I am writing this email.

I am in support of the rezoning effort by Wolfden Resources for a myriad of reasons. At the top of that list is jobs. The economic impact that this project would have on the entire region can not be dismissed. I believe it would have an enormous impact throughout this region and give HOPE that one day our youth can see that this region is not only a great place to raise their families, but also an area to thrive.

I thank you for your time and consideration of this matter.

Nancy Seavey
Dover-Foxcroft, ME

Carr, Tim

From: Matt <scubabear519@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, February 24, 2023 5:17 PM
To: LUPC, Wolfden Rezoning
Subject: Wolfden Resources mining project support

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I'm Matt Grant from Dover Foxcroft. I support the rezoning efforts by Wolfden Resources. This project in particular has the ability to show the rest of the world that mining can be done to the highest environmental standards. In Maine, specifically the second Congressional District, we are in desperate need of jobs. This project is a good thing for our area.

Matt Grant
Dover Foxcroft.

Sent from my iPhone

Carr, Tim

From: Sue Sprague <spragrott@windstream.net>
Sent: Saturday, February 25, 2023 10:18 AM
To: LUPC, Wolfden Rezoning
Subject: Pickett Mountain

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To whom it may concern, I am not a resident of Maine yet, I am going to retire there in a few years. I'm glad I am learning about this proposal. Just recently I was inquiring about some land on the south side of Mt. Chase, which is close to Pickett Mt. From what I've read about this company and their claim not to pollute the area and streams and ground water, I would say NO WAY IN HELL! What they could do to that area, would devastate this area for decades. Property values would be worthless, you couldn't give land away. I live in Ohio, north of the massive chemical spill from the train derailment, this whole area is damaged and no one is being held accountable to the extent it should be. All I can think of is this happening to this pristine area of Maine and this mining company with minimal mining experience, making claims of "doing it right" and then completely failing. At that point the damage is done and this area will become a DEAD zone. PLEASE RECONSIDER AWARDDING THEM THIS. Thank You Steve Sprague

Carr, Tim

From: john banks <johnsbanks788@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, February 26, 2023 7:21 AM
To: LUPC, Wolfden Rezoning
Subject: Please DO NOT APPROVE Wolfdens rezoning request

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I recently retired and bought a camp in the Patten area. My choice to have a camp in the area is based on the incredible natural resource values, and outdoor recreation amenities in the region, which Maine has promoted over the years. The fast growing natural resource based tourism and recreation value for the region would be negatively affected by the proposed mine.

The Picket Mountain area is a natural resource gem that should be protected from such inappropriate development. The State went through a thorough evaluation process that resulted in the current zoning, which recognizes and protects the important ecological values of this area. Changing the zoning at this point in time would be an exercise of "THE TAIL WAGGING THE DOG!!

Thank you for considering my comments.

Sincerely,
John S. Banks
Orono, ME

Carr, Tim

From: Teeple, Erin <eteep@wpi.edu>
Sent: Monday, February 27, 2023 9:52 AM
To: LUPC, Wolfden Rezoning
Subject: Opposition to Wolfden Pickett Mountain mine project

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Dear LUPC Staff,

Our family recently bought a home on Ebeemee Lake in Piscataquis County. We were drawn to Northern Maine for its natural beauty, wildlife, and opportunities for outdoor recreation. We have also discovered that the woods and waters of this region are not only home to an incredible diversity of plants and wildlife but also important sites of connection with members of our new community.

I am writing then to voice our family's complete opposition to the proposed Wolfden mine at Pickett Mountain. We believe this project has terrible potential to damage the natural environment that motivated us to move here and where we have found new friends and inspirations.

In addition, from my understanding of the application submitted for rezoning, this company has no record of success in protecting the environment as proposed in their submission. Communications made public from their executive leadership suggest disingenuous behavior and a lack of respect for indigenous and other communities in our region which further undercuts confidence in this company's commitment to protecting the environment at their proposed mine site.

Thank you for your time and consideration of this comment on the pending application for this project.

Best regards,
Erin Teeple

Carr, Tim

From: Brianoliver1975 <brianoliver1975@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, February 27, 2023 10:22 AM
To: LUPC, Wolfden Rezoning
Subject: Mine project

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To Whom It May Concern,

My name is Brian Oliver and I currently live in Hampden Maine. I am writing this email in support of Wolfden Resources attempt in rezoning for their mine project in T6-R6. I hope you will do the right thing in this matter.

