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5 Docket No. 506

6 New Cingular Wireless PCS, LLC (AT&T) application  
7 for a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility  
8 and Public Need for the construction, maintenance,  
9 and operation of a telecommunications facility  
10 located at 499 Mile Lane, Middletown, Connecticut  
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12 VIA ZOOM AND TELECONFERENCE  
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14 Remote Public Comment Session held on Tuesday,  
15 November 30, 2021, beginning at 6:30 p.m.  
16 via remote access.  
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19 H e l d B e f o r e :

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4                   **Brian Gaudet, All Points Technology**

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10   **\*\*All participants were present via remote access.**

1 MR. SILVESTRI: Ladies and gentlemen,  
2 good evening. This remote public hearing is  
3 called to order this Tuesday, November 30, 2021,  
4 at 6:30 p.m. My name is Robert Silvestri, member  
5 and presiding officer of the Connecticut Siting  
6 Council. Other members of the Council with us  
7 this evening are Quat Nguyen, designee for Chair  
8 Marissa Paslick Gillett of the Public Utilities  
9 Regulatory Authority, and Louanne Cooley. Members  
10 of the staff are Melanie Bachman, executive  
11 director and staff attorney, and Mr. Michael  
12 Perrone, siting analyst.

13 As everyone is keenly aware, there is  
14 currently a statewide effort to prevent the spread  
15 of the Coronavirus. This is why the Council is  
16 holding this remote public hearing, and we do ask  
17 for your patience. And if you haven't done so  
18 already, I ask that everyone please mute their  
19 computer audio and/or telephone at this time.

20 This is a continuation of a remote  
21 public hearing that began at 2 p.m. this  
22 afternoon. A copy of the prepared agenda is  
23 available on the Council's Docket No. 506 webpage,  
24 along with the record of this matter, the public  
25 hearing notice, instructions for public access to

1 this remote public hearing, and the Council's  
2 Citizens Guide to Siting Council Procedures.

3 This hearing is held pursuant to the  
4 provisions of Title 16 of the Connecticut General  
5 Statutes and of the Uniform Administrative  
6 Procedure Act upon an application from New  
7 Cingular Wireless PCS, LLC, doing business as  
8 AT&T, for a Certificate of Environmental  
9 Compatibility and Public Need for the  
10 construction, maintenance, and operation of a  
11 telecommunications facility located at 499 Mile  
12 Lane, Middletown, Connecticut. This application  
13 was received by the Council on October 6, 2021.

14 This application is also governed by  
15 the Telecommunications Act of 1996, which is  
16 administered by the Federal Communications  
17 Commission. This Act prohibits this Council from  
18 considering the health effects of radio frequency  
19 emissions on human health and wildlife to the  
20 extent the emissions from towers are within the  
21 federal acceptable safe limits standard, which  
22 standard is also followed by the state Department  
23 of Public Health. The Federal Act also prohibits  
24 this Council from discriminating between and  
25 amongst providers of functionally equivalent

1 services. This means that if one carrier already  
2 provides service for an area, other carriers have  
3 a right to compete and provide service in the same  
4 area.

5 The Council's legal notice of the date  
6 and time of this remote public hearing was  
7 published in The New Haven Register on October 24,  
8 2021. Upon this Council's request, the applicant  
9 erected a sign along Mile Lane at the entrance to  
10 the proposed site so as to inform the public of  
11 the name of the applicant, the type of facility,  
12 the remote public hearing date, and contact  
13 information for the Council which included website  
14 and phone number information.

15 This remote public comment session is  
16 reserved for the public to make brief statements  
17 into the record. These public statements are not  
18 subject to questions from the parties or the  
19 Council, and members of the public making  
20 statements may not ask questions of the parties or  
21 the Council. These statements will become part of  
22 the record for the Council consideration. And  
23 please be advised that written comments may be  
24 submitted by any person within 30 days of this  
25 public hearing.

1           As a reminder to all, off-the-record  
2 communication with a member of the Council or a  
3 member of the Council staff upon the merits of  
4 this application is prohibited by law.

5           I wish to note that parties and  
6 intervenors, including their representatives,  
7 witnesses and members, are not allowed to  
8 participate in the public comment session. I also  
9 wish to note for those who are listening, and for  
10 the benefit of your friends and neighbors who are  
11 unable to join us for the remote public comment  
12 session, that you or they may send written  
13 comments to the Council within 30 days of the date  
14 hereof by mail or by email, and such written  
15 statements will be given the same weight as if  
16 spoken at the remote public comment session.

