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**UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

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**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): **August 30, 2005**

**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, VT**  
(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)

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions (*see* General Instruction A.2. below):

- Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
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  - Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))
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**Item 5.02. Departure of Directors or Principal Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Principal Officers**

On August 30, 2005, the Board of Directors of Casella Waste Systems, Inc. elected James McManus as a director. Mr. McManus is the President and Chief Executive Officer of Zoots Corporation, a privately-held dry-cleaning operator which serves over 210,000 customers through 65 stores and 110 residential delivery routes in Connecticut, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Rhode Island, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Virginia, Ohio and Kentucky.

Mr. McManus was elected as a Class III director, with a term expiring at the 2006 Annual Meeting of Stockholders. Mr. McManus is expected to be named to the compensation committee of the Board of Directors.

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: September 2, 2005

By:

/s/ Richard A. Norris

Richard A. Norris, Chief Financial  
Officer