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## Saving the Historic and Scenic Quality of Bozrah

When a developer focused on transforming the Village Center of Bozrah from a small, quaint New England downtown into a rock quarry, State Representative Kevin Ryan stood up with neighbors and said “No”. He ushered a bill through the House of Representatives which establishes a state permitting program for any commercial project that involves quarrying. The bill currently awaits action in the Senate and a signature by the Governor.



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## WHY BOZRAH AS THE FOCAL POINT?

Imagine 100 scenic acres of Brush Hill spoiled by a quarry churning out millions of cubic yards of rock over the next 20-30 years. Imagine Town Hall, town firehouse, Fields Memorial Elementary school and several homes covered in dust with the noise of rock crushers a constant reminder of a bad decision. State Rep. Ryan and 370 residents signed a petition against the idea, determined to protect homes and farmland.

## THE STATE STEPS IN

Since there were no municipal regulations regarding a quarry in Bozrah, this state regulation will now allow the permitting process to move forward with some uniformity. The new permitting process will also assist other Connecticut towns if faced with similar situations.

## NOT JUST ANYONE MAKING THE FINAL DECISIONS

The Commissioner of the Department of Environmental Protection will have final say on any quarry application filed statewide based on the potential for adverse affects on the quantity or quality of any surface water or groundwater.

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