17           Please be advised that any person may  
18 be removed from the Zoom remote public comment  
19 session at the discretion of the Council.

20           And we ask that each person making a  
21 public statement in the proceedings to confine his  
22 or her statements to the subject matter before the  
23 Council and to avoid unreasonable repetition so  
24 that we may hear all of the concerns that you and  
25 your neighbors may have. Please be advised that

1 the Council cannot answer questions from the  
2 public about the proposal.

3 A verbatim transcript of this remote  
4 public hearing will be posted on the Council's  
5 Docket No. 506 webpage and deposited at the  
6 Middletown City Clerk's Office for the convenience  
7 of the public.

8 Please be advised that the Council's  
9 project evaluation criteria under the statute does  
10 not include consideration of property values.

11 Before I call upon members of the  
12 public to make statements, I request that the  
13 applicant make a very brief presentation to the  
14 public describing the proposed facility.

15 And Mr. Gaudet, are you prepared to do  
16 that?

17 MR. GAUDET: Yes, sir.

18 MR. SILVESTRI: Thank you. Please  
19 proceed.

20 MR. GAUDET: For the record, my name is  
21 Brian Gaudet. I'm a project manager with All  
22 Points Technology Corporation. The applicant for  
23 this proposed 150-foot monopole is New Cingular  
24 Wireless doing business as AT&T. The site is  
25 located at 499 Mile Lane in Middletown, and it's



1 an approximately 23.72 acre parcel currently owned  
2 by the City of Middletown.

3 The new compound expansion will be  
4 located off the northwestern side of the existing  
5 compound where the existing 180-foot tall lattice  
6 tower currently stands. Vehicle access to the  
7 site will be along the existing paved driveway off  
8 of the south side of Mile Lane.

9 The compound expansion will be gravel  
10 based surrounded by an 8-foot high chain-link  
11 fence with a 12-foot wide access gate on the  
12 northeastern face of the new expanded fenced area.

13 Utilities will run from an existing  
14 utility pole outside of the compound underground  
15 to a new meter bank inside the compound which will  
16 house a fiber box and power meter for AT&T.

17 AT&T's walk-in equipment cabinet will  
18 be located on an 8-foot 6-inch by 8-foot 6-inch  
19 concrete pad in the southeastern corner of the  
20 existing compound. A 20 kW diesel generator will  
21 sit on a separate 4-foot by 6-foot concrete pad  
22 adjacent to the equipment cabinet pad. Next  
23 slide, please.

24 The new 150-foot tall monopole will be  
25 located in the northern corner of the new

1 expansion area with an approximately 40-foot long  
2 ice bridge running from the tower to the AT&T  
3 equipment pad. AT&T plans to install 9 antennas,  
4 12 remote radio units, and 3 surge arresters  
5 mounted on the collar mount and sector frames on  
6 the tower. The centerline of those antennas will  
7 be 150 feet above ground level. The tower will be  
8 designed to accommodate up to two future carriers  
9 with additional lease area within the existing  
10 compound.

11 That's all I have for you. Thank you  
12 very much.

13 MR. SILVESTRI: Thank you, Mr. Gaudet.

14 Just a note on remote public hearings.  
15 Remote public hearings are quite different from  
16 in-person public hearings. For in-person public  
17 hearings, members of the public could sign up,  
18 step up to the podium and offer their comments.  
19 For remote public hearings, the public is required  
20 to sign up and speak in advance in order to  
21 provide Council staff with the time necessary to  
22 facilitate connection precautions to prevent  
23 interruption, or in common terms, what we call  
24 bombing of the proceedings. These are protocols,  
25 procedures and consistency measures that are

1 followed as part of the remote public hearing  
2 process. And again to reiterate, written comments  
3 may be submitted within 30 days of this public  
4 hearing.

5 And I'd like to remind those who have  
6 signed up to speak this evening that your comments  
7 will be limited to three minutes. And should you  
8 not be able to finish, you're more than welcome to  
9 submit written comments as I had mentioned. And  
10 I'll apologize in advance should I mispronounce  
11 anyone's name.

12 So our first speaker this evening is  
13 Kelly Pugliares followed by Marisabel Barbagallo.

14 Is Kelly here?

15 KELLY PUGLIARES: Yes, I'm here.

16 MR. SILVESTRI: Please proceed. Thank  
17 you.

18 KELLY PUGLIARES: Good evening. My  
19 name is Kelly Pugliares, and I live on 50 Talias  
20 Trail. I'm here tonight to express concerns  
21 regarding the 5G tower that's on the agenda.

