

Parker, Michael T

From: Alivia Moore <livmoore16@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, July 22, 2015 5:12 AM
To: Parker, Michael T
Subject: Request for Public Hearing on NEWSME Landfill Expansion

Dear Mr. Parker,

I am writing to request the NEWSME (Casella) application for expansion at Juniper Ridge landfill undergo the public hearing process. It is crucial that the Maine people have a voice in this process.

Respectfully,
Alivia Moore
Penobscot Nation

Parker, Michael T

From: Maria Girouard <sacredhomelands@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, August 18, 2015 1:54 PM
To: Parker, Michael T
Subject: Applic # S-20700-WD-BI-N

Dear Mr. Parker,

Please accept this correspondence as a formal request for a public hearing regarding the Juniper Ridge Landfill Expansion, Application # S-20700-WD-BI-N. I am a resident of Orono and a citizen of Penobscot Nation, therefore I have a very intimate relationship with the Penobscot River watershed in so many ways. Myself and others have grave concerns about how this proposed expansion will effect water levels, air and water pollution, as well as the industrialization of a small, rural community. It is not wanted by area citizens, and the way this state-owned landfill is being operated should be a concern to all Maine citizens. It is very important that citizens who would be the most effected by this proposal be accommodated, and are provided a venue to voice concerns and ask questions in a location and a time that is convenient for them.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,
Maria Girouard
158 Bennoch Road
Orono, Maine 04473

August 25, 2015

Lynn A. Caron
Maine Department of Environmental Protection
Eastern Maine Office/ Bureau of Land and Water Quality
106 Hogan Road, Suite 6
Bangor, Maine 04401

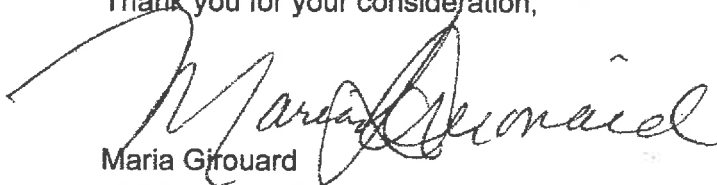
DEP #L-24251-TG-C-N
Natural Resources Protection Act

Dear Ms. Caron,

Please accept this letter as a formal request for a public hearing regarding the Juniper Ridge Landfill Expansion/ Natural Resources Protection Act, Application # DEP #L-24251-TG-C-N. I have grave concerns for the water, particularly the integrity of the wetland acreage that is connected to Penobscot tribal/ traditional hunting, fishing, and gathering territory located along Birch Stream, and concerns for the watershed where this mega-dump is situated. Many locals get their drinking water from this very watershed where Casella proposes to dump over 8 million tons of waste, the vast majority of it from out-of-state. This is a serious environmental justice issue which should be a concern to all citizens of Maine.

It is very important that citizens who will be most affected have the right to voice concerns and ask questions in a location, and at a time, that is convenient *for them* (preferably in the Old Town, Orono, Alton, Penobscot Nation area) and *not* have to take a day off from work and travel to Augusta to participate in the process of dealing with Juniper Ridge and their short-sighted ideas once again.

Thank you for your consideration,



Maria Girouard
158 Bennoch Road
Orono, ME 04473

Request for public hearing & Engineering Study

Dear Lynn Carson
Department of Environmental Protection
Eastern Maine office / Bureau of Land & Water Quality,

My name is Peter Crockett, I live in Argyle Township, Maine. I live about 5 miles from the Juniper ridge landfill. I have a number of serious concerns regarding the proposed expansion of the Juniper Ridge Landfill and how that relates to water quality in the Penobscot River Watershed as well as the other effects it will have on the groundwater of the area. The ground water is the source my potable water supply is drawn from, & I expect it to remain potable.

I am writing to you to request that a public hearing be held in a suitable location which is located in the same area that the effects of this proposed development would alter.

I would like to request that a study on wetland alterations be performed by the Army Corp of Engineers in order to assess how this project will effect the surrounding environmental conditions of both surface & ground waters.

These proposed expansions & alterations of wetlands are another step which will have possible negative impacts to our environment & should NOT be undertaken until their long lasting changes to our environment are completely understood, and the people of this area have an opportunity to weigh the facts regarding this most important issue.

I personally do not believe the profits of one company should be held in higher regard than the health & quality of lives of all the people, as well as every animal, who have chosen to reside in this area.

I certainly DO NOT think our beautiful state should be the dumping grounds for surrounding areas.

Thank you for your time.

Peter Crockett
2782 Edinburg Road
Argyle Township, Maine
04468
207-232-4008

David L. Smith
5 Seaview Terrace
Belfast, Maine 04915

8/11/15

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Regarding Wetlands Alteration:
DEP-#L-24251-TG-C-N

Dear Lynn Caron,

I am writing to request that a Public Hearing be held in regard to the proposed Wetlands Alteration associated with the Expansion of the Juniper Ridge Landfill.

Please hold the Public Hearing in a place that is accessible to those who would be most affected such as in the Old Town, Orme, Alton, Penobscot Nation area.

Sincerely,
David Smith

David L. Smith
5 Seaview Terrace
Belfast, Maine 04915

8/11/15

Regarding Application No:
DEP # S-20700-WD-B1-N

Dear Mr. Parker:

I am writing to you
regarding the proposed expansion
of Juniper Ridge Landfill.

This is a request for a
Public Hearing on the issue
of Expansion of the Landfill.
Please hold the Public Hearing
in a location convenient for
those who will be most affected.

Sincerely,
David Smith

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August 12, 2015

Mr. Michael T. Parker
Maine Department of Environmental Protection
Solid Waste Program
17 State House Station
Augusta ME 03333-0017

Re: Application DEP #S-20700-WD-B1-N

Dear Sir:

I write regarding the proposed expansion of the Juniper Ridge Landfill to express my deep concern and to request that a public hearing be held in a location that is convenient to those who would be most directly affected by such an expansion.

I believe that Maine is moving in exactly the wrong direction to encourage or increase the deposit of out-of-state waste at Juniper Ridge or any other location in Maine. Each state, like each individual, should come to terms with its own waste disposal. To make it "some other state's problem" only promotes a lack of responsibility, when we need just the opposite - each individual and jurisdiction becoming increasingly mindful of the burdens we are placing on the planet.

Of paramount concern to me is that the Penobscot watershed not be compromised by toxic material. We are obligated by international accord to ensure the cleanliness of the water for the indigenous people who depend upon it for sustenance. Clearly, Casella's proposal poses far too great a risk to that watershed. Nor does Maine need the truck traffic and wear and tear on our infrastructure. Jobs are good, but only if they contribute to the long-term sustainability of our environment!

I look forward to hearing from you on this subject.

Sincerely,



Diane Oltarzewski
21 Bridge Street
Belfast ME 04915

August 12, 2015

Ms. Lynn Caron
Maine Department of Environmental Protection
Eastern Maine Office/Bureau of Land and Water Quality
106 Hogan Road
Bangor ME 04401

Re: Application DEP #L-24251-TG-C-N

Dear Ms. Caron:

I write regarding the proposed expansion of the Juniper Ridge Landfill and the filling-in of over 2 acres of wetland, to express my deep concern and to request that a public hearing be held, in a location that is convenient to those who would be most directly affected by such a development.

I believe that Maine is moving in exactly the wrong direction to encourage or increase the deposit of out-of-state waste at Juniper Ridge or any other location in Maine. Each state, like each individual, should come to terms with its own waste disposal. To make it "some other state's problem" only promotes a lack of responsibility, when we need just the opposite - each individual and jurisdiction becoming increasingly mindful of and accountable for the burdens we are placing on the planet.

Of paramount concern to me is that the Penobscot watershed not be any further compromised by toxic material. We are obligated by international accord to ensure the cleanliness of the wetlands and the river for the indigenous people who depend upon these waters for sustenance. Clearly, Casella's proposal poses far too great a risk to those wetlands. Nor does Maine need the truck traffic and wear and tear on our infrastructure. Jobs are good, but only if they contribute to the long-term sustainability of our environment.

I look forward to hearing from you on this subject.

Sincerely,



Diane Oltarzewski
21 Bridge Street
Belfast ME 04915

Parker, Michael T

To: Myke Johnson
Subject: RE: Application #: DEP # S-20700-WD-B1-N

From: Myke Johnson [<mailto:mykejohnson@maine.rr.com>]
Sent: Saturday, August 15, 2015 11:44 AM
To: Parker, Michael T
Subject: Application #: DEP # S-20700-WD-B1-N

Michael T. Parker
Maine Department of Environmental Protection
Solid Waste Program
17 State House Station
Augusta, ME 0333-0017

michael.t.parker@maine.gov

Application #: DEP # S-20700-WD-B1-N

Dear Mr. Parker,

I am writing to request a public hearing on the expansion of Juniper Ridge Landfill, which is located just upstream from Indian Island. It is already a threat for the future viability of the river, and doubling the size (as is now being proposed) will allow a larger mountain of toxic trash to be placed on sensitive wetlands. This will have a detrimental affect on Penobscot people as well as all people who love the Penobscot River.

It is important that affected citizens have a voice in this proposal that threatens their water, the wetland ecology, and the air. It is important that hearings be held in a location convenient for those who will be most affected, such as in Old Town, Orono, Alton, or the Penobscot Nation area.

Please contact me with further information about such public hearings.

Sincerely,

The Rev. Dr. Myke Johnson
101 Baston Road
North Yarmouth, ME 04097

Parker, Michael T

From: karenmd@myfairpoint.net
Sent: Tuesday, August 18, 2015 9:42 AM
To: Caron, Lynn A
Subject: Re: Application: DEP #L-24251-TG-C-N

Dear Ms. Caron,

I understand the DEP is considering an expansion of the Juniper Ridge Landfill operation, which would impact wetlands in the area. (Application: DEP #L-24251-TG-C-N)

As a life-long resident of Maine, currently living in Waldo County but about to move to Bangor, I am very concerned about the continual encroachment of development on valuable wetlands in the state. Clean water and diverse flora and fauna are not just important in their own right, they contribute to the health and quality of living of everyone in our state. Wetlands not only provide crucial habitat, but help to filter impurities out of our water.

I am also concerned about the climate effects of trucking vast amounts of waste into our state and creating methane, a powerful greenhouse gas. I understand a methane plant is being planned as well, but will it truly be capturing all the methane that is likely to be produced by all that waste? And what about the carbon footprint of all those trucks??

Finally, I am a kayaker who has paddled on the Pushaw Stream and Penobscot River watersheds for years, and I am a birder. Wetlands are valuable resources for recreation in Maine, not to be squandered.

I urge you to set up a public hearing on this matter at a time and place that will allow the fullest possible comment from the people to be affected by this proposal.

Karen Marysdaughter
karenmd@myfairpoint.net
207-525-4538 (home)
207-930-5440 (cell)

Parker, Michael T

From: Karen Marysdaughter <karenmd@myfairpoint.net>
Sent: Tuesday, August 18, 2015 8:33 AM
To: Parker, Michael T
Subject: Expansion at Juniper Ridge Landfill

Re: Application #: DEP # S-20700-WD-B1-N. I understand the DEP is considering an expansion of the landfill at Juniper Ridge, which would accept out of state waste brought in by truck. I understand you are also planning an industrial methane plant at the site.

I am deeply concerned about the effects of such an expansion on the local environment, especially wetlands in close proximity to the site. And the carbon footprint of trucking in waste from long distances in high volume cannot possibly be offset by capturing the methane from the waste.

I urge you to schedule a public hearing on this proposal, at a time and location that will allow adequate comments and concerns from the people most affected.

Karen Marysdaughter
karenmd@myfairpoint.net
525-4538 (home)
930-5440 (cell)

Parker, Michael T

From: Emma Macaillen <em.macaillen@hotmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, August 18, 2015 9:57 AM
To: Caron, Lynn A
Subject: App::DEP#L-24251-TG-C-N

Dear Ms. Caron,

I am very concerned about the Casella proposed expansion of the wetlands in order to dump more waste in this location. I live in Orono and am concerned about the added tons of waste which would overload the already tenuous ecosystem and watershed issues stemming from its pollution. Please offer public hearings re this particularly to the towns most effected. Surely we can find alternative waste management which is less toxic to the environment.

Thank you for your consideration of this.

