

Whitefield Conservation Commission
56 Littleton Road
Whitefield, NH 03598

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Dalton Conservation Commission
c/o Dalton Town Office
756 Dalton Road
Dalton, NH 03598

Dear Commission Members,

A little over two years ago, we wrote to your organization as well as the Dalton Selectboard, to request that you keep our Commission informed as to the developing plans of your town, committee, and the Casella Waste Management company with regards to the creation of a landfill in Dalton. The proposed landfill would have a significant impact on our entire region. To date, we have received no information from the Dalton Conservation Commission or the Dalton Selectboard despite the fact that the Casella proposal is moving forward rapidly.

As the potential host community of the landfill, it would be appropriate for Dalton to obtain a licensed, independent detailed hydrological study paid for by Casella. This study should include a full analysis of potential impacts on wetlands, groundwater, shorelines, local streams, nearby bodies of water including Forest Lake and Burns Lake, plants, and wildlife.

We draw your attention to the fact that this project would significantly impact Whitefield while disregarding standard practice that waste transport should take the most direct route. The Whitefield Master Plan discusses the desirability of the character of our downtown area, specifically the quiet, serene, and walkability for our residents and tourists. Since the landfill would adversely modify the region and have a dramatic negative impact on Whitefield and regional vehicular traffic surrounding the proposed site, a full traffic study with a town by town impact analysis to include public safety, noise, and infrastructure impacts is also needed.

With all due respect, we expect that you will keep us informed on the progress of the proposal.

Sincerely,

Whitefield Conservation Commission

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