

April 23, 2024

Hardwick Planning Board
Hardwick Municipal Office Building
307 Main Street
Gilbertville, MA 01031

RE: Hardwick Planning Board Report Regarding Proposed Zoning Bylaw Amendments submitted by Casella Waste Systems, Inc.

This report is provided to Town Meeting in accordance with MGL Ch.40A, sec.5.

The Hardwick Planning Board held a public hearing on 9 April 2024 at the Hardwick Elementary School for the purpose of considering a zoning bylaw amendment proposal submitted by Brian Oliver on behalf of Casella Waste Systems, Inc. This proposal seeks to change current zoning bylaws in order to reopen and expand the solid waste landfill located on Patrill Hollow Road.

After careful consideration of written statements received beforehand, as well as public testimony during the hearing, participating members of the Hardwick Planning Board voted unanimously (4-0), to ***recommend that Town Meeting not adopt*** the zoning bylaw changes proposed by Casella Waste Management Systems, Inc.

Below is the specific motion that was made by a Planning Board member after the closing of the public hearing:

"I move that the Hardwick Planning Board recommend to the citizens of Hardwick and to the Hardwick Select Board that the three zoning bylaw proposed changes, specifically the rezoning of seven AR-60 parcels to I-40; and the exemption of solid waste landfills from the maximum height restriction in I-40; and the allowed use of solid waste landfilling in I-40 all be denied, in that in the opinion of this Board, the reopening and/or expansion of the Hardwick Landfill would be decidedly contrary to the purposes of the Hardwick Zoning Bylaws, which are to protect the health, safety and the general welfare of Hardwick's residents present and future, and, in fact, all neighboring towns."

For the Hardwick Planning Board,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jenna Garvey', written over a large, faint circular stamp or watermark.

Jenna Garvey, chair