Emma Macaillen

Parker, Michael T

From: Emma Macaillen <em.macaillen@hotmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, August 18, 2015 10:53 AM
To: Parker, Michael T
Subject: App#S-20700-WD-BI-N

Dear Mr. Parker,

I am writing to request that public hearings be held to discuss the 74 acre expansion of Juniper Ridge. I live in Orono and I am concerned about the toxicity to the watershed and the air quality if this is allowed. Please allow the residents of Maine, particularly those most effected to be able to discuss it and look for other alternatives which are being utilized in other countries. We just cannot afford to bring more degradation to our earth but must collaborate to develop waste management which is less of a threat. It is our grandchildren who will inherit the mess we are creating for them if they survive that long.. It is critical for us to stop and to do everything in our power to assure that they have a clean enough environment in which to live. This issue and how we deal with this dump is a huge part of how we take responsibility for our children's children. Let's keep that foremost in making decisions.

Cedric's great grandmother,

Emma

Parker, Michael T

From: Penthea Burns <pentheaburns@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, August 18, 2015 11:44 AM
To: Parker, Michael T
Subject: RE: Application #: DEP # S-20700-WD-B1-N

Michael T. Parker
Maine Department of Environmental Protection
Solid Waste Program
17 State House Station
Augusta, ME 0333-0017

RE: Application #: DEP # S-20700-WD-B1-N

Dear Michael Parker;

I am writing to request a public hearing on the proposed expansion of the Juniper Ridge Landfill (Application #: DEP # S-20700-WD-B1-N), the mega-dump situated between Pushaw Stream and Birch Stream by Casella Waste Management (now NEWSME). I understand that this proposal calls for filling in approximately 2.04 acres of wetlands in the process.

I request that this public hearing be advertised and accessible to those who would be most affected, such as in the Old Town, Orono, Alton, Penobscot Nation area.

Thank you for your attention to this request.
Sincerely
Pentheia Burns
Lewiston, ME

Parker, Michael T

From: Penthea Burns <pentheaburns@yahoo.com>
Sent: Wednesday, August 19, 2015 4:21 PM
To: Caron, Lynn A
Subject: RE: Application: DEP #L-24251-TG-C-N

Lynn A. Caron
Maine Department of Environmental Protection
Eastern Maine Office/ Bureau of Land and Water Quality
106 Hogan Road, Suite 6
Bangor, Maine 04401

August 19, 2015

RE: Application: DEP #L-24251-TG-C-N

Dear Lynn Caron;

I am writing to request a public hearing on the proposed wetlands alteration (Application: DEP - # L- 24251-TG-C-N) in connection with the proposed expansion of the Juniper Ridge Landfill, the mega-dump situated between Pushaw Stream and Birch Stream by Casella Waste Management (now NEWSME). I understand that this proposal calls for filling in approximately 2.04 acres of wetlands in the process.

As a concerned Maine citizen and taxpayer I believe that all citizens who will be affected deserve a voice and a forum to ask questions. Having grown up along the Penobscot River and with my family still living in that vicinity, I am concerned about the destruction of valuable wetlands and the resulting impact on the surrounding communities. The landfill project being situated in a wetland between two streams that drain into the Penobscot River is a concern for those who live along the river, eat fish from the river or use the river as a source of drinking water for area citizens.

Decision making about such matters deserves thoughtful and transparent deliberations with concerned citizenry engaged in the process. I request that this public hearing be advertised and accessible to those who would be most affected, such as in the Old Town, Orono, Alton, Penobscot Nation area.

Thank you for your attention to this request. Per your Department rules, shared with me by Michael Parker, I will also send this communication to you via US mail for you to receive within 5 days of receiving this email.

Sincerely,
Penthea Burns
Lewiston, ME

Parker, Michael T

From: Pete & Joy <psmadme@beeline-online.net>
Sent: Tuesday, August 18, 2015 1:27 PM
To: Parker, Michael T
Subject: waste expansion plan.

Please set a public hearing in regards to the solid waste expansion plan at Juniper Ridge.

Pete Sirois - Maine Social Justice
449 Preble Ave
Madison ME 0495606-3230 psmadme@beeline-online.net

August 21, 2015

Michael J. Parker, B.S., M.P.A.
Environmental Specialist, Div. of Solid Waste Mgt.
Maine Department of Environmental Protection
Augusta ME 04333

Please set a public hearing in regards to
the solid waste expansion plan at Juniper Ridge.

We in Maine have enough problems with
toxic waste coming over our borders in
airborn form. I realize it is difficult to
control what enters Maine through the
atmosphere. At least we can have some
control over the solid waste coming over our
border. Thank You

Peter Siron
449 Preble Ave
Madison, Me 04950

Parker, Michael T

From: Hendrik Gideonse <gideonse@midmaine.com>
Sent: Tuesday, August 18, 2015 3:02 PM
To: Parker, Michael T
Subject: Re Application # S-20700-WD-BI-N

To whom it may concern:

Neither my partner nor I reside near the Juniper Ridge Landfill, but her homestead is in Orrington in sight of the Penobscot River. Mallinkrodt affected us. The proposed E/W Corridor would affect us, and I have worked hard to reduce any likelihood of its happening. The weakened mining regulations would have affected us which is why I worked so hard over the past couple of years to defeat them . . . twice! I can be counted on to continue these commitments. And so it is with JRL. This is not just a local issue but one that affects the entire state. When it comes to environmental concerns, everything IS connected to everything else

A huge proportion of Maine's workforce depends on the state maintaining the highest possible standards for our groundwater, streams rivers, lakes, and aquifers. Doing everything we can to limit greenhouse gases and otherwise keep in the ground the chemical compounds that increase the mean temperatures of the earth's atmosphere and oceans is a task we share with the rest of the world, true, but we must play our part here. Landfills produce methane. Need I say more?

A public hearing near those of us with proximity to the proposed order of magnitude expansion is critically important to us. If you want to hold one in the seat of government (Augusta), fine. Do so. But also hold one near to those of us who will be touched by the expansion -- as well as any possible untoward events that will affect our water, our neighborhoods, our livelihoods.

PLEASE hold a public hearing where we closest to the proposed

expansion can speak.

Hendrik D. Gideonse
119 Old County Road
Brooklin, ME 04616
and
92 Mill Creek
Orrington, ME 04474

Parker, Michael T

From: Cheryl Spencer <cjkspencer@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, August 18, 2015 3:15 PM
To: lynn.caron@maine.gov; Parker, Michael T
Cc: Aho, Patricia; Darling, Cyndi W
Subject: NRPA Comments

Dear Lynn Caron and Michael Parker,

Please accept this as a letter of comment and request for a public hearing on DEP #L-24251-TG-C-N, Casella/BGS' NRPA application.

For starters, I must register a complaint with the procedure in regard to this issue. Mr. Parker, we got an email from you on Aug. 7th announcing that the NRPA application had been accepted as complete for processing on July 31. The email also said that the general JRL Expansion application had been accepted as complete on Aug. 7. So the NRPA had been accepted for over a week before there was notification, and I know at least several JRL Advisory Committee members that were not notified in that email or otherwise. Your email contained a site to go to for more information, but when my wife went to that site on Aug. 14th looking for the NRPA application, it said "file not found".

In addition, Mr. John Banks of the Penobscot Nation told me that they had just received the NRPA papers yesterday, Aug. 17. Your email of Aug. 7 stated that the 20 day calendar for comments and requests would expire on Aug. 20 or 21. I'm not sure if the NRPA papers are online as of now. This series of events leaves the public with very little time to formulate intelligent fact-based comments on the NRPA application. I suggest that you recalculate the 20 day calendar of comment from the date the papers were actually available on your website, which would be no earlier than Aug. 17, 2015, with an expiration date of Sept. 6. "Complete for Processing" implies that the application is ready to share with the public, and this was not the case.

My interest in this matter include living within 1.75 miles of JRL on 120 acres largely comprised of forested wetlands. I am also a citizen of Maine and Old Town and have concerns about liability and costs involving JRL in the future. We never know when our lives will be interrupted by stifling odors or when we'll encounter flaming trash trucks en route to JRL, such as on May 11, 2015. We have a shallow well and contamination is a serious threat.

I also request a full adjudicatory Public Hearing on this specific matter, with ample time to discuss wetland issues if part of a public hearing on the larger expansion application. In addition, any hearing(s) should be held in the Old Town area for the convenience of those most effected. Aside from the Elk's Club in Old Town, there are large meeting places on Penobscot Nation land, and Happy Acres Hall could be available if need be several miles up Rt. 16 in Alton, which is also greatly impacted by JRL. Bear in mind that the overcrowded public information session staged by Casella/BGS included zero DEP representatives, which means that the general public has had no opportunity to ask questions of DEP staff but had to rely on Casella people for expansion process information. This is not acceptable, especially for a state-owned landfill.

Not having read the NRPA papers, I will make some general comments regarding the importance of protecting our wetlands. Wetlands serve as buffers and filters for surface water and groundwater, as well as providing opportunities for growth of micro-organisms, insects and amphibians that serve as vital building blocks for more complicated life forms, including endangered Penobscot River salmon as well as human beings. If the goal is to preserve vital wetlands, this NRPA permit and the Expansion should be denied. It is outrageous that acres of wetlands formerly set aside to be protected forever as part of the original mill landfill may now be filled and destroyed. The activities at JRL, including long-term low-level exposure to hydrogen sulfide gas, have adversely effected area wetlands and vital habitat. This is a very wet area, and all these wetlands are interconnected.

I look forward to hearing of an extended comment period on the NRPA application. You will find that if a public hearing is held in this area there are more wetland and wildlife experts per capita than anywhere else in New England willing to share their knowledge with DEP and the Public. Thank you for your consideration of my requests.

Respectfully yours,
Ed Spencer
PO Box 12

August 23, 2015

Dear Michael Parker,

This is a request for a full adjudicatory Public hearing to consider the Casella/BGS application to expand the state-owned Juniper Ridge Landfill (JRL) in Old Town, Maine. This DEP solid waste license application #S-20700-WD-BI-N meets the criteria for the Board of Environmental Protection (BEP) to take jurisdiction but I decline that opportunity as I feel the Public will be better served if the Department, who are full time professional employees of the State, conducts a thorough, lengthy, and comprehensive hearing.

In Chapter 400 Rules section D: "Licensing Criteria for Solid Waste Facilities. The Department shall issue a license for a solid waste facility whenever it finds, based upon substantial evidence in the record, that the solid waste facility will not contaminate any water of the State, contaminate the ambient air, constitute a hazard to health or welfare, or create a nuisance." At the Hearing evidence will be presented that all of these requirements have either already been violated at JRL or will likely be at some point in the future. Erosion events have sent large amounts of soils into the surrounding wetlands, and a Casella expert has testified on the record that all landfills leak eventually. Methane releases have occurred and are continuing to happen despite large investments in landfill gas mitigation equipment.

It has been shown that long term exposure to hydrogen sulfide gas even at very low levels has a negative impact on health. Volatile organic compounds are also a threat not just to the workers but to the area residents. There is no denying that a flaming trash truck is a hazard to the health of those around it, as happened on May 11 of this year. As far as a threat to welfare, I think we can show that properties in the area of a landfill, as well as those along the haul routes, have less value than they would have without JRL there. My neighbor recently had his property sold until the buyer found out about the landfill, which is visible from his barn. It is difficult to deny the nuisance presented when certain truckloads of pungent wastes arrive, such as from the treatment plant at Rockland.

There should be concerns about Casella's technical advisors at JRL, which are the same ones who oversaw the building and operations at the current site while the Old Town mill was still owner. There was first a breach in the liner when it was being installed, and then a whole side of a cell slid down into a detention pond. More recently NEWSME had to rebuild a sedimentation pond (#5, I believe) when it became polluted. At a JRL Advisory Committee meeting held on Indian Island, they could not identify the exact source of the contamination, and tried to blame it on the mill landfill operators. This was their responsibility at that time. There is concern that due to the huge amounts of wastes being deposited and compacted by machines to save space the landfill may actually be sinking into the earth. This sounds preposterous to some, but land depressed by the glaciers of ten millennia ago is still rebounding. I did a rough calculation and the weight of mile-thick ice over an acre of ground is roughly equal to the weight put into JRL so far, and now they want to more than double the present amount.

