

June 20th, 2015

Dear Commissioner Aho,

As a member of the Penobscot Nation and as a citizen of the state of Maine, I have three requests of you:

- 1) First and foremost, support and recognize the Penobscot Nation's Sovereignty and authority in our homeland.
- 2) Deny the proposed Juniper Ridge landfill expansion.
- 3) Finally, absolutely deny the Nestle request to extract and profit from our precious resource, water.

Respectfully,

Atina Moore

Friends of Penobscot Bay
POB 1871 Rockland ME 04841

Patricia Aho
Maine DEP
17 State House Station
Augusta ME 04333-0017

Dea Commissioner

Please recognize & support Penobscot Nation's
sovereignty. Please Deny the Juniper Ridge land fill expansion
and deny Nestle its water mining.

Commissioner, we first met in the mid 1990's at the
meetings of the oil terminal rules task force. Decisions there
protected nature and allowed commerce.

I hope you can leave a legacy as profound as that, from
those many years ago.

Sincerely,

Ron Huber

Friends of Penobscot Bay

902 Bangor Rd
Troy, ME 04981

July 8, 2015

Patricia Aho
DEP Commissioner
17 State House Station
28 Tyson Drive
Augusta, ME 04333-0017

Dear Commissioner Aho,

I am writing to express my support for the sovereign rights of the Penobscot Nation over their sovereign territory. I urge you to deny the Juniper Ridge landfill expansion and deny Nestlé from taking the water. Maine must start recognizing the Penobscot Nation's sovereign territory and cease and desist its aggression.

Sincerely,
Tamarleigh Grenfell

Dear Commissioner Patricia Atto

Please Don't grant these permits to
destroy our River.

7/8/15
Dear Commissioner,

In the recent release of the Truth & Reconciliation Process of the Wabanaki People, their biggest suggestion to the state was to respect their SOVEREIGNTY. After 400 years of genocide, and the recent acknowledgement of the stealing of indigenous children, land grabs, broken treaties and other atrocities, the least the state can offer is to respect their ability to fish in their traditional waterways. This isn't close to justice, it is just one step in the right direction. Deny them access to their river, and you will be much closer to finishing a genocide that started centuries

ago. Please honor the
treaties and take into
consideration the historical
context of your decisions.

Thank you,
August Sender
Waldo, ME

2015 JUL 13 10:13:49

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: Parker, Michael T
Sent: Wednesday, July 22, 2015 8:41 AM
To: 'Alivia Moore'
Subject: RE: Request for Public Hearing on NEWSME Landfill Expansion

Ms. Moore.

The Department has received your request for a public hearing on the Juniper Ridge Landfill application. The application was submitted on July 21. The Department has until August 11 to accept the application as complete for processing. Requests for a hearing on an application must be received by the Department, in writing, no later than 20 days after the application is accepted as complete for processing. The request must indicate the interest of the person filing the request and specify the reasons why a hearing is warranted.

I will add your name and email address to my list of Interested Persons and keep you informed of the status of the application. If the application is deemed complete for processing, I will notify you so that you can submit your request for a public hearing in writing.

I have your letter of June 20 to Commissioner Aho and have added it to the application file.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions on the application review process or the application itself.

Michael T. Parker, B.S., M.P.A.
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From: Parker, Michael T
Sent: Wednesday, August 19, 2015 11:23 AM
To: 'Alivia Moore'
Subject: RE: Request for Public Hearing on NEWSME Landfill Expansion

Hello, Ms. Moore.

I am writing to remind you to resubmit your request for a public hearing on this matter. As I stated previously, I could not accept your request of 7/22, as the application had not yet been accepted as complete for processing. If you submit a request via email, please follow it up with a signed paper copy within 5 working days of your email. The DEP is working to eliminate this requirement in the future, but for now I need a signed paper copy. Thank you for your attention in this matter.

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Parker, Michael T

From: Maria Girouard <sacredhomelands@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, July 22, 2015 10:58 AM
To: Parker, Michael T
Subject: Juniper Ridge Expansion

Dear Michael

Would you please add my name to the interested persons list for the Juniper Ridge Landfill expansion request. I want to ensure that I don't miss an opportunity to respond. Sure would be nice to be able to enjoy a summer without fighting a dump out of the watershed.

Thank you.

Maria Girouard
158 Bennoch Road
Orono ME 04473

sacredhomelands@gmail.com

Parker, Michael T

From: Parker, Michael T
Sent: Wednesday, July 22, 2015 12:23 PM
To: 'Maria Girouard'
Subject: RE: Juniper Ridge Expansion

MS. Girouard,

The Department has received your email regarding the Juniper Ridge Landfill application. The application was submitted on July 21. The Department has until August 11 to accept the application as complete for processing. Requests for a hearing on an application must be received by the Department, in writing, no later than 20 days after the application is accepted as complete for processing. The request must indicate the interest of the person filing the request and specify the reasons why a hearing is warranted.

