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2004.10.05: CASELLA TOUR OF CLINTON COUNTY

See stories in BDN, 2004.10.06-07. This tour was announced in a BDN article 2004.09.09, "Group invited to tour N.Y. landfill."

2004.10.21: BEP HEARS APPEALS

The Board of Environmental Protection, after an all day hearing that brought out new information, some verified with certainty for the first time (such as the unlimited open door to out of state waste in the form of construction and demolition debris such as is being generated by the Big Dig in Boston) voted 7-1 to dismiss the appeals of We The People and Paul Schroeder.

[NB Off topic, perhaps, but this outcome reminds me of a jury I was on once, in which we were basically forced to declare to be "innocent" a man who clearly had been totally drunk when driving, due to what the various lawyers were able to get into and keep out of the "record." Basically every juror knew he was guilty of something, but according to our instructions the only things put down in front of us would require us to acquit. I thought the lawyer for the drunken man was quite adept, and the lawyer for the state, the "prosecutor," was not the brightest. I think I learned the whole story a few days later in the news, which was not bound by the same rules as the courtroom as to what was really involved in the case.]

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