There is a need for third-party expertise before any expansion is approved. There is very little monitoring of wastes into JRL, and we have to accept Casella's word as far as contents and the actual source, which was beyond our State borders for at least a third of it. Licensing criteria say "...based upon

substantial evidence in the record...”, but if the evidence only includes numbers and findings of those on Casella’s payroll, this record is incomplete. This is important because Chapter 400 rules on Recycling and Source Reduction mandate “...that the facility will be operated so that the volume of waste and the risks related to its handling and disposal have been reduced to the maximum practical extent by recycling and source reduction prior to disposal...”. We need objective accounting right now. As President Reagan said, “Trust but verify.” In addition to the waste streams, we are asked to accept as fact reports by Casella’s contractors as far as endangered and threatened species that may be impacted by an expansion, as well as impacts to area wetlands. There should be surveys of all life forms in the landfill area by our state wildlife biologists. Recently Maine’s DIF&W was consulted to ascertain the effects on bird and bat migration for an industrial wind project, and the result was a denial of a planned expansion. Since this is a State-owned facility, shouldn’t all the State resources be used to verify the findings of those paid by the landfill operator?

Please add my voice to those others requesting that this Public Hearing be held in the Old town/Alton area. Although it may not be a part of the DEP evaluation process, remember that the creation of JRL was due to a highly leveraged threat of mill closure, which was ironic because a different mill owner had only a decade earlier threatened to shut down its operations if they did not get their own landfill. Casella made a lot of promises about delivering clean wood fuel from CDD which they failed to provide, as 16 of 31 fuel samples exceed state standards for contamination. It should be noted that a denial of this expansion of JRL would in effect end the State’s experiment of landfill ownership with Casella as operator, which would be of great public benefit in my opinion.

Respectfully submitted,

Edward S. Spencer

Parker, Michael T

From: Phoenix TKD <phoenixtkd@roadrunner.com>
Sent: Tuesday, August 18, 2015 4:14 PM
To: Parker, Michael T
Subject: Public Hearing for DEP # S-20700-WD-B1-N

Mr. Parker,

We have become aware of the intent of Casella Waste to expand the Juniper Ridge landfill. We understand this is an environmentally sensitive area in a wetland between two streams.

We feel this is contrary to current ecological health of the area and those downstream, including the Penobscot Nation (Who are guaranteed sustenance lifestyle by federal law.)

Request public hearings on these issues be held in the areas affected by these proposed changes.

Henry and Linda Harrell
561 Eight Rod Road
Augusta, Me 04330

Parker, Michael T

From: Phoenix TKD <phoenixtkd@roadrunner.com>
Sent: Tuesday, August 18, 2015 4:28 PM
To: Caron, Lynn A
Subject: Wetlands alteration DEP - # L- 24251-TG-C-N

Ms. Caron,

We have become aware of the intent of Newsme (Casella Waste) to expand the Juniper Ridge landfill. We understand this is an environmentally sensitive area in a wetland between two streams.

We feel this is contrary to current ecological health of the area and those downstream, including the Penobscot Nation (Who are guaranteed sustenance lifestyle by federal law.)

Request public hearings on these issues be held in the areas affected by these proposed changes; the Old Town, Orono, Alton, Penobscot Nation areas.

Henry and Linda Harrell
561 Eight Rod Road
Augusta, Me 04330

Parker, Michael T

From: Antonio Blasi <antonioblas1234@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, August 18, 2015 6:59 PM
To: Parker, Michael T
Subject: Re: Application S-20700-WD-BI-N Public Hearing Request

My interest in the application is a Community's Right to Local Self Governance, and the toxic effect on the watershed.

sent from my cell phone via speech-to-text feature.

On Aug 18, 2015 6:53 PM, "Antonio Blasi" <antonioblas1234@gmail.com> wrote:

I request the DEP to hold a public hearing On Application #S-20700-WD-BI-N that can be conveniently attended by the public in the area of the proposed solid waste landfill expansion.

Antonio Blasi
Hancock County Commissioner

sent from my cell phone via speech-to-text feature.

Parker, Michael T

From: Matthew W. McEntee <Matthew_W_McEntee@umit.maine.edu>
Sent: Wednesday, August 19, 2015 5:17 PM
To: Parker, Michael T
Subject: Landfill Expansion Application # S-20700-WD-BI-N

Hello Michael,

It has come to my attention that Casella has requested permission to expand an existing landfill - Application # S-20700-WD-BI-N

I am particularly concerned about the notion of landfilling in the Penobscot watershed.

Particularly so given the history of this landfill, what the people were told originally and what has actually transpired in the development of this waste facility.

The people of this area deserve a say in decisions regarding the landfill.

Please schedule a public hearing on the matter at a time and place conducive to community participation.

Thank you

Matthew McEntee
IMRC Tech
University of Maine
<http://www.imrccenter.com/>

I will help anyone make or fix nearly anything (Free!)
(seriously! - you just have to ask)

Parker, Michael T

From: Matthew W. McEntee <Matthew_W_McEntee@umit.maine.edu>
Sent: Wednesday, August 19, 2015 5:11 PM
To: Caron, Lynn A
Subject: Landfill expansion Application: DEP #L-24251-TG-C-N

Hello Lynn,

It has come to my attention that Casella has requested permission to expand an existing landfill into a wetlands area. I am particularly concerned about the notion of landfilling in the Penobscot watershed. It seems like a particularly bad idea to use wetlands for landfilling - wetlands represent a more complicated environment in which to contain waste and increase the consequences of any leaks that may occur. Most importantly however, the local people should be consulted as it is their land that is at greatest risk.

Please schedule a public hearing on the matter at a time and place conducive to community participation.

Thank you

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Parker, Michael T

From: Sam Mayne <smayne@bowdoin.edu>
Sent: Wednesday, August 19, 2015 5:05 PM
To: Parker, Michael T
Subject: Request for Public Hearing for Application: DEP #L-24251-TG-C-N

Dear Ms. Caron,

It has come to my attention that an application (DEP #L-24251-TG-C-N) has been proposed to fill in 2.04 acres of wetland in conjunction with an expansion of the Juniper Ridge Landfill in Old Town. This not only destroys valuable Maine wilderness but also situates the landfill in an area that drains into the Penobscot River, and important source of drinking water for local people. Notification of the application has also been inadequate, not showing online as of August 14th.

For these reasons, I request a public hearing accessible by the people most affected (Old Town, Orono, Alton, Penobscot Nation are residents etc).

Thank you for considering this request and the people impacted by such projects now and in the future,
Sam Mayne

Parker, Michael T

From: Sam Mayne <smayne@bowdoin.edu>
Sent: Wednesday, August 19, 2015 5:11 PM
To: Parker, Michael T
Subject: Request for Public Hearing for Application: S-20700-WD-BI-N

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Sam Mayne

Parker, Michael T

From: Abby E. Roy <aroy@bowdoin.edu>
Sent: Wednesday, August 19, 2015 6:15 PM
To: Parker, Michael T
Subject: Request for Public Hearing for Application: DEP #L-24251-TG-C-N

Dear Mr. Parker,

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Thank you for considering this request and the people impacted by such projects now and in the future.

Best,
Abby Roy

Abby Roy
Bowdoin College 2016
aroy@bowdoin.edu

Parker, Michael T

From: Abby E. Roy <aroy@bowdoin.edu>
Sent: Wednesday, August 19, 2015 6:17 PM
To: Caron, Lynn A
Subject: Request for Public Hearing for Application: DEP #L-24251-TG-C-N

Dear Ms. Caron,

It has come to my attention that an application (DEP #L-24251-TG-C-N) has been proposed to fill in 2.04 acres of wetland in conjunction with an expansion of the Juniper Ridge Landfill in Old Town. This not only destroys valuable Maine wilderness but also situates the landfill in an area that drains into the Penobscot River, and important source of drinking water for local people. Notification of the application has also been inadequate, not showing online as of August 14th.

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Best,
Abby Roy

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Parker, Michael T

From: Linda Swackhamer <linswak@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, August 19, 2015 11:27 PM
To: Parker, Michael T
Subject: Application # S-20700-WD-BI-N

Dear Mr. Parker,

I am writing to request a hearing on the proposed landfill expansion project referenced by the application number above. We, the people in the area, deserve a hearing on the ramifications of such an expansion of this landfill in the local watershed.

At a time when communities are trying to reduce the waste stream from our households, this project opens up more space to presumably, out of state waste. It is situated in a very public spot, the Penobscot nation ancestral lands and watershed. In discussion with neighbors, we believe that expansion of for-profit trash dumps are not wanted at all. I was a volunteer with the Penobscot Restoration Trust to help the river, this will go against all of the work of so many for such a long time. It is disrespectful to the Penobscot nation, as well.

This affects me as a citizen of the area and I would like there to be more public access to the details of this project. Please reply at your earliest convenience, thank you,

respectfully,

Linda Swackhamer
11 Veazie Street, Veazie, ME 04401
[Linswak@gmail.com](mailto:linswak@gmail.com)

Parker, Michael T

From: Linda Swackhamer <linswak@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, August 19, 2015 11:36 PM
To: Caron, Lynn A
Subject: Application: DEP #L-24251-TG-C-N

Dear ms/mr Caron,

I am writing in respect to the application to expand the landfill in Old Town/Alton, which would, I believe, negatively impact our community.

I am requesting a public hearing to get the facts of the proposal out for the communities affected by this project. A lot of people have worked for a long time to reduce their waste stream by recycling and home composting, and also have worked hard to restore the health of our beloved Penobscot River. I do not think that we need to expand waste capacity with out of state trash (however Casella defines it).

This project is furthermore disrespectful to the Penobscot nation as it infringes on ancestral lands and the watershed we all share. Please notify the public as to the details of this expansion of a for-profit environmental waste proposal at your soonest convenience. We await your reply,

Respectfully,

Linda Swackhamer
11 Veazie Street, Veazie, ME 04401
Linswak@gmail.com

Michael T. Parker
Maine Department of Environmental Protection
Solid Waste Program

Re: Juniper Ridge Expansion, Application # S-20700-WD-B1-N

Dear Mr. Parker –

I am requesting that Maine DEP hold a Public Hearing regarding the proposed expansion of Juniper Ridge Landfill, at a time and place convenient to residents of Alton, Old Town, Argyle, Indian Island, and other surrounding communities.

Casella / NEWSME's plan to truck in 700,000 tons of waste per year for the next decade is troubling, to say the least, given the facts that: 1) much of this waste would be generated out-of-state, relegating Maine to the unenviable role of "dumping ground" for states who have, through overgrowth and mismanagement of their natural landscapes, destroyed their ability to handle their own waste responsibly; 2) such an expansion designed to accept massive amounts of out-of-state waste enriches only Casella while externalizing social, environmental, and economic costs onto Maine residents trying to reduce their own waste generation; 3) this expansion will destroy wetlands that provide, free of charge, crucial ecological services of water purification and flood control; and 4) this expansion threatens the homeland and hunting/fishing grounds of the Penobscot Indian Nation, a society that has lived gently and sustainably in the Penobscot watershed for millennia but post-colonization have become the targets of economic, cultural, and environmental genocide at the hands of the state and federal governments.

Thank you for your consideration, and I look forward to expressing my views at the Public Hearing

Sincerely,

Steve Coghlan
1433 Southgate Rd.
Argyle Township, ME 04468
207-394-3899 / stevecoghlan18@gmail.com

Lynn Caron
Maine Department of Environmental Protection
Bureau of Land and Water Quality
Re: Juniper Ridge Wetlands Alteration, Application # L-24251-TG-C-N

Dear Ms. Caron –

I am requesting that Maine DEP hold a Public Hearing regarding the proposed destruction of wetlands to accommodate expansion of Juniper Ridge Landfill, at a time and place convenient to residents of Alton, Old Town, Argyle, Indian Island, and other surrounding communities.

Casella / NEWSME's plan to truck in 700,000 tons of waste per year for the next decade is troubling, to say the least, given the facts that: 1) much of this waste would be generated out-of-state, relegating Maine to the unenviable role of "dumping ground" for states who have, through overgrowth and mismanagement of their natural landscapes, destroyed their ability to handle their own waste responsibly; 2) such an expansion designed to accept massive amounts of out-of-state waste enriches only Casella while externalizing social, environmental, and economic costs onto Maine residents trying to reduce their own waste generation; 3) this expansion will destroy wetlands that provide, free of charge, crucial ecological services of water purification and flood control; and 4) this expansion threatens the homeland and hunting/fishing grounds of the Penobscot Indian Nation, a society that has lived gently and sustainably in the Penobscot watershed for millennia but post-colonization have become the targets of economic, cultural, and environmental genocide at the hands of the state and federal governments.