22 My backyard is adjacent to the property  
23 where the tower is proposed to be constructed. I  
24 am deeply concerned about the negative impact that  
25 this tower will have on my property value. For

1 most people their home is not only where they live  
2 and raise their family, but it's also their most  
3 valuable asset. There are many articles and  
4 studies published which prove that having a cell  
5 tower next to or visible from your home can  
6 decrease the value of your property up to 20  
7 percent. For many of us that equates to around  
8 \$100,000.

9 Here are just three examples of the  
10 research available on this topic. According to  
11 Business Wire, a survey by the National Institute  
12 for Science, Law and Public Policy, they found  
13 that 94 percent of people surveyed would not buy  
14 or rent a home next to a cell tower.

15 Secondly, The Appraisal Journal  
16 conducted a survey of prospective home buyers and  
17 found that most buyers would be willing to pay 20  
18 percent less compared to sales price analysis.

19 Additionally, a recent article in The  
20 New York Times which captured commentary from top  
21 realtors on Long Island revealed that buyers will  
22 steer clear of buying a home near cell towers not  
23 only because of how unattractive they are, but  
24 also because of the perceived health risks.

25 Now, I recognize that studies exist

1 that there are no health risks, and that may be  
2 true. I am not here to debate that. But the  
3 perception of those health risks is true, it's  
4 real, it's there. And that fact, in addition to  
5 how aesthetically unpleasing they are, will  
6 degrade our property values.

7 It is also worth noting that there's  
8 already a tower there. This tower was constructed  
9 after we personally signed a contract with the  
10 builder but before we moved in, so we were never  
11 made aware of it. Since that time, this tower has  
12 had additional dishes added to it making it more  
13 unpleasant. I cannot bear the thought of a second  
14 tower next to the one that already exists.

15 We live in a beautiful new  
16 neighborhood. We built our home only three and a  
17 half years ago, and there are still three  
18 available lots on the cul-de-sac. One of the  
19 reasons we enjoy our property so much is because  
20 of the wooded landscape. We have deer, wild  
21 turkey, fox and large birds on our property, and  
22 this tower, I can imagine, will surely disrupt  
23 their natural habitat.

24 I am not suggesting that this town  
25 shouldn't put up a 5G tower, but I am asking that

1 they not allow one to be constructed in such a  
2 residential area. If I'm floating in my pool,  
3 hosting a barbecue or playing with my children,  
4 there will be no avoiding the sight of this tower.

5 I don't know any of you personally, but  
6 I can't imagine that you would want this type of  
7 eyesore in your backyard, so I'm appealing to you  
8 as a fellow homeowner and as a neighbor.

9 In summary, I ask that you reconsider  
10 the personal and financial ramifications that this  
11 decision has on those of us who live here. Thank  
12 you for your time and consideration.

13 MR. SILVESTRI: Thank you for appearing  
14 tonight, and thank you for your comments as well.

15 Our next speaker is Marisabel  
16 Barbagallo followed by Joseph Barbagallo.

17 JOSEPH BARBAGALLO: I think she's  
18 having connection issues. If you don't mind, I'll  
19 go.

20 MR. SILVESTRI: Yeah, Joseph, you could  
21 go, and whenever she connects, we could double  
22 back to her at another point in time.

23 JOSEPH BARBAGALLO: I appreciate that.

24 MR. SILVESTRI: Okay. Please proceed.

25 JOSEPH BARBAGALLO: Thank you. My name

1 is Joseph Barbagallo. I live directly across the  
2 street, 59 Talias Trail. We were one of the ones  
3 that didn't get notified because the letter of the  
4 law only says abutting properties, but obviously  
5 this affects everyone. So to me I already have a  
6 bad taste in my mouth considering how this has  
7 been going.

8 From what I was able to see and looking  
9 at AT&T's website, looking at T-Mobile's website,  
10 there is no coverage gap in this area. There is  
11 plenty of service. As a matter of fact, T-Mobile  
12 has even better service. And considering we keep  
13 referencing the different acts, Telecommunications  
14 Act from 1966, the whole goal is to reduce the  
15 amount of towers but increase competitiveness. If  
16 we're increasing competitiveness, why can't they  
17 share a tower with one of the ones that have  
18 plenty of signal.

