

Heavy Industrial

Zoning to ~~High Density~~ – Gravel Pit

Thank you for the time to speak this evening. I really don't have much to say, I just want to make sure that the Gravel Pit is not zoned ~~high density~~ and remains non-conforming. I understand the paper said it is zoned R-1 but my understanding is that it is still non-conforming since that is what it was before the vote in 2016.

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My family owns Calico Quilt Antiques in Goldston the building is over 120 years old. Who is going to be responsible for damage done to this building if the blasting causes everything to rock and roll. Then what if there is a fire or emergency at the pit, do we have the resources to fight a fire on 220 acres, or the equipment to save someones life. I also would like to ask for a TIA (Traffic Impact Analysis) report from the DOT, this report is suppose to show if our infrastructure can handle truck after truck of gravel approx 500,000 tons traveling our small two lane road in and out of town. How is the pit going to effect the trains through town? These are just a couple of questions that I have.

I understand that all of this is going to happen no matter what but if we zone the PIT ~~high density~~ it will open the door to other exploration, or other industries that we don't want. The pit is not a neighbor that we wanted or welcome, we are afraid, it is my understanding that the commissioners reached out to the PIT and offered this rezoning, I don't know if that is true, I certainly hope it isn't. I mean how many of you on this board would like a gravel pit within a mile of your home. I haven't even mentioned the health concerns and the other concerns that people have brought up on our facebook page.

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I invite you to come down to Goldston and be there when they blast, oh we would like a blasting schedule so that we know if the boom we here is from the PIT or a plane crashing...

Once again I would like to request the TIA report from the DOT.

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Please do not zone to ~~high density~~, remember that we are part of this county and we would like to remain the quiet small rural community that we have been for all of these years.

Chatham County Commissioners,

In May of 2016 we purchased a home on South Main Street in Goldston. It was an old and rather historic home, and in need of repair. The home has a beautiful "rocking chair" front porch, a large yard for the grandkids, and a view of our neighbor's pasture with train tracks behind it. We've loved the home, the porch and the view.

That is, until Friday, Dec. 7th, 2018. On that day I was preparing for the expected snow storm, and paused about 4pm to fix a cup of coffee. Before I got the K-pod in the coffee maker, there was a terrible explosion that rattled and shook the house, sending its waves through my body....I exited out the back porch into the yard, thinking that Goldston was experiencing an earthquake! Once outside, I realized the ground was no longer shaking and looked around. I could see a cloud of dust behind the tree line that is just behind the tracks.

Within days I learned that others were experiencing the same shocking blasts, and that an active mining operation was on the property where the "rezoning" signs were posted. Up until this time I had no idea that a quarry was in operation there. There are no signs up for the operation and we received no warning of blasting taking place.

In the abstract prepared for this hearing it notes goal #4 of Comprehensive plan...and I quote

"Diversify the tax base and generate more high quality, in county jobs to reduce dependence on residential property taxes, create economic opportunity and reduce out-commuting."

These parcels do not meet these objectives, but rather lowers the quality of life and real property value for this community.

Goldston area property tax values spiked unrealistically with the last county re-evaluation. Our home is currently valued at over four times what we paid for it. Realistically, we probably won't get a return of our investment. Another older home on South Main Street recently sold for less than half of its appraised value (and that was before blasting began).

I've prepared a map from our county's mapping with our property outlined in blue, and the properties proposed to be rezoned outlined in red. On the map I have noted property tax amounts for 2018. Please compare my tax bill with the property that recently sold for 9.5 million according to county records.

Having a business on these 5 parcels has not created a "diversity of the tax base".