The Penobscot River watershed once supported incredible production of migratory fishes, including Atlantic salmon, Atlantic sturgeon, American shad, alewife, blueback herring, American eel, striped bass, and sea lamprey. Centuries of industrialization and its resultant effects of damming, pollution, deforestation, wetland destruction, biodiversity loss, and climate change decimated these fish populations and compromised the ability of the local environment to support a vibrant, resilient, and sustainable economy (such as that enjoyed by the pre-colonization Penobscot Indians). We have spent millions of dollars in attempt to rehabilitate the Penobscot River, and no doubt we have made progress towards repairing some of the previous economic and environmental insults, but this proposed expansion will take us in exactly the wrong direction. Our focus should be on protecting, preserving, and restoring wetlands and the services they provide, especially as rapid climate change pushes us farther towards irreversible ecological tipping points. The profits accruing to Casella from replacing functional wetlands with mounds of garbage can be measured in dollars on their balance sheets and stockholder prospectus, but the costs are beyond monetary quantification and are borne by the entire socio-econo-environmental system.

Thank you for your consideration, and I look forward to expressing my views at the Public Hearing

Sincerely,

Steve Coghlan
1433 Southgate Rd.
Argyle Township, ME 04468
207-394-3899 / stevecoghlan18@gmail.com

August 20, 2015

Dear Ms. Caron,

I would like to request a public hearing, held at a location convenient for residents in the Juniper Ridge Landfill area, on an application to fill in 2.04 acres of wetland.

The application number is: DEP #L-24251-TG-C-N

The wetland destruction would facilitate a major expansion of the landfill, which is in the Penobscot River watershed, near Pushaw Stream and the Hirundo Wildlife Refuge. As a resident of Bangor I'm very concerned about the quality of the Penobscot River and am a frequent visitor to Hirundo, where I enjoy hiking the trails and canoeing on Pushaw Stream.

I believe people who will be impacted by an expansion have a right to a public hearing.

Sincerely,



Christina Diebold
1434 Ohio St., #42
Bangor, ME 04401

August 20, 2015

Dear Mr. Parker,

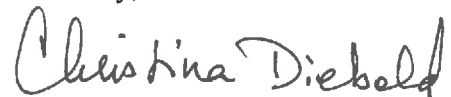
I would like to request a public hearing, held at a location convenient for residents in the Juniper Ridge Landfill area, on an application for the expansion of solid waste at the landfill.

The application number is: DEP # S-20700-WD-BI-N

The solid waste expansion would facilitate a major expansion of the landfill, which is in the Penobscot River watershed, near Pushaw Stream and the Hirundo Wildlife Refuge. As a resident of Bangor I'm very concerned about the quality of the Penobscot River and am a frequent visitor to Hirundo, where I enjoy hiking the trails and canoeing on Pushaw Stream.

I believe people who will be impacted by an expansion have a right to a hearing.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Christina Diebold". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the typed name and address.

Christina Diebold
1434 Ohio St., #42
Bangor, ME 04401

Michael T. Parker
Division of Solid Waste Management
Maine Department of Environmental Protection
17 State House Station
Augusta, Maine 04333-0017

RE: Solid Waste Expansion Application # S-20700-WD-BI-N
Juniper Ridge Landfill Expansion

Dear Mr. Parker

I am writing this letter as a resident of Maine to request that the Solid Waste Expansion application cited above be given a full public hearing. I am a professional environmental engineer (Maine P.E. 13585) working here in Maine and through my work and livelihood I have a focused interest in protecting the environment of my home.

Specifically, this public hearing is warranted in this case due to the scale of the expansion, which is proposed to increase the waste expansion area by 54 acres, with an additional 20 acres for a proposed methane production facility. With the existing permitted facility size of 68 acres, this proposed increase approximately doubles the waste area footprint. Furthermore, I have concerns that while the Juniper Ridge Landfill is discussed as a waste disposal facility for Maine residents and businesses, I understand that in fact waste from out-of-state is disposed of at this location. These concerns, and others, should be addressed transparently so that all Maine citizens can understand.

This project deserves the scrutiny of a public hearing as it has the potential to impact many people in the area. I hope you will hear this call and act accordingly.

Regards,


Dan Marks

Cc: file

Lynn A. Caron
Maine Department of Environmental Protection
Eastern Maine Office/ Bureau of Land and Water Quality
106 Hogan Road, Suite 6
Bangor, Maine 04401

RE: NRPA Application DEP #L-24251-TG-C-N
Wetland Destruction associated with Juniper Ridge Landfill

Dear Ms. Caron –

I am writing this letter as a resident of Maine to request that the NRPA application cited above be given a full public hearing. I am a professional environmental engineer (Maine P.E. 13585) working here in Maine and through my work and livelihood I have a focused interest in protecting the environment of my home.

Specifically, this public hearing is warranted in this case due to the plan to infill approximately 2 acres of wetland for the over 70 acre expansion of the Juniper Ridge Landfill. As you are aware, wetlands provide critical buffer for water and habitat for wildlife, both of which are in jeopardy as a result of this planned expansion. The adjacent Penobscot River watershed is the source of both recreational and drinking water uses.

This project deserves the scrutiny of a public hearing as it has the potential to impact many people in the area. I hope you will hear this call and act accordingly.

Regards,

Dan Marks



Cc: file

Parker, Michael T

From: Elizabeth Johns <elizjohns@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, August 20, 2015 10:32 PM
To: Caron, Lynn A
Subject: DEP #L-24251-TG-C-N

Dear Ms. Caron:

I am writing to request that Maine DEP schedule a public hearing on the proposal by Casella Waste Management to fill in wetlands in the vicinity of Alton in connection with a plan to expand its solid waste facility at Juniper Ridge.

The proposal has the potential to have a significant impact on the neighboring communities, broadly considered, and it is important that all those affected have an opportunity to learn about the plan in detail, to express their views on the project, and to have those views considered by Maine DEP.

Thank you for considering this request.

Elizabeth Johns

122 Forest Ave

Orono, ME 04473

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August 20, 2015

Michael T. Parker
Division of Solid Waste Management
Maine Department of Environmental Protection
17 State House Station
Augusta, Maine 04333-0017

Re: Application # S-20700-WD-BI-N

Dear Mr. Parker:

We are writing to request that Maine DEP hold a public hearing on the application by Casella Waste Management to expand its operation at the Juniper Ridge Land Fill in Alton.

The proposed expansion will have a significant impact on the neighboring communities, broadly considered, and it is important that all those affected have an opportunity to express their views on the project.

Thank you for considering our request.

Sincerely,



Elizabeth Johns



John Maddaus

Parker, Michael T

From: Carolyn Pressley <carolynpressley@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, August 20, 2015 11:17 AM
To: Parker, Michael T
Subject: Request for Public Hearing convenient to area near Alton, Maine Application # S-20700-WD-BI-N f

Michael D. Parker, Maine DEP **RE:** Application # S-20700-WD-BI-N f

The application for solid waste expansion at the Juniper Ridge landfill is a request that needs to be denied in order to protect the water of the Penobscot River - water that I use for recreation and for co-existence. It is important to find landfill sites that do not have proximity to water used for drinking, fishing, and recreational access, as well as for maintaining the balance of the whole ecosystem.

Carolyn Pressley
64 Front Street
Belfast, Maine
04915

Parker, Michael T

From: Carolyn Pressley <carolynpressley@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, August 20, 2015 11:51 AM
To: Caron, Lynn A
Subject: DEP Application #L-24251-TG-C-N

Lynn A. Caron, Maine DEP

Application: DEP #L-24251-TG-C-N

The application for reducing the protected wetland area adjacent to Juniper Ridge Landfill in Alton needs to be denied, as it is imperative that we all work to protect wetlands, particularly near the Penobscot River where irresponsible and avoidable damage has been done over time, such as the HolterChem destruction of the fisheries and the private land uses near Bucksport.

I use the Penobscot River area as a place to dwell and to have outdoor access and as a way to maintain the survival of my family by having safe and sustainable living places for the rest of the ecosystem around me. We need to find landfill sites that are not next to sensitive wetlands and rivers.

Please let me know when the hearing dates are set and which location for them, convenient to those of us living near the Penobscot River.

Carolyn Pressley
64 Front Street
Belfast, Maine
04915

Parker, Michael T

From: Frances V. Soctomah <fsoctoma@bowdoin.edu>
Sent: Thursday, August 20, 2015 12:26 PM
To: Parker, Michael T
Subject: Request for Public Hearing for Application: S-20700-WD-BI-N

Dear Mr. Parker,

It has come to my attention that an application (S-20700-WD-BI-N) has been proposed to fill in 2.04 acres of wetland in conjunction with an expansion of the Juniper Ridge Landfill in Old Town. This not only destroys valuable Maine wilderness but also situates the landfill in an area that drains into the Penobscot River, and important source of drinking water for local people. Notification of the application has also been inadequate, not showing online as of August 14th.

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Thank you for considering this request and the people impacted by such projects now and in the future.

Best,
Frances

Frances V. Soctomah (Passamaquoddy)
Co-President | Native American Students Association
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e: fsoctoma@bowdoin.edu | c: (207) 904-7427

Parker, Michael T

From: Frances V. Soctomah <fsoctoma@bowdoin.edu>
Sent: Thursday, August 20, 2015 12:28 PM
To: Caron, Lynn A
Subject: Request for Public Hearing for Application: DEP #L-24251-TG-C-N

Dear Ms. Caron,

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August 18, 2015

Michael T. Parker
Maine Department of Environmental Protection, Solid Waste Program
17 State House Station
Augusta, ME 0333-0017
Application #: DEP # S-20700-WD-B1-N

I am requesting a public hearing be held on NEWSME's application for Mega-Dump expansion at Juniper Ridge Landfill and that this hearing be held in a location convenient to those who will be affected most – Old Town, Orono, Alton, Argyle, Penobscot Nation

It is important that impacted citizens have a voice in this proposal that threatens our water, the wetland ecology, the air, our health, wellbeing and way of life.

Thank you



Esther Attean

20 Shirley St. Apt 6
Old Town, ME 04468

August 18, 2015

Lynn Caron
Maine Department of Environmental Protection
Eastern Maine Office/ Bureau of Land and Water Quality
106 Hogan Road
Bangor, ME 04401
Application: DEP - # L- 24251-TG-C-N

I am requesting a public hearing be held on the proposed wetlands alteration near the Mega-Dump at Juniper Ridge Landfill and that this hearing be held in a location convenient to those who will be affected most – Old Town, Orono, Alton, Argyle, Penobscot Nation

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Thank you



Esther Attean

20 Shirley St. Apt 6
Old Town, ME 04468

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Parker, Michael T

From: Jeffrey H Hotchkiss <jefreiki@maine.rr.com>
Sent: Thursday, August 20, 2015 6:06 PM
To: Caron, Lynn A
Subject: Re Application: DEP #L-24251-TG-C-N

Lynn A. Caron
Maine Department of Environmental Protection
Eastern Maine Office/Bureau of Land and Water Quality

Dear Ms. Caron:

I request a public hearing on the wetlands alteration/destruction designated as NRPA application number L-24251-TG-C-N, concerning the Juniper Ridge Landfill proposed expansion.

As a Maine citizen, I strongly support the efforts of the Penobscot Nation to secure the safety and cleanliness of their environment and waters. Along with the surrounding towns such as Orono, Old Town and Alton, they are entitled to a public hearing to learn the details of this proposal. Apparently two acres of wetland in a key area that drains into the Penobscot River are affected, as part of a dramatic expansion of activity and waste storage at that facility, based on receiving waste from around the region. The river is a source of drinking water for area citizens, and thus they all have a stake in any changes affecting the water quality. All Mainers have a stake in what is done with state-managed property, especially concerning the introduction of wastes from around the region.

I stand with the Penobscot Nation and Dawnland Environmental Defense. Please schedule a hearing so that all citizens affected can be informed of the details of the proposal and have their say about it.

