

Select Board
Statement re: Proposed Granite State Landfill and Host Community Agreement
February 2021

The Dalton Select Board makes the following statement regarding the Granite State Landfill (GSL) proposed for siting in Dalton by Casella Waste Management Systems, and the related proposed Host Community Agreement (HCA):

We recognize there are strong opinions within Dalton, both for and against this project. As your Select Board, it is not our role to advocate for one side or another in this matter.

However, it is our role to make clear our requirements.

We have consulted with Town Counsel and we are following Town Counsel's recommendation for the appropriate sequence of activities.

Consideration of a host community agreement is premature at this time. As stewards of Town resources, it would not be prudent for us to expend town legal and appraisal funds on a host community agreement until there is strong likelihood that the landfill project will move forward.

Select Board criteria for commencing negotiation of a host community agreement include:

- Submission by Casella/Granite State Landfill of a full and complete Zoning Special Exception application to the Town of Dalton Zoning Board of Adjustment.
 - This is required under the Emergency Temporary Zoning ordinance enacted by the citizens of the Town of Dalton.
- DES Wetlands Bureau approval of the Wetlands Permit application submitted by Granite State Landfill LLC
 - The Wetlands Permit is a required precursor to consideration of a Granite State Landfill application by the DES Bureau of Solid Waste Management