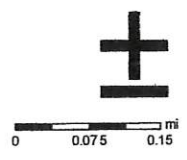
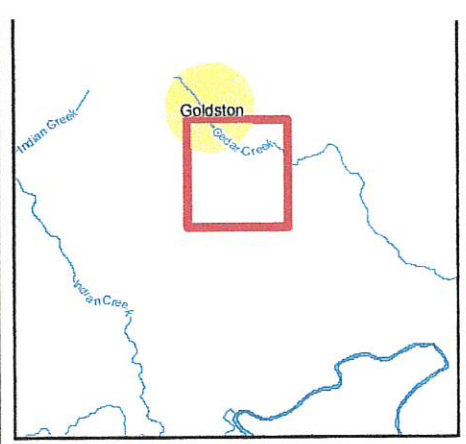
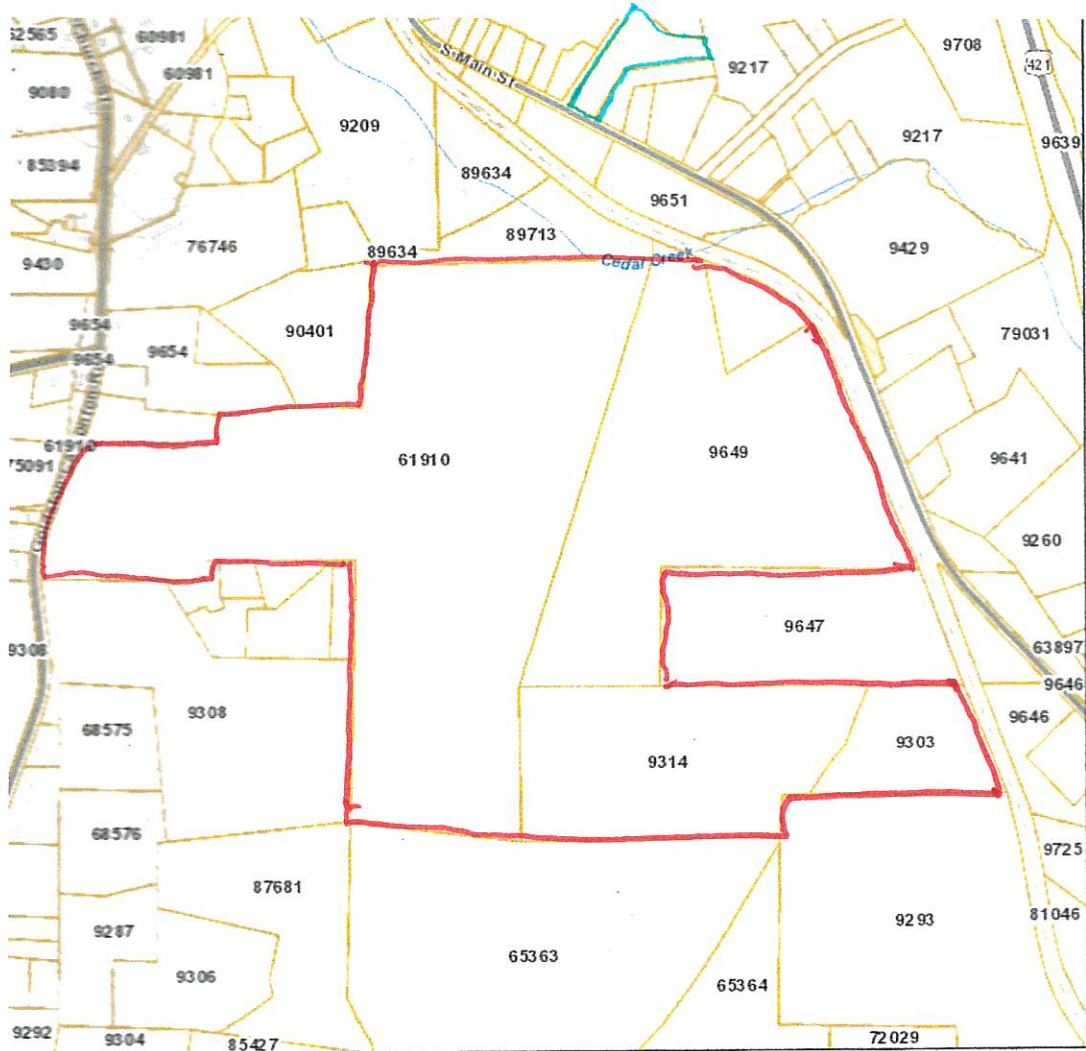
Goldston is a small town, only one mile in diameter. It contains about 500 acres. We do not need an additional 220 acres just outside town limits in Heavy Industrial use.

We're going to have to adjust to a lifestyle of no peace and quiet, devalued properties, and dangers involved with nearby blasting of heavy truck traffic, increased noise, jarring blasts, dust, and flying rock. My porch is no longer a haven, nor my yard a safe playground for the grandchildren.

Please leave the zoning as it is, R1.

Thank You, Marian Norton/ Donald Norton

Property owners at 2499 S Main Street, Goldston, NC



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2018 Tax Bills

Daurity Springs Quarry

2499 S Main Street

#	
80392	\$269.99
61910	\$331.22
9649	\$353.97
9314	\$479.98
9303	\$ 32.31

Total \$1467.47

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