I grew up in Aroostook County in a little town called Lineus. I loved my home town, my friends, family, neighbors and the region. My dream was to always stay in the area to raise my family to create the same memories that I have and pass along to my children. However, that was not my reality. Aroostook County was just not a place I could raise a family and make a living. This is sad to me, as I am a "County" boy through and through. That is why this project is so important for the region. We need to expand our jobs base and allow the economics to have a net positive impact to this region. This is a good thing for the people of Maine.

Thank you
Brian Oliver

Carr, Tim

From: Joshua Slama <northcountrywelding221@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, February 27, 2023 10:41 AM
To: LUPC, Wolfden Rezoning
Subject: Support mining project

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I'm in favor of the wolfden resource efforts to rezone their land for their mining project at the Pickett mountain project. I've traveled the US in my previous jobs and I've seen the impact of these projects can have rural towns. This is a good thing for the area.

Josh Slama
Dover-Foxcroft

Carr, Tim

From: Riley Richard <rileyrichard35@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, February 28, 2023 7:48 PM
To: LUPC, Wolfden Rezoning
Subject: Pickett Mountain

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Dear LUPC

My name is Riley Richard and I'm a resident of Dover Foxcroft. I am in support of the LUPC rezoning the land for mining for Wolfden. I have traveled the United States for work as a construction worker. The jobs that this project would create would allow young adults like me to stay here and work. Please consider their application for rezoning.

Riley Richard

Sent from my iPhone

Carr, Tim

From: Chris McDonald <chrismcdonald62@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, March 7, 2023 12:57 PM
To: LUPC, Wolfden Rezoning
Subject: pickett mountain

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My name is Chris McDonald and I live in Millinocket, Maine. I support the LUPC and wolfden's efforts in rezoning their land in T6-R6. I have lived in Millinocket my entire life and I know what it's like as a business owner to see local economies that are struggling. This project would bring jobs and economic vitality to this region which is so needed. Thank you ! -Chris McDonald

Dear Commissioners,

I am a resident of Millinocket and I am writing to voice my support for rezoning for Wolfden's proposed mining operation in T6 R6.

I work at Millinocket fabrication and machine which was built in 1906 to support the Great Northern Paper Company. The loss of the paper mills around the area has had tremendously negative economic effects. which has led to the population declining significantly as well as other socioeconomic issues that have compounded the situation.

The proposed economic impact that the mine would bring to northern Maine cannot be overstated. It would not only bring well-paying jobs to current and new residents but also bolster existing and new businesses. I believe it is also important to consider the value of the product itself to the United States, with current global affairs the way they are having available resources is critical.

I also understand the environmental concerns of those in opposition. Maine has extremely strict regulations and as such should be able to ensure the best mining practices are carried out. I believe it is in the best interest of Mainers to work with the mining company to bring much needed economic development while maintaining the natural beauty of our beloved state.

Thank you,

Derek Rice

Millinocket, ME

Carr, Tim

From: paul.vambutas haymart.com <paul.vambutas@haymart.com>
Sent: Friday, March 17, 2023 7:11 AM
To: LUPC, Wolfden Rezoning
Cc: paul.vambutas haymart.com
Subject: Correspondence for Wolfden Rezoning Petition
Attachments: PastedGraphic-2.tiff

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Commissioners,

I am writing on behalf of Haymart LLC and Agri-Cal USA. We are a farming, milling and agricultural services business with operations in Patten and Houlton Maine and are taxpayers and employers in both towns.

We are writing in support of Wolfden's Pickett Mountain Project. As an operator of several farms and as a partner to many farmers throughout Maine, we care deeply about the environment. That said, we understand that Maine's mining regulations are among the most stringent in the nation and that Wolfden's project would need to comply with them. With those regulations being followed, the substantial metallic reserves at Pickett Mountain should be mined. Such mining could allow increased domestic production of rechargeable zinc batteries — a green and cost-effective alternative to lithium in batteries for electric vehicles and other applications. More importantly, the Pickett Mountain Project promises to bring a stable source of jobs to the Patten area for a decade or longer — which could be very helpful in an area so hard hit by plant closures and decline of the timber industry.

Regards.