19 So many questions that were asked from  
20 the Council to AT&T were talking about the  
21 different options, and it seemed like whatever  
22 question was asked, the answer was no this is the  
23 only spot. But looking at their paperwork,  
24 there's several towers that are either at or above  
25 centerline level from what they are proposing, and

1 I don't see why that can't be used.

2 I submitted some maps to the Council  
3 earlier through email, and you can clearly see  
4 that there is an abundance of open space with road  
5 access, especially by the high school. If we  
6 wanted to do a 180-foot tower there, you would get  
7 the same signal. I mean, I can't speak to that,  
8 I'm not a scientist, but I feel like it's just as  
9 open.

10 Listening earlier to the evidentiary  
11 hearing, we're already doing -- looking at a 180  
12 tower. I forgot the gentleman's name, but he had  
13 asked about what if we go from 150 to 180, you  
14 know, the service is so much better, could we get  
15 rid of a tower somewhere else. To me this is a  
16 foot in the door technique. We're basically  
17 getting a smaller tower in on this hill. We're  
18 going to say it's just for AT&T. Then the next  
19 thing you know, the tower goes up another 20 feet,  
20 30 feet, we have multiple carriers, and now  
21 instead of a few antennas at the top of a tower, a  
22 monopole, we have literally four different sets of  
23 antennas for four different carriers making it  
24 even worse. One tower is bad enough. Adding to  
25 this one tower is even worse. Having two towers



1 is just intolerable.

2           There's 12 brand new homes on this  
3 street alone, another 19 were built a block away.  
4 There's three more planned at the end of the  
5 cul-de-sac. People don't buy into this  
6 neighborhood to look at cell phone towers. That  
7 one is ugly enough. We don't need to increase it.  
8 There's plenty of wildlife, as Ms. Pugliares said,  
9 you see everything, migrating birds, all the  
10 different habitats that they have, and up there  
11 especially because of the treeline. It's just  
12 going to be a blight on the neighborhood.

13           I personally don't have cell phone  
14 signal issues in my house, in my basement, no  
15 where --

16           (TIME ELAPSED.)

17           MR. SILVESTRI: We're sorry, but you  
18 did run out of time. Two things: One, I do  
19 appreciate that you submitted written comments  
20 earlier, and again, I offer that you're more than  
21 welcome to continue to submit written comments as  
22 well either by email or by letter. But thank you  
23 again.

24           I want to double back to see if  
25 Marisabel Barbagallo had joined us.

1 (No response.)

2 MR. SILVESTRI: All right. If not,  
3 I'll double back in a minute with her.

4 Our next speaker that I have on my list  
5 is Christopher LaVigne, if I pronounced that  
6 correctly. Christopher, are you with us tonight?

7 (No response.)

8 MR. SILVESTRI: I'm just scanning my  
9 screen. I do not see Christopher, so we'll double  
10 back later.

11 Michael Siteman is our next speaker to  
12 be followed by Palmer Gaines.

13 Michael, I know you're here because I  
14 did see you on the screen.

15 MICHAEL SITEMAN: Yes, one second.  
16 Thank you. My name is Michael Siteman. I also  
17 live on Talias Trail as well as the last two  
18 speakers. I appreciate you guys giving us this  
19 public hearing to give our thoughts and feelings  
20 on the tower that's being put in.

21 You know, I listened to the hearing  
22 earlier today, and there was significant mention  
23 during that hearing and the questions that were  
24 asked the Town of Middletown's feelings on this.  
25 The Town of Middletown made the decisions without

1 a public hearing, without alerting the neighbors  
2 to what they were looking to put in the property  
3 next to us. And I think their lack of appearance  
4 in this morning's -- this afternoon's hearing  
5 speaks volumes to where they're at right now. I  
6 feel once the neighbors were alerted to what they  
7 were looking to do with the property and we  
8 alerted them to our displeasure with it, a lot of  
9 the town officials have backed away from what they  
10 were looking to do.

11 One thing that I want to highlight is  
12 that the resolution from the Common Council of  
13 Middletown, it talks about the intent of why  
14 they've approved this. The intent says, and I'll  
15 read directly from it, "The intent of such  
16 agreement is to offset costs incurred by the city  
17 to lease towers for its public safety radio  
18 system." This sentiment was also directly told to  
19 us from town officials. And it's very clear that  
20 the goal from the town side is to offset costs  
21 that they're incurring from putting their public  
22 radio and communication towers there. It's not  
23 there -- they're not putting this tower here to  
24 improve service for the residents. It's mainly as  
25 a source of revenue for the town.