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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

To Patricia Aho, DEP Commissioner:

August 7, 2015

We trust that you as Commissioner of the Department of Environmental Protection would do all in your power to protect the environment which includes the natural resources of Maine.

We the people are very concerned about Nestle's mining of Maine water to sell at a profit. Water is a limited resource and belongs to everyone as a human right and necessity and not as a commodity for any corporation.

We are also very concerned about the care of the Penobscot River which is being done quite well by the Penobscot Nation who care for the water's purity for us and for future generations. We strongly oppose false government that only wants to secure the river for industry use and profit. Therefore we ask you to support the Penobscot Nation's sovereignty.

Finally we ask you to deny Jumper Ridge landfill expansion which would only harm our natural environment. Maine does not need to be the dumping ground for waste that should be only reduced (creatively, locally, or at the source) and certainly not a dumping ground for out-of-state waste — only for the profit of a few corporate companies.

Thank you for your consideration of these matters. We do count on your integrity, sincerity, and true concern for the environment which encompasses all of us for life and not for money profit for a few.

Sincerely,
Margie Wagner Deschene
Bill Deschene

David L. Smith
5 Seaview Terrace
Belfast, Maine 04915

8/11/15

Regarding Application No:
DEP # S-20700-WO-BI-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

2015 AUG 19 PM 9:28

August 12, 2015

Mr. 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 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.

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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: Dana S <memonetary111183@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, August 17, 2015 8:10 AM
To: Parker, Michael T; Dana S
Subject: massive out-of-state waste dumping fraud

Michael Parker,

Please be aware there are MANY people who are aware of the miserable fraud going on at 'Juniper Ridge'..

Please have HONEST numbers regarding out-of-state waste for any 'hearings,' etc., regarding DEP# S-20700-WD-B1-N.

Sincerely,
Dana C. Snowman
120 Old Stagecoach Road
Alton, Maine 04468

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: 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: 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
Penthea Burns
Lewiston, ME

Parker, Michael T

From: Penthea Burns <pentheaburns@yahoo.com>
Sent: Wednesday, August 19, 2015 2:48 PM
To: Parker, Michael T
Subject: Re: Application #: DEP # S-20700-WD-B1-N

Michael,

Thank you for a most thorough explanation - I appreciate it.
Have a good day
Pentheia

On Wednesday, August 19, 2015 2:39 PM, "Parker, Michael T" <Michael.T.Parker@maine.gov> wrote:

Ms. Burns,

I know it seems archaic given today's technology, but currently the rule requires submission of a paper copy in addition to the email. The Department is currently revising this section of the rule to delete this requirement, unless it is otherwise required by some other statute or rule. Unfortunately, this change has not become effective yet. I don't know if this is same for every State agency.

Here is the actual language in the rule. Section 3(A)(4) talks about email submissions:

“3. Filing of Submissions and Computation of Time. An application, appeal or petition must include a designated contact person to whom all orders, notices and correspondence regarding the application, appeal or petition must be sent.

Whenever a Department rule or order requires or allows the filing of any paper or submission, that filing is complete:

A. On the Department. Upon the Department, when the Department receives the submission by the close of business on the due date (5:00 p.m., as determined by the received time stamp on the document, telefax or electronic mail) by:

- (1) mail;
- (2) in-hand delivery;
- (3) telefax, only if followed by receipt of an identical original paper document within five (5) working days; or
- (4) electronic-mail, with attachments supplied in an unalterable format, showing a handwritten or electronic signature acceptable to the Department, only if followed by receipt of an identical original paper document within five (5) working days. “

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From: Penthea Burns [<mailto:pentheaburns@yahoo.com>]
Sent: Wednesday, August 19, 2015 2:24 PM
To: Parker, Michael T
Subject: Re: Application #: DEP # S-20700-WD-B1-N

Michael,

Thank you for your communication and your noting incorrect information on my facebook page.

Just to clarify, are you saying that sending a request for a public hearing via email is not legally acceptable by state government?

Thank you again
Pentheia

On Wednesday, August 19, 2015 12:20 PM, "Parker, Michael T" <Michael.T.Parker@maine.gov> wrote:

Dear Ms. Burns,

The Department has received your timely request via email for a public hearing on the application regarding the expansion of the Juniper Ridge Landfill. In accordance with the Department's "RULES CONCERNING THE PROCESSING OF APPLICATIONS AND OTHER ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS", I ask that you please submit a signed paper copy of your request via regular mail, post-marked no later than August 25, 2015.

Also, I noticed on your Facebook page that you have the deadlines reversed for the solid waste and NRPA wetlands applications. The deadline for requesting a hearing on the wetlands application is August 20, 2015. The deadline for requesting a hearing on the solid waste application is August 27, 2015.

Feel free to contact me if you have any questions regarding this matter.



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Sent: Tuesday, August 18, 2015 11:57 AM
To: Parker, Michael T; Caron, Lynn A
Subject: Mr. Parker, Ms. Caron, question about hearing

Aug. 18, 2015

Dear Mr. Parker and Ms Caron,

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I have always heard that this expansion permit automatically requires public hearings - which, for instance, were not required with the amendment license.

