



STATE OF CONNECTICUT  
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**Meeting Minutes**

**Meeting of November 21, 2019**

A meeting of the Connecticut Siting Council (energy/telecommunications) was held on Thursday, November 21, 2019, in Hearing Room Two, Ten Franklin Square, New Britain, Connecticut. The meeting was called to order with a quorum present by Presiding Officer Robert Silvestri at 1:00 p.m.

**Council Members Present:**

Robert Silvestri  
Presiding Officer  
Edward Edelson  
Michael Harder  
Daniel P. Lynch, Jr.

Robert Hannon  
(designee for Commissioner Dykes)  
Zachary Alexander  
(designee for Chairman Gillett)  
John Morissette

**Staff Members Present:**

Melanie Bachman  
Executive Director/Staff Attorney  
Fred Cunliffe  
Supervising Siting Analyst  
Ifeyanichukwu Nwankwo  
Siting Analyst

Christina Walsh  
Supervising Siting Analyst  
Robert Mercier  
Siting Analyst  
Michael Perrone  
Siting Analyst

**Recording Secretary:**

Lisa Fontaine

**1. Minutes of October 24, 2019.**

Mr. Edelson moved to approve the minutes of October 24, 2019; seconded by Mr. Hannon. The motion passed unanimously.

**2. DOCKET NO. 477 - Cellco Partnership d/b/a Verizon Wireless Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need for the construction, maintenance, and operation of a telecommunications facility located at 46 Cemetery Road, Canterbury, Connecticut. Development and Management Plan.**

Mr. Harder arrived at 1:04 p.m.

Mr. Edelson moved to approve the Development and Management Plan with the condition that Cellco revise Site Plan C-2 to include Site Plan C-5 Wetland Protection and Restoration Program items 1c, 2b, 2e, 2f, 2g, and 4ci(1) prior to construction; seconded by Mr. Alexander. The motion passed with Mr. Harder abstaining.

- 3. DOCKET NO. 481 - Cellco Partnership d/b/a Verizon Wireless Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need for the construction, maintenance, and operation of a telecommunications facility located at 667, 665, 663 and 663R Main Street, Cromwell, Connecticut. Development and Management Plan.**

Mr. Edelson moved to approve the Development and Management Plan with the recommendation that additional Erosion and Sedimentation Controls (e.g. hay bales, silt socks) be utilized to protect adjacent wetlands; seconded by Mr. Morissette. The motion passed unanimously.

- 4. DOCKET NO. 486 - Tarpon Towers II, LLC application for a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need for the construction, maintenance, and operation of a telecommunications facility located at 796 Woodin Street, Hamden, Connecticut. Draft Findings of Fact.**

After reviewing the draft Findings of Fact, Presiding Officer Silvestri conducted a non-binding straw poll of the Council members with Mr. Edelson, Mr. Alexander, Mr. Lynch, Mr. Hannon, and Mr. Harder in favor of the proposed site, and Mr. Morissette and Mr. Silvestri abstaining.

Presiding Officer Silvestri directed staff to draft a favorable Opinion and Decision and Order to be reviewed at the next meeting.

- 5. PETITION NO. 1380 - LSE Delphinus, LLC petition for a declaratory ruling, pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes §4-176 and §16-50k, for the proposed construction, maintenance and operation of a 1.992-megawatt AC solar photovoltaic electric generating facility on approximately 9.86 acres located generally east of Powder Hill Road north of the intersection with Monroe Road and Abbe Road in Enfield, Connecticut and associated electrical interconnection. Decision.**

Mr. Hannon moved to approve this petition with the conditions noted in the staff report; seconded by Mr. Alexander. The motion passed with Mr. Lynch recusing.

6. **PETITION NO. 1384 - The Connecticut Light and Power Company d/b/a Eversource Energy petition for a declaratory ruling, pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes §4-176 and §16-50k, for the proposed replacement of electric transmission line structures along approximately 18 miles of its existing No. 1505/1607 115-kilovolt (kV) double-circuit electric transmission line within existing Eversource electric transmission line right-of-way between the existing Tunnel Substation in Preston, the existing Fry Brook Substation in Plainfield and the existing Brooklyn Substation in Brooklyn, Connecticut, traversing Preston, Canterbury, Plainfield and Brooklyn, and related electric transmission structure improvements. Decision.**

Mr. Edelson moved to approve this petition with the condition noted in the staff report and with the recommendation that the width of the access roads be minimized, where feasible; seconded by Mr. Morissette. The motion passed unanimously.

7. **PETITION NO. 1385 - Cobb Road, LLC petition for a declaratory ruling, pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes §4-176 and §16-50k, for the proposed construction, maintenance and operation of a 1.95-megawatt AC solar photovoltaic electric generating facility on approximately 11.16 acres located at 20-1 Short Hills Road, Old Lyme, Connecticut and associated electrical interconnection. Requests for Public Hearing. Request for Party/Intervenor Status.**

Mr. Lynch moved to grant intervenor status to #SmartSolarCT; seconded by Mr. Edelson. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Lynch moved to schedule a hearing on this petition; seconded by Mr. Alexander. The motion failed with Mr. Morissette, Mr. Edelson, Mr. Hannon, Mr. Harder, and Mr. Silvestri voting no.

Mr. Hannon moved to set the date by which to render a decision in this matter as no later than April 4, 2020; seconded by Mr. Edelson. The motion passed unanimously.

8. **TS-SPRINT-077-191001 - Sprint Spectrum L.P. (“Sprint”) request for an order to approve tower sharing at an existing telecommunications facility located at 250 Olcott Street, Manchester, Connecticut. Decision.**

Mr. Edelson moved to approve this tower share request with the condition that approval of any minor changes be delegated to Council staff; seconded by Mr. Harder. The motion passed unanimously.

**9. TS-CING-018-191017 - New Cingular Wireless PCS, LLC (AT&T) request for an order to approve tower sharing at an existing telecommunications facility located at 39 Carmen Hill Road, Brookfield, Connecticut. Decision.**

Mr. Edelson moved to approve this tower share request with the condition that approval of any minor changes be delegated to Council staff; seconded by Mr. Morissette. The motion passed unanimously.

**10. Connecticut Siting Council Revised Fiscal Year 2021 Proposed Budget.**

Mr. Hannon moved to approve the Fiscal Year 2021 budget and send it to the General Assembly Appropriations Committee; seconded by Mr. Edelson. The motion passed unanimously.

**11. Administrative Matters.**

The following calendar date was discussed:

- Energy/Telecommunications meeting, Thursday, December 5, 2019, beginning at **1:00 p.m.** in Hearing Room Two, Ten Franklin Square, New Britain, Connecticut.
- **Cancellation** of Energy/Telecommunications meeting, Thursday, December 19, 2019, beginning at **1:00 p.m.** in Hearing Room Two, Ten Franklin Square, New Britain, Connecticut.

Discussion was held regarding the various differences in back-up power generators and Federal Communications Commission policy on such back-up power at telecommunications facilities.

**Adjournment.**

Mr. Lynch moved to adjourn the meeting; seconded by Mr. Edelson. The motion passed unanimously.

Presiding Officer Silvestri adjourned the meeting at 2:00 p.m.

**Respectfully submitted,**

**Melanie A. Bachman**  
**Executive Director**

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