1           As Joe mentioned, the lease agreement  
2 gives AT&T leniency to add other leases of  
3 equipment to put it on there. It's already an  
4 eyesore as is with the current tower. I just want  
5 to express the sentiment that adding a second  
6 tower is really a ludicrous thought to put a  
7 second tower when there's already one in a  
8 residential neighborhood.

9           I want to thank you guys for your time,  
10 and I appreciate you listening. And I hope that  
11 you guys reject this proposal and ask AT&T to find  
12 an alternative location.

13           MR. SILVESTRI: Thank you for joining  
14 us this evening, again, and thank you for your  
15 comments.

16           Our next speaker is Palmer Gaines to be  
17 followed by Diana Lombardo. Is Palmer with us  
18 this evening?

19           (No response.)

20           MR. SILVESTRI: I did not see Palmer on  
21 my screen. Again, we'll double back. So let me  
22 proceed with Diana Lombardo who I did see on my  
23 screen.

24           Diana, you with us? I just saw that  
25 you came off mute.

1                   DIANA LOMBARDO: I did. I'm here.

2 This is Diana Lombardo from 30 Talias Trail. I  
3 don't want to take up too much time tonight  
4 because I know that there are other speakers that  
5 would like to go through a couple of other issues  
6 that they're having. I just want to echo what  
7 other neighbors are stating in the neighborhood.  
8 We all have the same concerns. And we want to  
9 just echo that we hope that you guys reject this  
10 proposal and find another location that would, you  
11 know, fit better. And there's plenty of area here  
12 in Middletown that are less residential that have  
13 a lot of wooded areas that the tower would fit  
14 better than a neighborhood like ours, like  
15 everybody had stated, that's only a couple years  
16 old. And that's going to affect our property  
17 values and our families.

18                   And thank you for your time.

19                   MR. SILVESTRI: Thank you for joining  
20 us this evening, and thank you for your comments.

21                   Our next speaker on my list is Liana  
22 Yi, if I pronounced that correctly, followed by  
23 Kara Timek.

24                   Is Liana Yi with us, please? And I  
25 don't see her on my screen, so let's proceed with

1 Kara Timek. Is Kara with us tonight? There you  
2 go.

3 LIANA YI: I was here but I was  
4 talking. I didn't hit star 6. This is Liana.

5 MR. SILVESTRI: Okay. Liana, please  
6 proceed, and then we'll go to Kara. Go right  
7 ahead, Liana.

8 LIANA YI: So yes, I live on Talias  
9 Trail as well, and I agree with all the concerns  
10 that have been mentioned. I think most  
11 importantly I think my concern is medical  
12 concerns. I guess that, granted, you know, these  
13 towers are brand new. There probably haven't been  
14 enough studies out there to kind of see what kind  
15 of health risks we would be exposed to long term  
16 with this RF frequency radiation, whatever you  
17 want to call it, you know. AT&T's report shows  
18 that the total radio frequency electromagnetic  
19 power density at the site will be 8.19 percent of  
20 the allowable FCC established public limit.

21 So I think, you know, what kind of  
22 health risk is that for our families because I can  
23 say most of us have kids. So that's a big concern  
24 for a lot of us. But I agree, you know, I believe  
25 that this tower, it can go up, but just don't put

1 it here. You know, we have a beautiful  
2 neighborhood that we've all grown to love. And  
3 I've been here for, I think, almost three years  
4 too. So that's my concern is just the RF exposure  
5 and what it would have on us long term. That's  
6 all.

7 MR. SILVESTRI: Thank you very much,  
8 and thank you for joining us.

9 Kara, thank you for being patient.  
10 Kara Timek, you're up next, followed by Omeed  
11 Manabat.

12 KARA TIMEK: I'm here.

13 MR. SILVESTRI: Please proceed, Kara.  
14 Thank you.

15 KARA TIMEK: Thank you for listening to  
16 our concerns this evening. I am also a resident  
17 of Talias Trail. I was on the side of the street  
18 that was also not notified. I do have serious  
19 concerns about the location of the tower for the  
20 neighbors on the opposing side of the street where  
21 the access road is in their immediate backyard.