Paul Vambutas

Paul Vambutas
Managing Partner
Haymart / Agri-Cal
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P.O. Box 445
Patten, Maine 04765
(207) 528-2058 (Main)



Maine Land Use Planning Commission
Attention: Tim Carr
22 State House Station, 18 Elkins Lane
Augusta, Maine 04333-0022

Re: Pickett Mountain Mine Rezoning Application, ZP 779A – Wolfden Mt. Chase LLC

Dear Mr. Carr & Commissioners,

I am writing in support of Wolfden's rezoning application for the proposed mining operation in T6 R6. I have lived in Patten all my life and have watched the population steadily decline over the last 40 years. I've seen the town struggle with the ups and downs of the forestry and milling industries and watched many of our younger people leave and not return due to the lack of employment. The area needs a viable development opportunity or there won't be much of a community left here in 20 years.

Wolfden has been as transparent with the community as possible and hosted numerous meetings and events in town. Most of the people opposed to this project in the Patten area don't seem to want the town to progress. Instead of talking directly with Wolfden about their concerns, they meet in private and spread false information to the newspapers and around town.

We all love northern Maine and don't want to see any negative environmental impact, but isn't this why our tax dollars were spent on 5 years of rewriting the mining regulations to make them the strictest in the country? If Wolfden can meet or exceed the regulatory standards, then why is this even in question? The Patten area needs it and the country needs the metals it would produce.

Please heavily weigh the opinions of long-time residents from the area that would be impacted most.

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Randy Bossie". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Randy Bossie
Patten, Maine

Carr, Tim

From: Eric Thompson <ewthompson80@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, March 23, 2023 9:11 PM
To: LUPC, Wolfden Rezoning
Subject: Pickett Mtn Mine Rezoning ZP 779A

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Dear Commissioners,

I've been coming to Lincoln for 20 years and finally purchased a home a few years back, so I figured I should be up to date on the goings on of big issues in my area/region/state. I've recently had the opportunity to be briefed on the proposed mine in T6 R6. Northern Maine could surely use the economic output and jobs that this project would bring. There aren't many year-round job opportunities in the area and the population of most of the towns has been declining since the mills have ceased operations. I feel that if the project makes it through the political gauntlet and various hoops it has to jump through, this could have an incredibly positive impact in the Area. This could positively affect small business in the areas, due to the increased job growth with the mining, which could, in turn, attract more tourism and seasonal recreation help to assist, and that money would be re-fed back into the towns and businesses. This would be especially beneficial to the locals and small business owners as well as the state of Maine as a whole.

Considering Maine has some of the strongest environmental regulations in the country when it comes to mining, and that this application is simply for rezoning, I strongly support the approval. It sounds like Wolfden has many years of studies to do before a final decision is made and the company is trying to be as transparent as possible with the communities, which is a breath of fresh air.

Thank you,

Eric Thompson
Lincoln, ME

Carr, Tim

From: Jeff Packard <uvec@pwless.net>
Sent: Friday, March 24, 2023 10:20 AM
To: LUPC, Wolfden Rezoning
Cc: Leah Page; Jeremy Ouellette; Jonathan Seavey; Zach Lingley
Subject: Support Letter
Attachments: Support Letter - Jeff Packard.docx

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I am the Office Manager for the Upper Valley Economic Corp. (UVEC). The Upper Valley Economic Corporation, a 501-(c) 3, non-profit corporation, is a consortium of the two communities of Sherman and Stacyville whose mission is to foster, encourage and assist the settlement or resettlement of business enterprises within the State of Maine and particularly with the geographical areas of Patten, Mt. Chase, Sherman and Stacyville, and in the municipalities along the Katahdin Woods & Waters Scenic Byway located in Northern Penobscot County and Northern Piscataquis County, assist existing business expansion; to compliment the valued aspects of the local lifestyle and to provide a point of contact/access (office) for inquiries from individuals and local, state and federal officials.

I am also a Selectman and Chairman of the Board for the Town of Sherman.
The enclosed attachment is my letter of support as a representative of Sherman and as the Office Manager of UVEC.
Thank you.

Sincerely,

Jeff Packard

Office Manager UVEC

March 24, 2023

Dear Commissioners,

I am a resident of Sherman and selectman and chairman of the board. I am also the office manager for the Upper Valley Economic Corporation (representing Sherman and Stacyville), which serves to work with new businesses in the area and help local people start new businesses, and the former administrator for the Patten Lumberman's Museum. I support the rezoning for Wolfden's Pickett Mt. Project.

This project would be beneficial to the communities around the project area in terms of jobs and spinoff economic impact. The population in the area is ageing and if we don't have something to keep our younger people around or attract young families, I don't see how the towns can survive long into the future. The only way to retain people in the area is with good paying jobs with benefits. A few hundred people, whether commuting or living here, putting their money back into the communities would have unprecedented benefits. Not to mention the dollars put into Maine's supply chain for items needed at the mine or mill.

