

PUBLIC HEARING WRITTEN TESTIMONY

**PUBLIC INFORMATION HEARING
Haas Sons – Gulich Mine
August 24, 2017**



August 28, 2017

cc: Dan MASTERFOLE

Doug Clary, Director
Chippewa County Planning & Zoning
711 North Bridge Street
Chippewa Falls, Wisconsin 54729-1876

Dear Mr. Clary:

After listening to the concerns of many homeowners near the Haas Sons Inc. proposed mining project (most of them active and valuable LHIA members), we have decided to take a stand against this project.

It is too close to a residential community! We do not want to see any mining operations within 1000 feet of Lake Holcombe or within 300 feet of the stream that flows through the proposed site. We also have concerns about the private wells in the area as well as the increased noise levels and dust, and increased traffic on a narrow, recreational use town road. There is too much risk involved! The county must use common sense and imagine yourselves living across the street from a project like this for the next 20 years.

The Town of Lake Holcombe's lack of a planned use zoning plan is no reason for a bad decision by the county. Chippewa County should take a stand to protect our lake community and not allow a conditional use permit that violates shoreland zoning guidelines.

Haas Sons Inc. needs to find another property that is further away from our lake, streams and residences.

Sincerely,

Lake Holcombe Improvement Association Board of Directors
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Dan Masterpole
Department Director
Chippewa County Conservationist
711 North Bridge Street
Chippewa Falls, Wisconsin 54729

Dear Mr. Masterpole,

I am submitting this letter to you to reinforce our strong objection and opposition to the proposed Hass Sons non-metallic mining project in Holcombe.

There are many concerns that we have and enumerate here:

- 1) This project will be within 1000 ft of the shoreline of Lake Holcombe and within 300 ft of a stream that goes through the proposed site and empties into Lake Holcombe. This violates Shoreline Zoning ordinances. This causes deep concern on the negative impact to Lake Holcombe and its contributing stream.
- 2) The road this proposed project is on is a residential street with pedestrian traffic, bicycles, and children playing. The added heavy equipment traffic will not successfully coexist with the neighborhood and poses a significant safety threat.
- 3) Any gravel pit operation includes crushing operations. This will cause noise ordinance violations not to mention the hazard the dust will create.
- 4) We are also concerned with water table contamination and potential well water contamination.

Please note our concerns and vehement opposition to this non-metallic mining project!

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