

Meeting Minutes
Meeting of December 10, 2015

A meeting of the Connecticut Siting Council (energy/telecommunications) was held on Thursday, December 10, 2015, in Hearing Room Two, Ten Franklin Square, New Britain, Connecticut. The meeting was called to order with a quorum present by Chairman Stein at 1:08 p.m.

Council Members Present:

Robert Stein
Chairman

Michael Caron/Larry Levesque
(designees for Chairman House)

Daniel P. Lynch, Jr.

Michael W. Klemens

James J. Murphy, Jr.

Vice Chairman

Robert Hannon

(designee for Commissioner Klee)

Philip T. Ashton

Staff Members Present:

Melanie Bachman

Acting Executive Director/Staff Attorney

Fred Cunliffe

Supervising Siting Analyst

Christina Walsh

Supervising Siting Analyst

Robert Mercier

Siting Analyst

Cymon Holzschuh

Siting Analyst

Staff Members Absent:

Michael Perrone

Siting Analyst

Recording Secretary:

Carriann Mulcahy

Minutes of November 12, 2015.

Dr. Klemens moved to approve the minutes of November 12, 2015, seconded by Mr. Lynch. The motion passed unanimously.

DOCKET NO. 41 - CoxCom, LLC d/b/a Cox Communications New England Certificate for a community antenna television tower and associated equipment off King Spring Road, Windsor Locks, Connecticut. Transfer of Certificate.

Mr. Murphy moved to approve the Transfer of Certificate from CoxCom, LLC d/b/a Cox Communications New England to Kingspring Tower, seconded by Mr. Caron. The motion passed unanimously.

DOCKET F-2014/2015 - Connecticut Siting Council Review of the Ten-Year Forecast of Connecticut Electric Loads and Resources. Final Report.

Mr. Murphy moved to approve the Final Report, seconded by Mr. Caron. The motion passed unanimously.

DOCKET NO. 329 – SBA Infrastructure LLC Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need for the construction, maintenance and operation of a telecommunications facility at Paddock Avenue in Meriden, Connecticut. Motion to Reopen and Modify Certificate Condition No. 2.

Dr. Klemens moved to remove Condition No. 2 of the Certificate that requires all antennas installed by wireless telecommunication carriers to be flush-mounted, seconded by Mr. Lynch. The motion passed unanimously.

DOCKET NO. 339 – SBA Infrastructure LLC Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need for the construction, maintenance and operation of a telecommunications facility located at 640 Hilliard Street, Manchester, Connecticut. Motion to Reopen and Modify Certificate Condition No. 2.

Dr. Klemens moved to remove Condition No. 2 of the Certificate that requires all antennas installed by wireless telecommunication carriers to be flush-mounted and the color thereof to match the monopole, seconded by Mr. Hannon. The motion passed unanimously.

DOCKET NO. 401 – Florida Tower Partners, LLC d/b/a North Atlantic Towers Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need for the construction, maintenance and operation of a telecommunications facility located at 208 Valley Road, New Canaan, Connecticut. Transfer of Certificate.

Mr. Caron moved to approve the Transfer of Certificate from Florida Tower Partners, LLC d/b/a North Atlantic Towers to Tarpon II, seconded by Mr. Murphy. The motion passed unanimously.

DOCKET NO. 458 – Florida Tower Partners LLC d/b/a North Atlantic Towers Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need for the construction, maintenance, and operation, of a telecommunications facility located at 62-64 Codfish Hill Road, Bethel, Connecticut. Development & Management Plan.

Dr. Klemens moved to approve the Development & Management Plan, seconded by Mr. Caron. The motion passed unanimously.

DOCKET NO. 462 - Cellco Partnership d/b/a Verizon Wireless application for a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need for the construction, maintenance, and operation of a telecommunications facility located at Danbury Tax Assessor's Map L16, Lot 5, 15 Great Pasture Road, Danbury, Connecticut. Draft Findings of Fact, Opinion, and Decision & Order.

Dr. Klemens moved to approve the Draft Findings of Fact, Opinion, and Decision & Order, as amended, seconded by Mr. Caron. The motion passed unanimously.

DOCKET NO. 463 - American Towers, LLC and New Cingular Wireless PCS, LLC application for a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need for the construction, maintenance, and operation of a telecommunications facility located at East Lyme Tax Assessor Parcel ID 29.0 45, 351A Boston Post Road, East Lyme, Connecticut. Request for Party/Intervenor Status.

Mr. Murphy moved to grant party and CEPA intervenor status to the Town of East Lyme, seconded by Mr. Hannon. The motion passed unanimously.

Dr. Klemens moved to grant party and CEPA intervenor status to BHSO Community Conservancy, seconded by Mr. Murphy. The motion passed unanimously.

PETITION NO. 443A - AT&T request to amend its declaratory ruling that no Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need is required for the modification of an existing Connecticut Light and Power high-voltage electric transmission line support structure (no. 1292) located at Sound Shore Drive (Cos Cob) in Greenwich, Connecticut. Request to Amend.

