

CASELLA WASTE SYSTEMS INC
Form 8-K
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**UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT
Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): **April 30, 2007**

Casella Waste Systems, Inc.

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Charter)

Delaware
(State or Other Jurisdiction
of Incorporation)

000-23211
(Commission
File Number)

03-0338873
(IRS Employer
Identification No.)

25 Greens Hill Lane
Rutland, Vermont
(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

05701
(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: **(802) 775-0325**

Not Applicable
(Former Name or Former Address, if Changed Since Last Report)

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 - o Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))
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Item 2.06 Material Impairments

As previously reported, the Registrant's Hardwick Landfill was closed following the defeat of a proposed amendment to the Hardwick zoning bylaws at a Hardwick Town Meeting held in January 2007. Following such closure, management has reviewed its options available and efforts to overturn the adverse decisions of the Town of Hardwick and its Zoning Board of Appeals, including the Registrant's pending litigation and its efforts to effect a reconsideration of the adverse Town Meeting votes. In connection with such review, management assessed the likelihood of a successful outcome in relation to the expected costs of those efforts, and on the basis of the assessment management recommended to the Board of Directors of the Registrant that the Registrant cease such efforts. Effective April 30, 2007, the Board of Directors of the Registrant approved a resolution concluding that a material charge for impairment and acceleration of capping, closure and post closure of the Registrant's Hardwick Landfill is required. The Registrant estimates that the total charge will be up to \$26.0 million, including an estimated \$9.0 million in future cash expenditures on capping, closure and post closure.

Item 8.01 Other Events.

On April 30, 2007, the Registrant sold its Holliston Transfer Station and related equipment to an affiliate of Covanta Holding Corporation. Net proceeds of the sale were approximately \$7.4 million, resulting in a loss to the Registrant of approximately \$1.0 million.

For the nine months ended January 31, 2007, Hardwick and Holliston reported negative operating income of \$2.2 million and \$0.03 million, respectively.

SIGNATURE

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the Registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

CASELLA WASTE SYSTEMS, INC.

Date: May 3, 2007

By:

/s/ Richard A. Norris
Richard A. Norris
Senior Vice President and
Chief Financial Officer

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