Thank you,
Jeffrey H Hotchkiss
52 Congress St
Portland ME 04101
Phone 207-618-0243

Parker, Michael T

From: Jeffrey H Hotchkiss <jefreiki@maine.rr.com>
Sent: Wednesday, August 26, 2015 5:08 PM
To: Parker, Michael T
Subject: Application # S-20700-WD-BI-N - public hearing requested

Michael T. Parker
Maine Department of Environmental Protection
Division of Solid Waste Management

Dear Mr. Parker:

I request a public hearing on the solid waste expansion application number S-20700-WD-BI-N, concerning the proposed expansion of the Juniper Ridge Landfill.

As a Maine citizen, I strongly support the efforts of the Penobscot Nation to secure the safety and cleanliness of their environment and waters. Along with the surrounding towns such as Orono, Old Town and Alton, they are entitled to a public hearing to learn the details of this proposal. Apparently two acres of wetland in a key area that drains into the Penobscot River are affected, as part of a dramatic expansion of activity and waste storage at that facility, based on receiving waste from around the region. The river is a source of drinking water for area citizens, and thus they all have a stake in any changes affecting the water quality. All Mainers have a stake in what is done with state-managed property, especially concerning the introduction of wastes from around the region.

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Representative

August 18, 2015

Michael T. Parker
Division of Solid Waste Management
Maine Department of Environmental Protection
17 State House Station
Augusta, Maine 04333-0017

RE: Application # S-20700-WD-BI-N

The Penobscot Indian Nation (PIN) hereby requests that the Maine DEP hold a public hearing regarding the application by the State of Maine Bureau of General Services and NEWSME Landfill Operations, LLC (Application number S-20700-WD-BI-N) to expand the existing Juniper Ridge Landfill (JRL) located in Old Town. The PIN also requests that the public hearing be held at a location near the JRL so that maximum participation by the local community can be realized. To that end, The Penobscot Nation hereby offers its facilities at Indian Island as a site for the public hearing. We welcome the opportunity to work cooperatively with your agency in this regard.

The potential impacts to Penobscot Nation citizens, lands, and associated natural resources arising from the proposed expansion of the JRL are substantial. The Penobscot Nation enjoys traditional and cultural uses of the lands and natural resources surrounding the JRL, as our ancestors have for thousands of years. Many of the cultural activities practiced by our members are dependent on an ecologically healthy environment which may be adversely impacted by the proposed JRL expansion. As a result of the 1980 Maine Indian Land Claims Act, our tribes treaty-reserved hunting and fishing rights within the Penobscot Indian Reservation were re-affirmed, portions of which are located downslope from the JRL putting these important uses at risk. In addition to the potential direct negative environmental impacts associated with the proposed JRL expansion, the PIN may be adversely impacted by many ancillary activities and conditions incumbent in the development and operation of an expanded JRL. These would include, without limitation, things like increased truck traffic to and from the JRL, increased nuisance odors, and visual impacts that adversely impact the aesthetics of the region.

Thank you.

Sincerely,


Kirk E. Francis, Chief
Penobscot Nation



Penobscot Nation
12 Wabanaki Way
Community Building
Indian Island, Maine 04468
(207) 827-7776

FAX (207) 827-6042

8/18/15

Dear Lynn Caron,

I am writing in regards to
Application # DEP 8-#E 24251-TG-C-N

I wish to request this issue have
a public hearing. It is most important
to the people who will be most affected.
That would be me and my family, along
with many many others.

Thank you.

Angelique Neptune

Any response to this letter can be done
through email, thank you.

thebakingange@aol.com

8/18/15

Dear Mr. Michael T. Parker,

I am writing to you in regards to Application #:

DEP# 8-20700-WD-B1-N

I wish to request this have a public hearing. It is only fair that an issue as important as this be accessible to those of us who will be most affected. My ancestral home is the Penobscot River and I wish to help protect these waters for myself, my children, my grandchildren as well as my great grandchildren.

Thank you for your time,

Angelique Neptune

Any further response to this letter can be done through email, thank you.

thebakingangel@gmail.com

August 19, 2015

Michael T. Parker
Division of Solid Waste Management
Maine Department of Environmental Protection
17 State House Station
Augusta, Maine 04333-0017

Re: Application # S-20700-WD-BI-N

Dear Mr. Parker:

Please consider this my request for the Maine DEP to convene a public hearing convenient to area residents on the application referenced above. It is my understanding that Casella waste management is proposing an expansion to the existing state-owned landfill totaling 74 acres plus a methane processing facility. At a public meeting on June 3, 2015, Casella spokesperson Don Meagher predicted processing approximately 700,000 tons of waste per year for the next 10 - 12 years.

I do not believe that expanding the landfill or trucking in waste from outside of Maine is in the best interests of the residents of our state.

I am a person of interest in this matter because my family has resided in Maine for several generations, and the preservation of our state's natural resources -- including but not limited to the Penobscot watershed -- is fundamental to our quality of life.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Savage



30 Hole in the Wall Rd.

Solon, ME 04979

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August 19, 2015

Lynn A. Caron
Maine Department of Environmental Protection
Eastern Maine Office/ Bureau of Land and Water Quality
106 Hogan Road, Suite 6
Bangor, Maine 04401

Re: Application: DEP #L-24251-TG-C-N

Dear Ms. Caron:

Please consider this my request for the Maine DEP to convene a public hearing convenient to area residents on the application referenced above. It is my understanding that this is a National Resources Protection Act (NRPA) application to fill in 2.04 acres of wetland.

I am a person of interest in this matter because my family has resided in Maine for several generations, and the preservation of our state's natural resources is fundamental to our quality of life. Filling in wetlands that support many forms of life is a critical issue for my future and that of my grandchildren, and their grandchildren.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Savage



30 Hole in the Wall Rd.

Solon, ME 04979

August 19, 2015

Michael T. Parker
Division of Solid Waste Management
Maine Department of Environmental Protection
17 State House Station
Augusta, Maine 04333-0017

Re: Application # S-20700-WD-BI-N

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Respectfully submitted,

Mark Roman



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Subject: DEP #L-24251-TG-C-N

August 21, 2015

Lynn A. Caron
Maine Department of Environmental Protection
Eastern Maine Office/ Bureau of Land and Water Quality
106 Hogan Road, Suite 6
Bangor, Maine 04401

Dear Ms Caron,
Sierra Club Maine hereby requests public hearings on the NRPA application for expansion of the Juniper Ridge Landfill DEP #L-24251-TG-C-N at locations and times that are accessible to the people who would be most impacted by the requested changes, like the people resident in such areas as Old Town, Orono, Alton, Penobscot Nation area, and the fishing communities along the Penobscot river basin. We represent 14,000 members and activists state wide with many residing along the Penobscot River.

We are deeply concerned that not only does this application require filling of more than two acres of existing wetlands but in addition will have, as noted in the application, impact on a significant vernal pool by digging within the state mandated 250 foot setback. While Casella Waster Systems,(also known as NEWSME) and Juniper Ridge Landfill may not have any interest in avoiding wetlands, the functions and values of those sites, particularly since there are so few registered vernal pools of significance in the state, require that the applicant and the DEP offer those of us who will be impacted a voice at the table. Vernal pools provide not only habitat for signal species but in addition serve to replenish aquifers upon which all species depend. Additional value of wetlands is the service they provide during episodes of significant rainfall. Climate Change predictions as well as existing experience indicates the need to preserve all the sponge effect we can of these valuable resources. Wetland destruction is one of the key causes of property damage during hurricanes, for instance.

Also, this landfill is located between two streams that drain directly into the Penobscot River. Given the efforts and expenditures of the State of Maine and other stakeholders to clean up the river as it serves as drinking water for many and as a resource rebounding in fisheries, not to mention the impact of further contamination down stream to Maine's iconic lobster fishery, it is incumbent upon the Department of Environmental Protection to enforce the Clean Water Act.and protect our largest river and its associated watershed.

The Juniper Ridge Landfill is state owned and thus every taxpayer and resident has standing in this case. We must be sure that the best practices are enacted when making changes to such a large and potentially environmentally damaging industrial development. Questions must be asked regarding the source of the waste to be disposed of as it does not seem there is increased population nor industrial output being generated in the state . That landfill is designated for waste generated only in the State of Maine. Other issues such as economic viability an intentionality should be raised..

We believe that there has been inadequate notice of the NRPA which still was not listed on line as of Friday, August 14th.The Maine Bureau of Land and Water Quality is well aware of the laws requiring notice to affected parties. Therefore we request public hearings on this matter and for additional time granted stakeholders to adequately prepare for those public hearings.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Becky Layton Bartovics, Sue Van Alsenoy
Executive Committee

Parker, Michael T

From: Liam Burnell <swampporpoise@hotmail.com>
Sent: Friday, August 21, 2015 9:51 AM
To: Caron, Lynn A
Subject: Juniper Ridge Dump expansion

Dear DEP official,

I am writing to request a public hearing to gather comments on the proposed dump expansion at Juniper Ridge. While it is undoubtedly the right of any landowner to expand their business infrastructure within the boundaries of their property, a landfill is a uniquely noisome type of business. Its noisome effects are guaranteed to spill over the property lines and affect other residents in the area. Decreased air quality, groundwater contamination, and excessive truck traffic are just a few ways in which a landfill business is likely to infringe on the lives of its neighbors.

Undoubtedly, the Casella Corporation has produced reams of reports claiming that its business expansion will cause no negative effects to the surrounding communities, and will instead provide an essential boost to the local economy. Unfortunately, these reports cannot be trusted as factual information or as accurate predictions of what will actually occur on the Juniper Ridge site. They are merely advertisements intended to sell us a dangerous product before we look into all its potential consequences. In these modern times, it would be extremely foolish to expect honesty from a corporation the size of Casella Waste.

As a government agency, the Maine DEP is charged with protecting the public from the negative ecological impacts of industrial businesses like Casella, yet the ecological integrity and quality of life in our state continue to be threatened and harmed every year by large industrial business schemes. It would be rude of me to speculate on why the DEP so consistently fails to achieve its mandate, but it is at least necessary to point out this failure. In recent history, the only way Mainers have consistently been able to protect our ecosystem and quality of life from industrial threats is through direct public participation.

The residents of Alton and other nearby communities would be directly affected by this proposed project, and so they have a right to participate in the decision-making process. A public hearing in Alton or some other convenient location nearby would be an ideal way to accommodate these people's right to participate. If no legal or formatted means are provided to accommodate these people's rights, then they will likely turn to protests and other means of expressing their rights that may be more dangerous and difficult to predict. Clearly, a public hearing would be the most peaceful and respectful way to address the concerns of local residents who would be affected by the proposal.

Thank You,

(/|\) Liam Burnell, Brooks, Maine

Parker, Michael T

From: Madeleine S. Lemal-Brown <mlemalbr@bowdoin.edu>
Sent: Monday, August 24, 2015 8:37 PM
To: Parker, Michael T
Subject: Request for Public Hearing for Application: S-20700-WD-BI-N

Dear Mr. Parker,

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Thank you for considering this request and the people impacted by such projects now and in the future.

Best,

Madeleine Lemal-Brown

Bowdoin College Class of 2018

Parker, Michael T

From: Madeleine S. Lemal-Brown <mlemalbr@bowdoin.edu>
Sent: Monday, August 24, 2015 8:38 PM
To: Caron, Lynn A
Subject: Request for Public Hearing for Application: DEP #L-24251-TG-C-N

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Parker, Michael T

From: Paul Frost <Paul_Frost@umit.maine.edu>
Sent: Monday, August 24, 2015 3:11 PM
To: Parker, Michael T
Subject: Application # S-20700-WD-BI-N public hearing

PO Box 225
Bass Harbor, ME 04653
August 24, 2015

Michael T. Parker
Division of Solid Waste Management
Maine Department of Environmental Protection
17 State House Station
Augusta, ME 04333-0017

Dear Ms. Caron:

Re: Application # S-20700-wd-BI-N for requesting a hearing on the solid waste expansion

My wife and I live on MDI, but own the dwelling at 341 Center Street in Old Town. It was her birthplace. We have turned it into three apartment units and rent mostly to UMaine students. Our daughter owns the home next door.