The unemployment and poverty rates are higher here than in other parts of the state and employment earnings are lower, all of which create additional community problems if left unaddressed. Many of the available workforce here already have transferable skills that would suit a mining/milling operation, and the training programs that will be offered by Wolfden would expand those skillsets and make them more marketable to other industries.

Wolfden has been up front and transparent with the residents of the Sherman area. In fact, the residents of Sherman just voted overwhelmingly in favor of Wolfden continuing their work. I think they should be able to keep going with their studies and show they can work within Maine's mining regulations. This project could bring immense benefit to the region.

Sincerely,

Jeff Packard
Chairman, Sherman Board of Selectmen
Upper Valley Economics Corporation

March 24, 2023

Dear Commissioners,

I am a Patten resident and a member of the Patten Fire Department. I've attended company events and seen presentations by Wolfden and from what I can tell, they have tried to be transparent with the town of Patten.

The proposed mine is well outside of the Town of Patten and shouldn't affect our day-to-day life very much aside from additional traffic and money spent within the town. Wolfden has stated they will work within Maine's strict mining regulations and as long as that is done, I'm in support. The area needs the jobs to sustain the communities and improve the socioeconomics of the region, which have been on the downslide since the mill and forestry operations were in full swing.

From what I understand there was a large effort to rewrite the mining regulations and they are some of the strictest in the nation in terms of water treatment. Since clean water and fisheries are the livelihood of tourism and recreation in this region, this is a very important consideration to all of us. If Wolfden can prove that it will not negatively impact our waters and habitat, while providing much-needed jobs to the area, then this seems like a win.

Thank you,

Barbara Webb
Patten, ME

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Barbara Webb", written in black ink over the typed name.

March 24, 2023

Commissioners,

I live in Patten and I'm a member of the Planning Board and Fire Department. I've spoken with Wolfden many times over the last couple of years and been to company presentations and events and reviewed their documents and proposals in Planning Board meetings. The company has been upfront and communicative with the Town of Patten and has made the effort to be transparent throughout this controversial process.

I understand and appreciate the concern of those opposed to the project and the position of the supporters. There are many different factors to consider with Wolfden's proposal. Unfortunately, most of the media only reports negative information on the project and does so in an extravagant way that creates fear and division. This occurred during a planning board meeting last month where a Bangor Daily journalist only interviewed the planning board members in opposition to the project, and a biased article was published.

I'm not saying I unwaveringly support Wolfden's proposal, but with such a controversial topic, there should be fair coverage of the goings on in the communities to be impacted most, and this is not happening.

The project could bring immense economic benefit to the region and if Wolfden can prove that it'll meet Maine's environmental standards, then we need to take a serious look at letting this happen. There is a long road ahead and since this is just the first step of many, why not let them do their baseline work and see if they can make it work?

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Scott Webb', written over a horizontal line.

Scott Webb
Patten Planning Board
Patten, ME

Dear LUPC Commissioners

I am in support of Wolfden's rezoning application and the possibility of a mining project in the region. I live in Patten and have spoken with the company many times. Wolfden has made the effort to talk to the community about their plans by hosting several meetings and events in the Patten area that I have attended, and they seem interested in what the people in the area think about the project.

I see the potential benefits of this project with the jobs it could offer and believe it would help our community and businesses. Please consider the opinions of the locals here when making your decision since we are the ones that will be affected most.

Thank you,

Chuck Shorey
Patten, Maine

Chuck Shorey

Dear Commissioners,

I support the rezoning for Wolfden's potential mine in T6 R6. I live in Patten and have talked with them many times. Their office is always open for people to go in and learn about the project. The Patten area could use the jobs and it seems like the company is trying its best to hear and consider people's concerns and ideas. Maine has very strict mining rules and I think the benefits are greater than the risk.

Please consider the opinions of the locals here when making your decision since we are the ones that will be affected most.

Sincerely,

Brandy Bouchard Shorey
Patten, Maine

Brandy Bouchard Shorey

LUPC Commissioners,

I live in Stacyville and I support Wolfden's rezoning proposal. The area needs something to keep more people around after high school and the only thing that'll do that is good paying jobs. I think you should approve the application and let them continue with their work. The benefits outweigh the risk.