Please let me know what the situation is - my assumption was that there will be public hearings on this application.

Thanks,

Paul Schroeder

13 Hamlin St., Orono

207 907 0906 (cell)

Parker, Michael T

From: Paul Schroeder <pauls@commoncoordinates.com>
Sent: Wednesday, August 19, 2015 11:15 AM
To: Parker, Michael T
Cc: Caron, Lynn A
Subject: Re: Mr. Parker, Ms. Caron, question about hearing

Dear Mr. Parker and Ms. Caron,
Thank you, this is very helpful.

Paul Schroeder

On 8/19/2015 10:58 AM, Parker, Michael T wrote:

Good Morning, Mr. Schroeder.

After looking into this matter, I believe the statutory language you are referring to is Title 38 §1310-S. The applicable section is copied below:

2. Public hearing. *The department may hold an adjudicatory public hearing within the municipality in which the facility may be located or in a convenient location in the vicinity of the proposed facility. The department shall hold an adjudicatory public hearing on an application for a new or expanded commercial or state-owned solid waste disposal facility that accepts special waste upon request from a resident or a property owner in the municipality in which the proposed facility is located.*

Mr. Spencer, a resident of Old Town, submitted a request for a hearing on the matter in an email dated August 18, 2015. While the minimum threshold has been met for holding a public hearing, I encourage interested persons to continue to submit requests for a hearing on the applications.

If you have any additional questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

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207 907 0906 (cell)

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

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

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

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

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Parker, Michael T

From: Antonio Blasi <antonioblas1234@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, August 18, 2015 7:20 PM
To: Caron, Lynn A
Subject: DEP # L-24251-TG-C-N

I request the DEP to hold a public hearing On this NRPA wetland use Application that can be conveniently attended by the public in the area of the proposed soid waste landfill expansion.

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

Antonio Blasi
Hancock County Commissioner

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

Parker, Michael T

From: Antonio Blasi <antonioblas1234@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, August 18, 2015 6:53 PM
To: Parker, Michael T
Subject: Application S-20700-WD-BI-N Public Hearing Request

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.

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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

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Parker, Michael T

From: Antonio Blasi <antoniobiasi1234@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, August 19, 2015 3:18 PM
To: Parker, Michael T
Subject: Re: Application S-20700-WD-BI-N Public Hearing Request

Hi, Michael the request is now in the mail. It is not on behalf of the Hancock County Commissioners, who have not discussed it to date.

Antonio

On Wed, Aug 19, 2015 at 12:42 PM, Parker, Michael T <Michael.T.Parker@maine.gov> wrote:

Dear Mr. Blasi,

The Department has received your timely request via email for a public hearing on the application regarding the expansion of the Juniper Ridge Landfill. In accordance with the Department's "RULES CONCERNING THE PROCESSING OF APPLICATIONS AND OTHER ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS", I ask that you please submit a signed paper copy of your request via regular mail, post-marked no later than August 25, 2015.

For the record, please clarify if you are submitting this request as a private citizen or on behalf of the Hancock County Commissioners.

Feel free to contact me if you have any questions regarding this matter.



Michael T. Parker, B.S., M.P.A.

Environmental Specialist, Division of Solid Waste Management

Maine Department of Environmental Protection

17 State House Station

Augusta, Maine 04333

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michael.t.parker@maine.gov

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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

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Parker, Michael T

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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,

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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

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Best,
Abby Roy

Abby Roy
Bowdoin College 2016
aroy@bowdoin.edu

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: Steve Coghlan <stevecoghlan18@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, August 19, 2015 11:39 AM
To: Parker, Michael T
Subject: Application # S-20700-WD-B1-N
Attachments: Coghlan_JRL expansion PH request_Aug2015.docx

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

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

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

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Sent: Wednesday, August 19, 2015 11:43 AM
To: Caron, Lynn A
Subject: Application # L-24251-TG-C-N
Attachments: Coghlan_JRL wetland PH request_Aug2015.docx

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.

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

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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.

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Lewiston, ME

Parker, Michael T

From: Sam Mayne <smayne@bowdoin.edu>
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Sent: Wednesday, August 19, 2015 5:11 PM
To: Caron, Lynn A
Subject: Landfill expansion Application: DEP #L-24251-TG-C-N

Hello Lynn,

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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.

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,

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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,

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Parker, Michael T

From: Christina Diebold <cpdiebold@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, August 20, 2015 9:46 AM
To: Parker, Michael T
Subject: hearing on Application #S-20700-WD-BI-N

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,

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Parker, Michael T

From: Dan Marks <marks.daniel@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, August 20, 2015 10:44 AM
To: Caron, Lynn A
Subject: NRPA 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

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: Dan Marks <marks.daniel@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, August 20, 2015 10:44 AM
To: Parker, Michael T
Cc: Daniel Marks
Subject: Solid Waste Expansion Application # S-20700-WD-BI-N

Michael T. Parker

Division of Solid Waste Management

Maine Department of Environmental Protection

17 State House Station

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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