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Hearing Program Docket No. 502 Tuesday, August 31, 2021 2:00 p.m. Zoom Remote Public Hearing

- I. Opening by Council
 - A. Statement read by Presiding Officer.
 - B. Administrative Notice taken by Council

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 - C. State Agency comments
 - 1. Connecticut Airport Authority Comments, dated June 8, 2021
 - 2. Connecticut Department of Transportation Comments, dated August 6, 2021
 - D. Public Official comments
 - 1. Senator Richard Blumenthal Comments, dated June 21, 2021
 - 2. Senator Cabrera, Senator Maroney and Representative Welander Comments, dated May 26, 2021
 - 3. Congresswoman Rosa L. DeLauro Comments, dated August 23, 2021

II. Appearance by Applicant

Cellco Partnership d/b/a Verizon Wireless (VER)

Representative:

Kenneth C. Baldwin, Esq. Robinson & Cole LLP

A. Administrative Notice.

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- B. Exhibits for Identification.
 - 1. Application for a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need filed by Cellco Partnership d/b/a Verizon Wireless, received May 13, 2021, and attachments and bulk file exhibits including:

Bulk file exhibits:

- a. Technical Report
- b. Zoning Regulations for the Town of Woodbridge
- c. Town of Woodbridge Inland Wetlands and Watercourses Regulations
- d. Town of Woodbridge 2015-25 Plan of Conservation and Development
- 2. Applicant's Affidavit of Publication, dated May 24, 2021
- 3. Signed Protective Order, dated June 3, 2021
- 4. Applicant's Responses to Council Interrogatories, Set One, dated June 30, 2021
- 5. Applicant's Sign Posting Affidavit, dated July 12, 2021
- 6. Applicant's Corrected Revised Viewshed Map "Area of Seasonal Visibility", dated July 13, 2021
- 7. Applicant's Responses to Council Interrogatories, Set Two, dated August 17, 2021
- 8. Applicant's Late-Filed Exhibits, dated August 17, 2021
- 9. Applicant's Responses to WNNET's Interrogatories, dated August 17, 2021
- 10. Applicant's Supplemental Late-Filed Exhibits, August 18, 2021

C. Swear Witnesses

- 1. Ziad Cheiban, Radio Frequency Engineer, Verizon Wireless
- 2. Timothy Parks Real Estate/Regulatory Specialist, Verizon Wireless
- 3. Sylvester Bhembe, Project Manager, Hudson Design Group LLC
- 4. Michael Libertine, LEP, Director of Siting and Permitting, All-Points Technology Corp. P.C.
- 5. Brian Gaudet, Project Manager, All-Points Technology Corp. P.C.
- 6. Dean Gustafson, Senior Wetland Scientist and Professional Soil Scientist, All-Points Technology Corp. P.C.
- D. Full Exhibits Verification of exhibits by witnesses and admission by the Council.
- E. Cross Examination.
 - 1. Council
 - 2. Grouped Party/Intervenor and CEPA Intervenors:
 - a. Woodbridge Newton Neighborhood Environmental Trust (WNNET)
 - b. Mark and Michele Greendgarden and Ochsner Place, LLC (GGO)
 - 3. Town of Woodbridge

III. Appearance by Grouped Party/Intervenor/CEPA Intervenors:

Woodbridge Newton Neighborhood Environmental Trust (WNNET)

Representative:

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Mark and Michele Greengarden Ochsner Place, LLC (GGO)

- A. Administrative Notice.
- B. Exhibits for Identification.
 - 1. WNNET's Application to Intervene Under CEPA §22a-19, §4-177a and §16-50n, dated June 8, 2021
 - 2. Mark and Michele Greengarden and Ochsner Place, LLC Request for Status, dated June 22, 2021
 - 3. WNNET's Responses to Council Interrogatories, Set One, dated July 6, 2021 and attached photographs:
 - a. 06/25/2021 Mark Greengarden/end of Soundview cul-de-sac
 - b. 11/09/2020 15 Soundview Drive Ring doorbell camera
 - c. 04/15/2021 Judy Letis/backyard of 7 Soundview Drive
 - d. 03/20/2021 Michele Greengarden/end of 15 Soundview Drive driveway
 - e. 03/10/2021 Kristy Laydon/facing Soundview Drive cul-de-sac
 - f. 03/10/2021 Mark Greengarden/from Soundview Drive cul-de-sac
 - g. 03/10/2021 Mark Greengarden/from Soundview Drive cul-de-sac
 - h. 03/10/2021 Mark Greengarden/from 15 Soundview Drive driveway
 - i. 03/10/2021 Mark Greengarden/from 15 Soundview Drive garage
 - j. 03/10/2021 Mark Greengarden/from 15 Soundview Drive garage (2nd floor)
 - k. 03/10/2021 Mark Greengarden/from 15 Soundview Drive master bedroom
 - 1. 03/10/2021 Kristy Laydon/from in front of 114 Newton Road
 - m. 03/10/2021 Steven Kleinstein/from corner of Newton and Swamp
 - n. 03/10/2021 Steven Kleinstein/from Newton Burnt Swamp intersection
 - o. 03/10/2021 Kristy Laydon/from backyard of 8 Forest Glen Drive
 - p. 03/10/2021 Kristy Laydon/from backyard of 16 Forest Glen Drive
 - 4. WNNET's Isotrope Report & Coverage Analysis and attached Resume of David Maxson, received August 24, 2021
 - 5. WNNET's Report of George Logan and Sigrun Gadwa and attached Resume of George Logan and Sigrun Gadwa, received August 24, 2021
 - 6. WNNET Letter Report of Edgar Smith and attached Resume of Edgar Smith, received August 24, 2021
 - a. Drone Flight Site Visit to Newton Road Neighborhood
- C. Swear Witnesses
 - 1. David P. Maxson, Isotrope, LLC
 - 2. George T. Logan, Principal Environmental Scientist/Senior Ecologist, REMA Ecological

- 3. Sigrun N. Gadwa, Ecologist/Botanist/Wetland Scientist, REMA Ecological
- 4. Edgar H. Smith, Geomatrix Productions, Inc.
- 5. Marie-helene Gratton,
- 6. Mark Greengarden
- 7. Shelly Greengarden
- D. Full Exhibits Verification of exhibits by witnesses and admission by the Council.
- E. Cross Examination.
 - 1. Council
 - 2. Applicant
 - 3. Town of Woodbridge

IV. Appearance by Party:

Representatives:

Town of Woodbridge (Town)

Ira W. Bloom, Esq. Nicholas R. Bamonte, Esq. Berchem Moses PC

- A. Administrative Notice.
- B. Exhibits for Identification.
 - 1. Town of Woodbridge Request for Party Status, dated June 9, 2021
 - 2. Town of Woodbridge Pre-filed Testimony of First Selectwoman Beth Heller, dated June 6, 2021
 - 3. Town of Woodbridge Responses to Council Interrogatories, Set One, dated August 17, 2021
- C. Swear Witnesses
 - 1. Beth Heller, First Selectwoman, Town of Woodbridge
- D. Full Exhibits Verification of exhibits by witnesses and admission by the Council.
- E. Cross Examination.
 - 1. Council
 - 2. Applicant
 - 3. Grouped Party/Intervenor and CEPA Intervenors:
 - a. Woodbridge Newton Neighborhood Environmental Trust (WNNET)
 - b. Mark and Michele Greengarden and Ochsner Place, LLC (GGO)
- IV. Continuation by Siting Council.