Thank you,

Gauge Lovett
Stacyville, ME

GAUGE LOVETT

Re: Wolfden Resources Pickett Mt. Project

To Whom It May Concern,

I am a lifelong resident of Patten and own a general contracting and road construction business. This project would be very beneficial to the Town of Patten and the surrounding towns. The area needs a development opportunity that will help keep the town alive into the future. Some people who don't need to work for a living believe Patten will survive without economic growth, but with young people moving away due to the lack of jobs, the town will continue moving in a downhill direction.

The population in Patten and the surrounding area is aging and if we don't have something to keep our younger people around or attract young families there will be few permanent residents here 20 years from now. There are several younger people who own homes in the area and work most of the year out of state who would love to come home and raise their families here. The only way to retain people in the area is with good paying jobs.

The fire department, ambulance department and highway departments are all in need of help. With a couple hundred people working at the mine, I'm sure we could find 5 or 10 to support the fire department. The positive economic impact of the jobs this mine would bring could help turn around the downward spiral the area has been in for the last 20 years.

Select Board members are required to try and do what is best for their town and its residents, not for personal agendas. This is why I am in favor of you approving the rezoning for the Pickett Mt. Project. The rezoning approval should be a decision made between the LUPC and the people of the area to be impacted. We have lived here for generations and do not need the NRCM or other opposition groups to help us with our community planning.

Wolfden has been up front and communicated with the residents of Patten for years now and it's time for them to be able to get to work.

Sincerely,



Gregg Smallwood

Vice Chair, Patten Board of Selectmen
Smallwood Inc.

to
Maine Land Use Planning Commission
To whom it may concern.

In regard to the Wolfden Bickett Mountain Mine Reopening
application ZP 179A - Wolfden Mt Chase LLC.

As a life long resident of Patten Me I've seen
industry decline substantially over my working career.
Working in paper mills for 45+ years I've seen many
layoffs/cutback and shutdowns, many due to government
regulations costing companies millions of dollars, and
with the up & downs of the markets made it unsustainable
the stay in business. These regulations have forced businesses
overseas thus hurting our economy.

As for the Wolfden project, the state of Maine
has adopted Rules and Regulations that are probably
the strictest in the nation, with the intent that no mining
could ever be done in the state of Maine. So now we have
a company who believe they can meet these strict
Regulations. I believe they should be given the chance to
prove it. Why would we make Rules and Regulations if
we don't plan on letting them be met ever. Time to live
up to the Regulations and give industry a chance to
operate. Northern Maine can not survive on Tourism
alone.

Kent Smallwood
155 North Rd
Patten ME 04765

Carr, Tim

From: Terry Thurston-Hill <Terry@shinpond.com>
Sent: Saturday, April 8, 2023 10:16 AM
To: LUPC, Wolfden Rezoning
Subject: Allow the rezoning for Wolfden

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Dear LUPC Commissioners,

I have lived in Mt. Chase for 38 years and understand the rezoning rules under LUPC. I am writing asking you to consider Wolfden's rezoning application.

I feel it is so important to put Maines tough mining rules to the test! Once rezoning has been approved then we the local residents will be able to get the "real" studies done to give us true results and not just scare tactics that are being used by the opposition. I want to make intelligent decisions based on the facts. It is crucial to the residents of this region.

I also am asking you to be sure public hearings are held in the Katahdin Region when the mining operation will be located if approved. Katahdin Schools is located in Staceyville and will be the best location for hearings.

This mining opportunity can bring significant economic value to a region that is primarily retired or recreational home owners, we need something to bring young families back to the area.

I look forward to the next few months as you navigate through this process.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

Terry Thurston Hill
1489 Shin Pond Road
Mt. Chase Maine 04765
944-0366

Sent from [Mail](#) for Windows

Dear LUPC Commissioners,

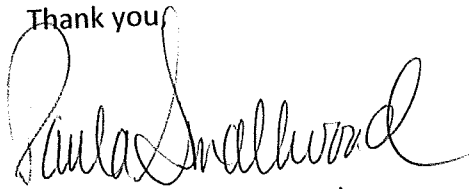
I live in Patten, was born and raised here, and own a contracting business with my husband.

It's clear to those of us who live here that this part of northern Maine is struggling and that the jobs this mine would offer could help the community and businesses. Many of our younger people move away right after high school, my kids included, because there are no good job opportunities for them here.

I've had the opportunity to hear presentations from Wolfden about their proposed mine and have been to some of their events in town. They've been open and honest with the community and I don't see any reason why they shouldn't be able to continue with their work. The mining regulations are in place to protect the environment and we need an economic boost. I support you approving the rezoning and give the area a chance to build something we are proud of that will support the community into the future.