Mr. Murphy moved to approve the amendment to this petition with the condition that AT&T and Eversource select a preferred location for the temporary facility and submit for approval by the Council's Executive Director, seconded by Mr. Caron. The motion passed unanimously.

PETITION NO. 1184 - Beacon Falls Energy Park, LLC petition for a declaratory ruling that no Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need is required for the proposed construction, operation, and maintenance of a 63.3 Megawatt AC fuel cell facility located on Lopus Road, Beacon Falls, Connecticut. Draft Findings of Fact.

Mr. Caron recused himself and Mr. Levesque took his seat.

Dr. Klemens stated that he read the record of the proceeding.

After reviewing the Draft Findings of Fact, Chairman Stein conducted a non-binding straw poll of the Council members with Mr. Murphy, Dr. Klemens, Mr. Hannon, Mr. Levesque and Chairman Stein in favor of the proposed facility, and Mr. Lynch recusing.

Chairman Stein directed staff to draft a favorable Opinion and Decision and Order to be reviewed at the next meeting.

PETITION NO. 1196 - Cellco Partnership d/b/a Verizon Wireless petition for a declaratory ruling that no Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need is required for the proposed installation of a small cell unipole telecommunications facility on the roof of the existing Veterans Memorial Ice Arena located at 56 Buena Vista Road, West Hartford, Connecticut. Decision.

Mr. Murphy moved to approve this petition, seconded by Dr. Klemens. The motion passed unanimously.

PETITION NO. 1197 - Cellco Partnership d/b/a Verizon Wireless petition for a declaratory ruling that no Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need is required for the proposed installation of a small cell telecommunications facility on an existing commercial building at 1 Anngina Drive, Enfield, Connecticut. Decision.

Dr. Klemens moved to approve this petition, seconded by Mr. Murphy. The motion passed with Mr. Lynch abstaining.

Mr. Ashton arrived at 1:50 p.m.

PETITION NO. 1198 - Cellco Partnership d/b/a Verizon Wireless petition for a declaratory ruling that no Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need is required for the proposed installation of a small cell telecommunications facility on the roof of an existing building located at 1663 South Main Street, Waterbury, Connecticut. Decision.

Dr. Klemens moved to approve this petition, seconded by Mr. Ashton. The motion passed unanimously.

PETITION NO. 1199 – The United Illuminating Company, petition for a declaratory ruling that no Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need is required for the construction, operation and maintenance of a 2.8 Megawatt AC Fuel Cell to be located at Amity Regional High School, 25 Newton Road, Woodbridge, Connecticut. Set Date for Decision.

Mr. Ashton moved to set May 6, 2016, as the date for decision, seconded by Mr. Murphy. The motion passed unanimously.

PETITION NO. 1200 – 2015 ESA Project Company, LLC, petition for a declaratory ruling that no Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need is required for the construction, operation and maintenance of an 800 Kilowatt Fuel Cell Facility to be located at Parkville Community Elementary School, 1755 Park Street, Hartford, Connecticut. Set Date for Decision.

Mr. Ashton moved to set May 11, 2016, as the date for decision, seconded by Mr. Murphy. The motion passed unanimously.

TS-SENET-135-151026 - Senet request for an order to approve tower sharing at an existing telecommunications facility located at 168 Catoona Lane, Stamford, Connecticut. Decision.

Mr. Murphy moved to approve this tower share request, seconded by Mr. Ashton. The motion passed unanimously.

Connecticut Siting Council Revised Fiscal Year 2017 Proposed Budget.

Mr. Ashton moved to approve the budget and send it to the General Assembly Appropriations Committee, seconded by Dr. Klemens. The motion passed unanimously.

Administrative Matters.

The following calendar events were discussed:

- Tuesday, December 15, 2015, **public hearing** beginning at **2:00 p.m. (field review)/3:00 p.m. (evidentiary session)/7:00 p.m. (public comment session)** for Docket No. 463 at the East Lyme Town Hall, Upper Meeting Room, 108 Pennsylvania Avenue, Niantic, Connecticut.
- Thursday, January 7, 2016, beginning at **1:00 p.m.** energy/telecommunications meeting, in Hearing Room Two, Ten Franklin Square, New Britain, Connecticut.
- Tuesday, January 12, 2016, **evidentiary hearing** beginning at **11:00 a.m.** for Docket No. 461, in Hearing Room One, Ten Franklin Square, New Britain, Connecticut.
- Thursday, January 21, 2016, beginning at **1:00 p.m.** energy/telecommunications meeting, in Hearing Room Two, Ten Franklin Square, New Britain, Connecticut.

Adjournment.

Mr. Lynch moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Dr. Klemens. The motion passed unanimously.

Chairman Stein adjourned the meeting at 1:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert Stein
Chairman

RS/cm