I write because I'm concerned for the health, safety, and quality of life of our tenants and our daughter. I'm also concerned that expected and unexpected outcomes of NEWSME's proposed expansion of the Juniper Ridge Landfill will reduce the value of our property.

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Please schedule a public hearing in a location convenient to area residents most impacted by this venture. They deserve an opportunity to become informed and to have their opinions considered.

Respectfully,
Paul W. Frost

Parker, Michael T

From: Paul Frost <Paul_Frost@umit.maine.edu>
Sent: Monday, August 24, 2015 3:16 PM
To: Caron, Lynn A
Subject: DEP #L-24251-TG-C-N

PO Box 225
Bass Harbor, ME 04653
August 24, 2015

Lynn A. Caron
Maine Department of Environmental Protection
Eastern Maine Office/Bureau of Land and Water Quality
106 Hogan Road Suite 6
Bangor, ME 04401

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To: Lynn A. Caron
Maine Dept. of Environmental Protection
Eastern Maine Office/Bureau of Land and Water Quality
106 Hogan Road, Suite 6
Bangor, Maine 04401

From: Jean M. Howe
19 Townsend Lane
Boothbay, Maine 04537

Subject: DEP #L-24251-TG-C-N

Date: August 20, 2015 – Mailing today

Dear Ms Caron,

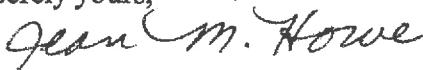
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This request is being made for the following reasons:

- . Citizens who will be affected deserve a voice and a forum to ask questions.
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- . The landfill is state-owned and how it is being run is a concern to every citizen in the state.

Thank you for your kind attention to this matter.

Sincerely yours,



Jean M. Howe

Member: Josselyn Botanical Society, Sierra Club of Maine, Natural Resources Council of Maine,
Bigelow Laboratory for Ocean Sciences

To: Michael T. Parker
Division of Solid Waste Management
Maine Dept. of Environmental Protection
17 State House Station
Augusta, Maine 04333-0017

From: Jean M. Howe
19 Townsend Lane
Boothbay, Maine 04537

Subject: Application # S-20700-WD-BI-N – Solid waste expansion

Date: August 22, 2015 – mailing today

Dear Mr. Parker:

The purpose of this letter is to request a public hearing on Application # S-20700-WD-BI-N that would be accessible to the people who would be most impacted by the requested changes, like the people resident in such areas as Old Town, Orono, Alton, Penobscot Nation area, and the fishing communities along the Penobscot River basin.

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Bigelow Laboratory for Ocean Sciences

Parker, Michael T

From: Emma Schroeder <emma.schroeder@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, August 23, 2015 6:33 AM
To: Parker, Michael T
Subject: Request for public hearing re: Application # S-20700-WD-BI-N

Dear Mr. Parker,

I am writing to request that the Solid Waste Management Division of the DEP hold a public hearing regarding the solid waste expansion application # S-20700-WD-BI-N for the Juniper Ridge Landfill.

As an area resident, I am concerned at the possibility of out-of-state waste coming to be dumped in our watershed. Therefore, I would appreciate a hearing held at a location convenient to area residents. Those who live in the Penobscot River watershed in close proximity to JRL should have the possibility of voicing their concerns to the expansion request.

Thank you for your time,

Emma Schroeder
Penobscot River Watershed Citizen

Lynn A Caron
Maine DEP
Bureau of Land and Water Quality

Re: Application: DEP#L-24251-TG-C

Dear Lynn Caron,

I am writing with grave concerns about the health and well being of the people of Maine that love and depend on the Penobscot river, both for love of the river, and their livelihood. The proposed expansion by Casella Waste Management includes application to you for filling in 2.04 acres of wetland for this expansion. My concern is one shared by many people in the state concerned for our tourist economy, and for preserving the waters and natural lands that are our greatest resource. This expansion is preliminary to developing a waste dump that brings in other state's waste, and includes a methane facility that will INCREASE our fossil fuel--ie methane discharge, at a time when clearly all states and all peoples need to be trying to cut back on the green house emissions that lead to the climate change the entire world is reeling from. We are spared, at this time, in our beautiful state, from some of the worst consequences, but not for long, unless we all work to continue with the Natural Resources Protection that you are charged with.

Consequently, it is imperative that you DO NOT approve the request for wetland fill in by Casella, ~~APPLICATION #L-24251-TG-C-N~~ ^{DEP#L-24251-TG-C-N}. Thank you very much for your work trying to protect the natural resources of our beautiful state.

Thank you for your kind attention to this critical issue.

Sincerely,

Meredith Bruskin
27 Hillside Way
Swanville, Maine 04915

Ms. Lynn A. Caron
Maine Department of Environmental Protection
Eastern Maine Office/ Bureau of Land and Water Quality
106 Hogan Road, Suite 6
Bangor, Maine 04401

Friday, August 21, 2015

Re: DEP #L-24251-TG-C-N

Dear Ms. Caron:

I am writing to request that Maine Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) schedule a public hearing regarding the application (DEP #L-24251-TG-C-N) by Casella/NEWSME to fill in 2.04 acres of wetlands as part of the corporation's plan to expand Juniper Ridge Landfill (JRL) located in Old Town/ Alton, alongside I-95 near Old Town/Alton.

I also request that the hearing be scheduled at a place and time convenient for concerned citizens in the affected area. The wetlands fill-in is part of a larger plan to expand the JRL and needs to be presented to the citizens in the area within that context, as well as in the context of what a loss of 2+ acres of wetlands will do to local water quality, storm water runoff control, and wildlife habitat.

I make this request as a Maine resident who enjoys the benefits of the Penobscot River, its tributaries, and the Penobscot Bay. Maine DEP has a duty to the taxpayers who support the Department: it is part of your mission to fully inform and involve the communities affected by DEP actions in a timely manner.

I am sending a digital copy of this letter to your e-mail address tonight. Please respond by e-mail or letter. I look forward to hearing about your decision and the reasons for it.

Respectfully yours,

Andrew E. Stevenson
5 Union Street
Belfast, Maine 04915
e-mail: andrewsteve@icloud.com

Michael T. Parker
Division of Solid Waste Management
Maine Department of Environmental Protection
17 State House Station
Augusta, Maine 04333-0017

Re: DSWM Application No. S-20700-WD-BI-N submitted by Casella Waste Management/NEWSME

Dear Mr. Parker:

I write to request that the Division of Solid Waste Management (DSWM) of the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) schedule at least one public hearing on the application shown above. The planned expansion of the Juniper Ridge Landfill (JRL) will have immediate, sustained, and long-lasting environmental impacts on the Old Town/Alton area. If approved and built, it will also impact the rest of our state.

A timely public meeting held at a location, date, and time that is convenient for the residents in the Old Town/Alton area is in the best interests of Maine residents, the applicant, and the DSWM because:

- JRL is located next to I-95, a major traffic route across the state – residents, tourists, and commercial carriers use it heavily.
- Casella's original management agreement with the State stipulated that the JRL facility would handle waste *generated in Maine only*. However, shortly after getting their foot in the door, Casella worked to rewrite the definition of "in-state waste" and has been accepting waste generated from out of state almost since beginning operation.
- Casella Waste Management/NEWSME wants to expand JRL (a state-owned landfill and therefore taxpayer-supported) to a 74-acre site.
- The JRL expansion includes 54 acres for increased waste handling, filling in 2.04 acres of wetlands, and a completely new 20-acre industrial methane facility.
- The addition of a methane generation facility has public safety implications since methane is an explosive gas.
- At a public meeting on June 3, 2015, Casella spokesperson Don Meagher said they predicted approximately 700,000 TONS of waste per year for the next 10 - 12 years. That's an average of 1,918 tons/day...delivered by truck.
- Officials in Alton have asked for new on- and off-ramps to be built into I-95...a public investment that isn't cost-effective without the planned expansion of JRL.
- As a customer of Casella's I have an interest in seeing that the company operates in the best interests of its customers, the State of Maine, and long-term environmental protection.
- Casella/NEWSME is in financial difficulties and is looking for a buyer, according to local sources, and the terms of any sale may impact Casella's current contract to manage JRL.

People who live along the beautiful Penobscot enjoy it and depend on it as a drinking water source. They have a right to know that a major expansion of the JRL facility is being proposed that will impact public safety, the local environment, the economy, and the quality of life they have now.

Maine taxpayers need to be shown that:

- The DSWM is acting in the best interests of the citizens it was established to serve.
- Public information will be released and public input will be sought at every stage in the approval process.
- Expanding JRL will not result in more out-of-state waste coming in from New England and the Canadian provinces.
- If an expansion plan is approved, proper safety and environmental pollution controls are designed, built, and operated according to the appropriate State permit requirements.

I am e-mailing a digital copy of this letter to you on Saturday, August 22, 2015.

I would appreciate a response, once the Department has decided whether to hold a public meeting or not.

Thank you for your time and attention.

Sincerely yours,

Andrew E. Stevenson
5 Union Street
Belfast, Maine 04915

Parker, Michael T

From: Andy Jones <andy@toxicsaction.org>
Sent: Friday, August 21, 2015 4:10 PM
To: Caron, Lynn A
Subject: Request for Public Hearing for Application #L-24251-TG-C-N

Lynn A. Caron,

I am writing to request a public hearing on a Natural Resources Protection Act application to fill 2.04 acres of wetland in the Penobscot River watershed (application #L-24251-TG-C-N).

I am the Maine Community Organizer for Toxics Action Center. We are a public health and environmental non-profit and we work in every state in New England to protect clean air and water and to oppose dangerous waste, energy, and industrial facilities.

A public hearing is vitally important for this application due to the large amount of wetlands that are proposed to be filled, the importance and sensitivity of this site, and to address the concerns of nearby residents.

Thank you for your time,

Andy Jones
Maine Community Organizer
Toxics Action Center
207 871 1810 (office)
207 615 8275 (mobile)
andy@toxicsaction.org

Parker, Michael T

From: cleaneearth@tds.net
Sent: Friday, August 21, 2015 4:01 PM
To: Parker, Michael T
Subject: Re: NRPA DEP #L-24251-TG-C-N

Mr. Parker – Here is the letter I sent to Ms. Caron requesting a Public Hearing on the above-mentioned Application to destroy wetlands. I will print this out along with the letter I will send you regarding the garbage part of the application and mail it to you via USPS.

Thank you for your consideration..... – Nancy Oden, 434-6228

150 Old Route 1
Jonesboro, Maine 04648
August 20, 2015

Lynn A. Caron
Maine Department of Environmental Protection
Eastern Maine Office/Bureau of Land & Water Quality
106 Hogan Road, Suite 6
Bangor, Maine 04401

RE Application: DEP #L-24251-TG-C-N

Dear Ms. Caron:

This letter is my formal request for the Maine Department of Environmental Protection to hold official Public Hearings on the above-named Application, which proposes to destroy Maine wetlands in order to expand a garbage dump for out-of-state filth.

A mere “public meeting” is a poor substitute for an official Public Hearing.

All such major – and seriously damaging - proposals ought to have official Public Hearings automatically. Applicants need to be under oath to answer questions citizens and DEP staff may have which have not been addressed in the Application itself.

Ever since we citizens kept out the huge dump proposed for Township 30 over 25 years ago, DEP has acceded to the garbage industry’s requests to limit the public’s input.

Maine people – all of us - are the ones affected; we NEED Public Hearings to keep the garbage industry’s possible omissions in their applications to a minimum.

Local people should be making these decisions, along with input from others living farther afield who would also be affected.

For years now, DEP staff have been made to help corporate applicants write their Applications. This is a gross misuse of taxpayers' money, and a clear conflict of interest.

How can DEP staff be asked to rule on an Application they have helped write?

Also, since DEP Commissioner Aho was Casella's chief lobbyist at the Maine Legislature when she worked for Pierce, Atwood, she must totally and absolutely recuse herself from any remarks or writings or interference of any kind in this and any other Application having to do with garbage or other toxic waste. Her conflicts of interest on environmental matters are known and obvious.

These clear conflicts of interest demand that the DEP organize official Public Hearings so the actual facts may come out. Decisions ought to be made on all available information, not just what's in the Application for such a huge project with such potential for damage to Maine's woods and waters.

