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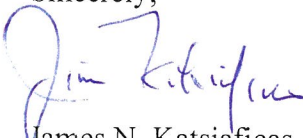
Re: Request for Public Hearing/
Juniper Ridge Landfill Expansion Phase II Application

Dear Ms. DiSpirito:

This firm represents the City of Old Town with regard to the Juniper Ridge Landfill Phase II Expansion proposed by NEWSME Landfill Operations, LLC (NEWSME) and Maine Bureau of General Services (BGS). Enclosed please find the City of Old Town's Request for Public Hearing in the matter of NEWSME and BGS' application for the Phase II expansion of the Juniper Ridge Landfill.

Thank you for your consideration of this Request.

Sincerely,



James N. Katsiaficas

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STATE OF MAINE
DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

Application of State of Maine,)	
Bureau of General Services)	REQUEST OF CITY OF
and NEWSME Landfill Operations, LLC)	OLD TOWN, MAINE
for Phase II Expansion of)	FOR PUBLIC
Juniper Ridge Landfill,)	HEARING
Old Town, Maine)	

NOW COMES the City of Old Town Maine (“City”) by and through its undersigned legal counsel, and requests the Maine Department of Environmental Protection (the “Department”) to conduct a public hearing on the above-cited Application of State of Maine Bureau of General Services and NEWSME Landfill Operations, LLC for further expansion of Juniper Ridge Landfill, Old Town, Maine (the “Application”). The grounds for this Request for Public Hearing (“Request”) are as follow:

Pursuant to 38 M.R.S. § 1310-S(2), “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.” The City is an owner of property in the City of Old Town within which the bulk of the Juniper Ridge Landfill (“JRL”) and its proposed expansion are located. The Application proposes expansion of a State-owned solid waste disposal facility that accepts special waste -- “Acceptable Waste” at JRL includes incinerator ash and waste water treatment plant sludge, both of which are included in the State law definition of “special waste” (38 M.R.S. § 1303-C(34)). See “Host Community Compensation and Facility Oversight Agreement” dated December 5, 2005 among the State of Maine, City of Old Town, Maine, and Casella Waste Systems, Inc., and Exhibit 2, thereto, “List of Acceptable Categories of Maine Waste Licensed by the DEP for Disposal at WOTL [West Old Town Landfill, the previous name for JRL] As of September 2005,” which includes “Ash and soot,” “treatment sludge,” and Waste water treatment plant grit and screenings.”

Under Chapter 2 of the DEP Rules, Section 7, requests for a hearing on an application must be received by the Department within 20 days after the application is accepted as complete for processing. According to the JRL page on the Department’s website, “The application [for expansion of JRL] was accepted as complete for processing on December 9, 2025.” Therefore, this request, filed with the Department within 20 days of December 9, 2025, is timely.

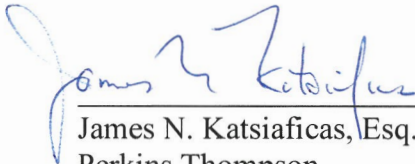
The reason why the City requests a public hearing on this Application is to afford its residents the opportunity to make their position on the proposed expansion of JRL known to the Department. The City, as a municipal government, has the authority and responsibility to protect the public health, safety and welfare of its residents. The instant Application proposes a further expansion of JRL through the creation of new, additional disposal area, raising the potential for issues regarding leachate, noise, odor, litter and vectors at both the existing Landfill -- concerns

that City residents have and have had since the passage of Resolve 2003, c. 93, which designated it as a State-owned landfill – and at the proposed Phase II expansion area. City residents also have concerns over the effects of truck traffic delivering waste to JRLI. The City requests a public hearing on the Application so that it and its residents can have the ability to raise these and other health, safety and welfare issues related to the Application during the Department’s review process.

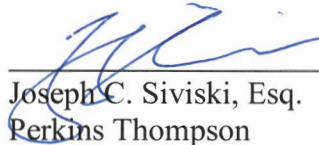
Thus, the City respectfully requests the Department to conduct a public hearing on the Application in accordance with § 1310-S(2) and Chapter 2 of the DEP Rules, Section 7 and also requests that this adjudicatory public hearing be held within the municipality in which the facility is to be located – the City of Old Town, or as close to the City as is reasonably possible.

Dated this 18th day of December 2025.

By:



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