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Town of Hardwick Select Board  
Myron E. Richardson Municipal Building  
307 Main Street  
P.O. Box 575  
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Re: Proposal for Town Meeting Action in Furtherance of Hardwick Landfill Project

Dear Members of the Select Board:

I write on behalf of our client, Casella Waste Systems, Inc. and its subsidiary Hardwick Landfill, Inc. (collectively, Casella), concerning the proposal to reopen and expand the solid waste landfill on Patrill Hollow Road. As you are aware, in support of the proposal Casella submitted a request for various amendments to Hardwick's bylaws, including to the zoning bylaw. The Hardwick Planning Board held a public hearing on April 9, 2024 regarding the proposed zoning amendments.

Casella appreciates the opportunity to have heard the concerns of the Planning Board and certain residents regarding the proposed zoning amendments. Accordingly, Casella is working to address those concerns in a revised package that it intends to submit to the town. In the interim, by this letter Casella withdraws the proposed zoning amendments and other requests for action submitted to the Select Board on February 20, 2024.

In anticipation of the refiled amendments, Casella looks forward to discussing with the town at its earliest opportunity the draft Host Community Agreement, Leachate Treatment Services Agreement, and reconfiguration of Patrill Hollow Road that Casella submitted to the Select Board on March 21, 2024. The Host Community Agreement lays out the financial benefits, characterizes the operational expectations, and gives the town necessary protections and accordingly we think it would be good to advance those benefits discussions soon so that in any subsequent public discussions of the project the full benefits of the project can be taken into account.

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We look forward to hearing from you or town counsel as soon as possible so that we may begin to discuss the benefits to the town that are included in the above-referenced draft agreements.

Sincerely yours,

*Daniel J. Bailey*

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