Further, DEP is required to consider CUMULATIVE EFFECT of such proposals as this one. In this case, that means DEP must look at the destruction of other wetlands in Maine to discern the CUMULATIVE EFFECT on Maine's wetlands and potential deleterious effects on wildlife and people.

Since this Application could not be expected to include other wetlands destruction on other projects, there needs to be an official Public Hearing so that the CUMULATIVE EFFECT of destroying wetlands in Maine can be put into the record. This will help the decision-makers craft a more fact-based conclusion than merely relying on Casella's Application for a bigger garbage dump which includes destruction of Maine wetlands.

DEP wants to know how I'm personally affected: I live on the coast where all leachate from garbage dumps ends up. I depend upon the ocean for part of my food, and I don't want it poisoned with toxic leachate from Casella's dumps.

Also, the trucks bringing in the millions of tons of filth from out-of-state leave pollution in our air, use up our highways with their excessive weight, and occasionally fall over, spilling their toxic loads. And they spread a stench down our highways.

All Maine citizens, including myself, and wildlife are affected when Maine's woods and water are destroyed and poisoned, as is happening rather quickly these days.

Here is a key factor why we must have official Public Hearings on this Application:

ALL DUMPS LEAK!

This fact is in the records of DEP and LURC in several citizens' dump fights in the State of Maine; applicants' geologists, when asked the question by citizens groups or their attorneys, "Is it not true that all dumps leak, sooner rather than later?" responded, "YES."

Check the records for citizen dump fights re Township 30, Norridgewock, Township 14, Old Town/Alton, etc.

This testimony of applicants' own geologists must be the single most important and overriding fact of any discussion of new dumps, dump expansions, destruction of wetlands, and, especially, the out-of-state waste that Casella brings into Maine.

What is the CUMULATIVE EFFECT of all the out-of-state filth brought in by Casella's various dumping grounds, Waste Management, Inc. (Norridgewock), other smaller outfits which bring in Construction & Demolition debris which they dump in Old Town/Alton dump, and so on?

How is all this filthy garbage – compostables and recyclables and toxic chemicals all mixed in – affecting Maine the quality of life for Maine's wildlife, bees, fisheries, birds, and humans? How is destroying wetlands and other woods and waters – constantly increasing the size of huge dumps – affecting all life in Maine?

The cynical falsehood that garbage which crosses the border into Maine becomes "Maine waste" must be eliminated. The truth must be told about out-of-state garbage and its effects on Maine's woods, waters, and, in this case, Maine's wetlands.

We need Public Hearings to discover the answers to these and other questions members of the public and, likely, the Board of Environmental Protection have in order to consider the Application in an intelligent manner.

This matter of whether Public Hearings should be held on this massive destruction of Maine's woods and waters should be decided by the Board of Environmental Protection, not simply by staff, who are under constant pressure to give way to corporations. The Board needs to do their job here.

Sincerely,

Nancy Oden, Jonesboro, Maine

Parker, Michael T

From: cleanearth@tds.net
Sent: Monday, August 24, 2015 10:42 AM
To: Parker, Michael T
Subject: Re: # S-20700-WD-BI-N

**150 Old Route 1
Jonesboro, Maine 04648
August 20, 2015**

**Michael T. Parker
Maine Department of Environmental Protection
Division of Solid Waste Management
17 State House Station
Augusta, Maine 04333-0017**

RE Application: # S-20700-WD-BI-N

Dear Mr. Parker:

This letter is my formal request for the Maine Department of Environmental Protection to hold official Public Hearings on the above-named Application, which proposes to expand the existing dump in Old Town-Alton to accommodate even more out of state garbage and “special” (read: toxic) waste.

A mere “public meeting” is a poor substitute for an official Public Hearing.

All such major – and seriously damaging - proposals ought to have official Public Hearings automatically. Applicants need to be under oath to answer questions citizens and DEP staff may have which have not been addressed in the Application itself.

Ever since we citizens kept out the huge dump proposed for Township 30 over 25 years ago, DEP has acceded to the garbage industry’s requests to limit the public’s input.

Maine people – all of us - are the ones affected; we NEED Public Hearings to keep the garbage industry’s possible omissions in their applications to a minimum.

Local people should be making these decisions, along with input from others living farther afield who would also be affected.

For years now, DEP staff have been made to help corporate applicants write their Applications. This is a gross misuse of taxpayers’ money, and a clear conflict of interest.

How can DEP staff be asked to rule on an Application they have helped write?

Also, since DEP Commissioner A ho was Casella’s chief lobbyist at the Maine Legislature when she worked for Pierce, Atwood, she must totally and absolutely recuse herself from any remarks or

writings or interference of any kind in this and any other Application having to do with garbage or other toxic waste. Her conflicts of interest on environmental matters are known and obvious.

These clear conflicts of interest demand that the DEP organize official Public Hearings so the actual facts may come out. Decisions ought to be made on all available information, not just what's in the Application for such a huge project with such potential for damage to Maine's woods and waters.

Further, DEP is required to consider CUMULATIVE EFFECT of such proposals as this one. In this case, that means DEP must look at other garbage dumps in the State of Maine, including those which have been closed, for the CUMULATIVE EFFECT they've had on surrounding woods and waters, and how far the toxic leachate they've poured into our rivers has gone and what damage it has done – especially as it all ends up in the coastal fisheries.

Since this Application could not be expected to include all that information, we need an official Public Hearing so that the CUMULATIVE EFFECT of continually expanding existing garbage and "special"(read: toxic) waste dumps can be researched by DEP staff and made known to the public at a Public Hearing. This information needs to be on the record.

Having all possible information on dumps and their expansions will help the Board craft more fact-based conclusions, rather than merely relying on Casella's Application for a bigger garbage dump which includes destruction of Maine wetlands.

DEP wants to know how I'm personally affected: I live on the coast where all leachate from garbage dumps ends up. I depend upon the ocean for part of my food, and I don't want it poisoned with toxic leachate from Casella's dumps.

Also, the trucks bringing in the millions of tons of filth from out-of-state leave pollution in our air, use up our highways with their excessive weight, and occasionally fall over, spilling their toxic loads. And they spread a stench down our highways.

All Maine citizens, including myself, and wildlife are affected when Maine's woods and water are destroyed and poisoned, as is happening rather quickly these days.

Here is a key factor why we must have official Public Hearings on this Application:

ALL DUMPS LEAK!

This fact is in the records of DEP and LURC in several citizens' dump fights in the State of Maine; applicants' geologists, when asked the question by citizens groups or their attorneys, "Is it not true that all dumps leak, sooner rather than later?" responded, "YES."

Check the records for citizen dump fights re Township 30, Norridgewock, Township 14, Old Town/Alton, etc.

This testimony of applicants' own geologists must be the single most important and overriding fact of any discussion of new dumps, dump expansions, destruction of wetlands, and, especially, the out-of-state waste that Casella brings into Maine.

The FACT that All Dumps Leak mitigates against granting yet another expansion, indeed, it mitigates against garbage dumps at all in which all possible materials have not been composted or recycled.

What is the CUMULATIVE EFFECT of all the out-of-state filth brought in by Casella's various dumping grounds, Waste Management, Inc. (Norridgewock), other smaller outfits which bring in Construction & Demolition debris which they dump in Old Town/Alton dump, and so on?

How is all this garbage – compostables and recyclables and toxic chemicals all mixed in – affecting the quality of life for Maine's wildlife, bees, fisheries, birds, and humans? How is destroying

wetlands and other woods and waters – constantly increasing the size of huge dumps – affecting all life in Maine?

The cynical falsehood that garbage which crosses the border into Maine becomes “Maine waste” must be eliminated. The truth must be told about out-of-state garbage and its effects on Maine’s woods, waters, and, in this case, Maine’s wetlands and adjoining lands.

We need Public Hearings to discover the answers to these and other questions members of the public and, likely, the Board of Environmental Protection have in order to consider the Application in an intelligent manner.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Nancy Oden, Jonesboro, Maine

Carole Boothroyd

1471 Bear Hill Road

Dover-Foxcroft, Maine 04426

August 19, 2015

Lynn A. Caron

Maine Department of Environmental Protection

Eastern Maine Office/Bureau of Land and Water Quality

106 Hogan Road, Suite 6

Bangor, Maine 04401

Dear Lynn Caron,

I am writing to request a public hearing on Application DEP#L-24251-TG-C-N, a Natural Resources Protection Act application to fill in 2.04 acres of wetland at the proposed Juniper Ridge Landfill expansion. Concerned citizens feel it is their right and civic duty to address troublesome issues regarding the proposed expansion and this application by Casella Waste Management; therefore, please schedule a public hearing at a time convenient for area residents.

I am a retired science teacher, who specialized in investigations of watersheds. We know that wetlands are excellent natural buffering areas for our watersheds and critical habitat for species adapted to their unique ecology. The fact that wetlands are protected in environmental law testifies to our awareness of their value, especially for the health of our rivers. I think it is in the public interest to have public discussion on this issue.

Thank you for the work you do to protect Maine's environment.

Best Regards,



Carole Boothroyd

Carole Boothroyd

1471 Bear Hill Road

Dover-Foxcroft, Maine 04426

August 19, 2015

Michael T. Parker

Division of Solid Waste Management

Maine Department of Environmental Protection

17 State House Station

Augusta, Maine 04333-0017

Dear Michael Parker,

I am writing to request a public hearing on Application S-20700-WD-BI-N, concerning a proposed expansion of the Juniper Ridge Landfill. Concerned citizens feel it is their right and their civic duty to address troublesome issues regarding this proposed expansion; therefore please schedule a public hearing at a time convenient for area residents to attend.

Some of the concerns regarding Casella's proposed expansion center around the potential ticking pollution bomb represented by concentrating 8.4 million tons of waste in the Old Town and Alton landfill over the next decade. I'd say that it's guaranteed to affect the quality of our air, soil and water. It could also impact the taxpayer's pocketbook, if the site requires massive clean-up down the road. I think it is in the public interest to have public discussions on these issues.

Thank you for the work you do to protect Maine's environment.

Best Regards,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Carole Boothroyd". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the printed name.

Carole Boothroyd

Carol Gorecki
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August 19, 2015

Lynn A. Caron
Maine Department of Environmental Protection
Eastern Maine Office/ Bureau of Land and Water Quality
106 Hogan Road, Suite 6
Bangor, ME 04401

Dear Ms. Caron:

As a concerned citizen I am writing to request a public hearing on Application DEP#L-24251-TG-C-N, a Natural Resources Protection Act application to fill in 2.04 acres of wetland at the proposed Juniper Ridge Landfill expansion. I believe a public hearing is most definitely warranted to allow private citizens to voice their concerns in regards to this plan to fill in wetland which would have a detrimental effect on all living things. I think it is important that those with concerns be given the opportunity to express their views to the parties who are involved in the decision making process.

Thank you for your time and attention to this matter. I look forward to hearing from you soon.

Sincerely,



Carol Gorecki
207-943-5577

August 19, 2015

From: Sidney Mitchell
38 Lincoln Street
Dover-Foxcroft ME 04426

To: Lynn A. Caron
Maine Department Of Environmental Protection
Eastern Maine Office/Bureau of Land and Water Quality
106 Hogan Road, Suite 6
Bangor ME 04401

Re: A request for a public hearing on Application DEP #L-24251-TG-C-N

I am a citizen who resides in the Penobscot watershed and am deeply concerned with the inroads Casella and other corporations have made in desecrating our wetlands and waterways of rural Maine. Please schedule a public hearing at a time convenient for area residents so we may perform our civic duty to address Casella's wish to fill wetlands with out-of-state trash.

A public hearing is essential for all Maine citizens who wish to communicate to our MDEP that we must halt this trend in our state to serve as the dumping grounds for other states' waste. Many people object and wish to express this view.

Thank you for your service in behalf of Maine's environment.

Sincerely yours,

Sidney Mitchell
564-8687

8/19/15

To:

Lynn A. Caron
Maine Department of Environmental Protection
Eastern Maine Office/ Bureau of Land and Water Quality
106 Hogan Road, Suite 6
Bangor, Maine 04401

Subject:

Request for Public Hearing on Juniper Ridge Landfill (JRL) Expansion in Old Town/ Alton, ME.

Ms. Caron,

I formally request a public hearing be held on the proposed Juniper Ridge Landfill (JRL) Expansion in Old Town/ Alton, ME.