Please heavily weigh the opinions of those of us who live here over those who would not be impacted by this proposal.

Thank you



Paula Morse Smallwood
Smallwood Inc.
Patten, Maine

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March 11, 2023

Dear LUPC Commissioners,

I strongly support the rezoning for Wolfden's proposed Pickett Mountain mining project. I live in Patten and my fiancée works away from home 9 months a year. We would love for him to be able to find a well-paying job here at home. This project will also train people for a new skill that they can take anywhere in the country. I feel it is important that you allow the rezoning to take place and then they can start the studies that are necessary to operate a mining project on the land they own.

Please consider this rezoning.

Thanks,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Shaylee Anderson," with a comma at the end.

Shaylee Anderson

302 South Patten Road

Patten, Maine 04765

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February 27, 2023

Dear LUPC Commissioners:

I support the rezoning for Wolfden's proposed Pickett Mountain mining project. I'm from Patten and own property here but work away 8-9 months of the year due to the lack of employment. I'd like an opportunity to return to a good paying job and raise a family near home. The people and businesses in the area would benefit from the jobs this mine would bring. Most of the younger people leave after high school and don't return because there aren't many good work opportunities.

Maine has some of the strictest mining regulations in the country that will protect our environment. This seems like a good opportunity for the people of northern Maine.

Thank you,


Brody Guiggey

302 South Patten Road

Patten, Maine 04765

April 8, 2023

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To LUPC Commissioners,

I live in Patten Maine and I'm writing to ask you to consider the rezoning of lands under Wolfden's application. This effort to bring a mining operation to our area is very important to an area that does not have high paying jobs, I want to stay here and raise my family here this type of opportunity would allow me to learn a new skill that I can take anywhere in the country after the mining is completed here.

I will be able to make a good wage to support my family. My understanding of Maines mining rules is there is no reason not to give them a chance.

Thanks for your time.

Sincerely,



Tristan Clippinger

551 Shin Pond Road

Patten, Maine 04765

Carr, Tim

From: Michael Reddy <reddymichaelj@hotmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, April 12, 2023 3:43 PM
To: LUPC; Carr, Tim; Beaucage, Timothy
Subject: Update on Zoning Permit 779A-Wolfden?

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Hello-

I'm curious if Wolfden has responded to the LUPC's 2/24/23 request for additional info? They were given a 30 day deadline, but I have not yet seen an update to the LUPC website.

To be clear, I encourage the LUPC to reject the Wolfden rezoning petition. Polymetallic sulfide mining—including underground mining—**always** results in toxic releases to groundwater. Wolfden VP Jeremy Ouellette recently cited both the Fort Knox mine in Alaska and the Bingham Canyon mine in Utah as examples of mines using the same technology that Wolfden is proposing. A quick TRI search reveals that these "modern" mines still release an unacceptable amount of poison into the environment. In 2021 Fort Knox reported releasing 370,018 lbs of arsenic compounds and 180,000 lbs of cyanide compounds (<https://enviro.epa.gov/facts/tri/ef-facilities/#/Release/99707FRTKN1FORA>), while in the same year the Bingham Canyon mine reported releasing 44,224 lbs of arsenic and 31,036 lbs of mercury (<https://enviro.epa.gov/facts/tri/ef-facilities/#/Release/84006KNNCT12300>).

Until Wolfden can prove in advance that there will be **no** contamination, there is no way that the LUPC can approve the petition **and** fulfill its duty to “Preserve, protect and enhance the quality and quantity of surface waters and groundwater.” 2010 Comprehensive Land Use Plan IIK

Please keep me updated on the process as any new information is available.

Thanks for your time and care in protecting our irreplaceable natural wealth,
Michael Reddy

“Remoteness and the relative absence of development in large parts of the jurisdiction are perhaps the most distinctive of the jurisdiction's principal values, due mainly to their increasing rarity in the Northeastern United States. These values may be difficult to quantify but they are integral to the jurisdiction's identity and to its overall character.”

2010 Comprehensive Land Use Plan 1.1

“The change in districting will have no undue adverse impact on existing uses or resources or a new district designation is more appropriate for the protection and management of existing uses and resources within the affected area.” 01-672CHAPTER 12 Section 4 B(1-b)

“to prevent the despoliation, pollution and inappropriate use of the water in these areas; and to preserve ecological and natural value.” 12 M.R.S.A. § 681