The people of the state of Maine and local communities have been lied to for years about this site. First approved for Maine use only, then almost immediately Casella "repackaged" waste and Maine DEP allowed out of state dumping.

Maine is not the dumping ground for this country and the citizens of the state have a right to say no.



Glenn Vaillancourt
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Buxton, ME 04093

Former resident of Old Town, ME with family members still living there.



Natural Resources Council of Maine

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Michael T. Parker
Division of Solid Waste Management
Maine Department of Environmental Protection
17 State House Station
Augusta, Maine 04333-0017

Mr. Parker,

I'm writing to request a public hearing for the **Juniper Ridge Landfill Expansion Application #S-20700-WD-BI-N**. The Natural Resources Council of Maine has a strong interest in protecting the integrity of Maine's solid waste hierarchy and promoting sustainable materials management in the State. NRCM was involved in developing and securing support for Maine's comprehensive solid waste policy in 1989, and is a leading organization involved in policy discussions about solid waste and materials management. In addition, NRCM has 16,000 members and supporters throughout the state, many of whom live in towns adjacent to the Juniper Ridge Landfill such as Alton, Eddington, Glenburn, Milford, Old Town, Orono, and Stillwater.

We feel that an expansion at Juniper Ridge Landfill could have implications for the future of sustainable materials management in the State and may have lasting impacts on the quality of life for local residents, making this application worthy of a public hearing. We request that the public hearing be located in the vicinity of the Juniper Ridge Landfill so that it is convenient for local residents to attend.

Thank you for your consideration of our request.

Sincerely,

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Parker, Michael T

From: Sarah Bigney <sarah.bigney@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, August 25, 2015 9:06 AM
To: Parker, Michael T
Subject: Request for public hearing for application # S-20700-WD-BI-N

Dear Mr. Parker,

My name is Sarah Bigney and I am a lifelong Maine resident from Bangor.

I am writing to formally request a public hearing regarding the solid waste expansion in Penobscot County, application # S-20700-WD-BI-N.

This hearing must be accessible to the people who will be most impacted by the change, and so it should be held near Old Town, Orono, Alton, and the Penobscot Nation area.

Citizens who will be affected deserve a voice and an opportunity to ask questions. The project involves valuable wetlands and could impact the Penobscot River, which has a major impact on the whole area.

I am very concerned and urge you to schedule a public hearing in this area about this project.

Thank you,
Sarah Bigney

Parker, Michael T

From: Meaghan LaSala <meaghan.lasala@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, August 25, 2015 9:27 AM
To: Parker, Michael T
Subject: Request for hearing: Application # S-20700-WD-BI-N

Hello Mr. Parker,

I'm writing to request a hearing for the Juniper Ridge solid waste expansion Application # S-20700-WD-BI-N. This is a matter of urgent public concern. Area residents should have access to this decision making process.

I'm a resident of Portland, Maine. I used to live in Bangor, and I have many friends and neighbors in the area that would be directly impacted by the decision to expand the Juniper Ridge land fill. Their voices should be heard. As a Mainer, I share many of their concerns regarding the potential human and environmental impacts of such an expansion.

Thank you for considering this request.

Best,
Meaghan LaSala

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Parker, Michael T

From: Iris SanGiovanni <iris.sangiovanni@maine.edu>
Sent: Tuesday, August 25, 2015 9:48 AM
To: Parker, Michael T
Subject: # S-20700-WD-BI-N

Mr. Parker,

I'm writing to request a hearing for the Juniper Ridge solid waste expansion Application # S-20700-WD-BI-N. This is a matter of urgent public concern. Area residents should have access to this decision making process.

I'm a resident of Portland, Maine. I have family living Bangor, who would be directly impacted by the decision to expand the Juniper Ridge land fill. Their voices should be heard.

Thank you for considering this request.

Best,
Iris SanGiovanni

Parker, Michael T

From: Ellen Booraem <evb9@myfairpoint.net>
Sent: Wednesday, August 26, 2015 11:17 AM
To: Parker, Michael T
Subject: request for hearing--Application # S-20700-WD-BI-N

Dear Mr. Parker:

As a citizen of Maine who lives beside waters fed by the Penobscot River, I write to request a public hearing on the proposed Juniper Ridge landfill expansion (Application number S-20700-WD-BI-N). This is a state-owned waste disposal site, so all Maine citizens must be concerned with its management and future effects.

Citizens who will be affected by the expansion have the right to examine the proposal and ask questions about it. This applies particularly to residents of the surrounding towns and the Penobscot Nation. They must be informed and have a say in any destruction of wetlands in the landfill area, which is likely to have an adverse impact on their drinking water and possibly even the ability of the area to handle floods. It's my understanding that there has been little advance notification of this application, and therefore little opportunity for local residents to learn the facts and speak their piece.

Many thanks for your prompt attention to this request.

Sincerely,

Ellen Booraem
Brooklin

TEXTING THE UNDERWORLD--A Kirkus Reviews book of the year!
"Affecting, funny, and provocative" -- Publishers Weekly

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August 20, 2015

Michael Parker
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Solid Waste Program
17 State House Station
Augusta, ME 04333-0017

Dear Mr. Parker:

I am writing in regard to Application #S-20700-WD-BI-N, the application by Casella Waste Management to expand the Juniper Ridge Landfill in Old Town/Alton. I request that a Public Hearing be held at a convenient location for local residents.

As a landowner within the Judkins Brook drainage, my property is already affected by odor and potential leaching/runoff from the Juniper Ridge Landfill given its current footprint. Casella Waste Management's assurance that our ground and surface waters are secure in perpetuity is of little comfort. The stigma of this landfill and the ongoing threat of substantial expansion has already negatively affected the property values of Alton residents, despite the fact that it is not yet visible from many homes. The horizontal and vertical expansion of the landfill to the degree proposed will further degrade property values by increasing odor, creating a visual eyesore when the landfill becomes visible, and increasing already intolerable and unsafe truck traffic along Route 16. Route 16 already carries intense truck traffic from Juniper Ridge, gravel pits, and pulpwood operations delivering material to the Old Town Mill. Truck traffic at times can already exceed 1,000 passages a day, and is almost completely unpoliced, resulting in excessive and unsafe speeds. The addition of more truck traffic to Route 16 would be intolerable for Alton residents.

Many residents of Alton and nearby communities rightfully feel that our community and way of life are under constant assault between Juniper Ridge expansion proposals, the Argyle landfill/processing facility finally defeated last year, and on-again, off-again proposals related to the east-west highway corridor. In addition to these concerns, the re-definition of in-state waste to allow out-of-state waste to be landfilled clearly undermines the intent of the original agreement with Casella. In order to provide local residents an opportunity to comment on this application, I again request a Public Hearing be held at a location conducive to local participation.

Respectfully yours,



Mark Koneff

August 25, 2015

To:
Maine Department of Environmental Protection

Re: Application #S-20700-WD-BI-N

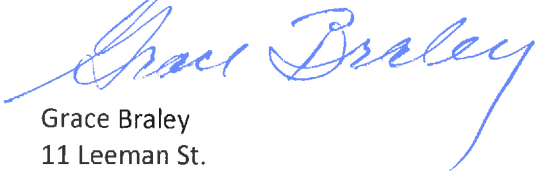
Request for a hearing on the Juniper Ridge Landfill Expansion
Regarding size, use, volume, traffic, economic factors and other pertinent questions.

Said public hearing must be held in a location convenient to local residents.

I am a resident and tax-payer in the State of Maine. It is of considerable interest to me how the state, including its urban areas, uses its land for the health and well-being of residents, for balance in the economy, and for the preservation and decisions for use of spaces. Wilderness and rural preservation matter, but also, the balanced use of space matters in our populated areas. As well, there are potential impacts on a significant waterway. As a Maine resident, I consider these matters of great importance.

A hearing on the proposed plans for use of property by Casella Waste Management or NEWSME is very significant as there are many with information and perspectives that make a difference to decisions on both development and economics. A hearing is part of our legal state process to obtain all possible information on such a project. Casella's conformance to local and state laws pertaining to public property is in question, and a hearing gives opportunity to learn and understand what is being requested by a for-profit business with regard to use of public land, and what impacts that will have.

Thank you,



Grace Braley
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Portland, Maine 04103

Parker, Michael T

From: Anne D. Burt <annedburt145@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, August 27, 2015 12:16 PM
To: Parker, Michael T
Cc: Anne D. Burt
Subject: Request for Public Hearing: Application # S-20700-WD-BI-N

August 27, 2015

Michael T. Parker
Division of Solid Waste Management
Department of Environmental Protection
17 State House Station
Augusta, ME 04333-0017

Dear Mr. Parker,

I am requesting that the Department of Environmental Protection hold a public hearing on Casella's application # S-20700-WD-BI-N to drastically increase the existing state-owned Juniper Ridge landfill. I understand the plans include 54 acres for waste expansion, filling in a wetland and additional acreage for a new industrial methane facility.

We are waterfront land and homeowners in Harborside on Penobscot Bay. We have grave concerns about the expansion's threat to the water quality of the river that feeds into the Bay, which is already experiencing dramatic environmental impacts on its marine life. A recent study has shown that there are far greater leaks at facilities producing methane than previously thought. With methane being a potent greenhouse gas causing global climate disruption here and around the Earth, and leading to the rise in ocean acidification, both coastal and in deeper waters, that we are experiencing faster here in the Gulf of Maine than anywhere else in the world, it seems questionable to pursue this project.

As the protectors of our Maine's environment in a democratic society, you have a moral obligation to provide opportunities for the public and expert witnesses to speak to this issue. The Penobscot River is a natural treasure that draws not only tourists to the region who support local businesses along the River and the Bay, but it also is a source of water and food for many, including the Penobscot Nation. We should be focusing on how to make the River cleaner, not advancing businesses that threaten its water quality.

I hope I can count on the DEP to bring this matter to a public hearing in a timely manner before more development on this project takes place.

Thank you for your attention to my request.

Sincerely,

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Michael Parker, Maine DEP

17 State House Station

28 Tyson Drive

Augusta, ME 04333

Charles Leithiser

394 Fourth Street

Old Town, ME 04468

August 26, 2015

Dear Mr. Parker,

I am writing to request a Public Hearing regarding the Casella / BGS expansion application for the expansion of the Juniper Ridge Landfill (#S-20700-WD-BI-N). As a resident of Old Town, I have many concerns related to an expansion of the Landfill, and I know that many other Old Town residents are likewise concerned. A full adjudicatory Public Hearing would allow for an exchange of information and provide an opportunity for citizens to learn the details of the expansion request. It would thus be very helpful if the hearing were held in the Old Town area.

My major concerns are (but are not limited to):

There have been three trash truck fire events that were reported by the media this summer, in Newport, Brewer, and Old Town / Alton. At the Old Town / Alton fire, more than 60,000 gallons of water were used to douse the truck fire. This water, untreated, was allowed to drain directly into the ground surrounding the truck. The landfill is not supposed to contaminate the ground or water supply; logic requires that this condition apply to the trucks delivering trash to the landfill as well. To my knowledge, the ground in the vicinity of the fires has not been tested for contamination.

Wetlands set aside as "remediation" in the original landfill plan are proposed to be filled in during the expansion. How many times can these areas be moved, and what is the purpose of setting some lands aside from development if only to fill them in at a later date?

Penobscot County is already the final stop for much of Maine's (and much cleverly-disguised out-of-state waste), yet the State has no plans for other waste disposal sites. This leads one to believe that the proposed expansion of the Juniper Ridge Landfill is a done deal and that any public meetings or hearings are for show only. We know that the state will continue to produce some amounts of trash and it certainly appears that the state's plans for that trash are to send it to Old Town, regardless of the appropriateness of such plans.

The expansion application does not call for an increase in the disposal of Municipal Solid Waste, but a contract (signed 10/29/12) between Casella and PERC (Penobscot Energy Recovery) requires PERC to support the expansion application and states that the expansion "will allow municipal solid waste to be disposed at the Juniper Ridge Landfill".

The state has basically relied on Casella's self-reporting of operations at the landfill. There needs to be unbiased, unaffiliated third party observations and auditing of current landfill operations before there is any discussion of expansion at the landfill.

Thank you for your consideration with regard to a Public Hearing concerning the proposed expansion.

Respectfully,



Charles Leithiser