22 The tenant has the option to install  
23 lines, wires, poles, pipes to improve the site.  
24 They have the option without asking the town to  
25 modify, supplement, upgrade or expand the

1 communications facility within the designated  
2 2,500 square foot plot at any time. Additional  
3 dishes or antennas can be installed. They have  
4 the right to sell, sublease or transfer in part or  
5 full at any time within the lease period. The  
6 word tenant applies to any and all affiliates of  
7 New Cingular Wireless which means the possibility  
8 of more antennas for various usage. The lease  
9 term is five years with five more automatic  
10 five-year periods for a total of 30 years.

11 The tenant also has a right to fly  
12 unmanned aircraft systems to survey, record or  
13 inspect the area. That means that they can fly a  
14 drone over our property at any time without our  
15 consent or knowledge.

16 By law, towers are required to be  
17 shared, so additional providers can add more to  
18 the tower at any time. And the tower can be  
19 raised 10 percent or 20 feet higher without  
20 permission. That's just all from the drafted  
21 lease agreement with the City of Middletown. And  
22 all the City of Middletown is getting for it is  
23 \$30,000 a year and all of the residents on our  
24 street are getting is an eyesore. Thank you for  
25 your time.



1 MR. SILVESTRI: Thank you very much for  
2 joining us, and thank you for your comments as  
3 well.

4 Our next speaker was Omeed Manabat, if  
5 I pronounced that correctly, to be followed by  
6 Adam Szczerbicki.

7 Is Omeed with us this evening?

8 (No response.)

9 MR. SILVESTRI: I don't see Omeed on my  
10 screen, but we will double back.

11 Adam Szczerbicki, I did see you  
12 earlier. Are you still with us?

13 ADAM SZCZEBICKI: Yes, I am here.  
14 Thank you very much.

15 MR. SILVESTRI: There you go. Thank  
16 you. Please proceed.

17 ADAM SZCZEBICKI: Okay. I would like  
18 to thank everybody for giving us the opportunity  
19 to speak on this. I would just like to make a  
20 quick comment since I do live right behind the  
21 original tower that's already there, and the one  
22 that's being constructed will be a few feet away.  
23 So I just want to make one comment, like one  
24 little request, if I may.

25 And I'll start. I reside on 70 Talias

1 Trail with my family. Because this tower will be  
2 placed directly behind my house, I would request  
3 that the tower be moved back on the 25-acre plot  
4 of Middletown property closer to the high school.  
5 That way it is not visible from our house and  
6 further away from our neighborhood. And I would  
7 also like it to blend within the treeline and, I  
8 mean, if there is some possibility that you guys  
9 can make this look like a tree so that it can do  
10 so. That is all for me. Thank you very much for  
11 your time and consideration.

12 MR. SILVESTRI: Thank you also for  
13 joining us, and thank you for your comments.

14 Okay. I'd like to double back to the  
15 people that we called the first time but somehow  
16 missed. And the first one that I do have is  
17 Marisabel Barbagallo, and I did see you back on my  
18 screen. Right now I do see that you're on mute.  
19 There you go.

20 MARISABEL BARBAGALLO: Hello. My  
21 apologies. I'm at work, so my connection is a  
22 little off. I was not aware that I was able to  
23 speak as well tonight. I thought it was just  
24 three minutes per household, so I really didn't  
25 prepare. But I just want to say that I, you know,

1 just like the rest of our neighbors, I'm on 59  
2 Talias Trail with my husband Joseph Barbagallo,  
3 and along with the rest of my neighbors I'm  
4 concerned about the tower just not only because of  
5 an eyesore, because of health concerns. And we  
6 just moved to the street as well two years ago,  
7 and we love the neighborhood. You know, we pretty  
8 much built this to be our forever home. And to  
9 have a tower literally built right in front of our  
10 home, it's really upsetting, and the fact that we  
11 weren't given an opportunity to fight this earlier  
12 in advance just because we weren't abutted to the  
13 tower. So along with everybody else, I don't want  
14 the tower to go up.

15 So I appreciate you guys listening to  
16 all of our concerns, and that's all I have to say.

17 MR. SILVESTRI: Thank you for your  
18 comments, and thank you for joining us as well  
19 this evening.

20 MARISABEL BARBAGALLO: Have a good  
21 evening.

22 MR. SILVESTRI: You do the same. Thank  
23 you again.

24 Okay. Doubling back on the list, we  
25 had called Christopher LaVigne, if I said that

1 last name correctly. Did Christopher join us or  
2 rejoin us?

3 (No response.)

4 MR. SILVESTRI: And I don't see him on  
5 my screen. Let me move to another person that we  
6 called earlier, and that's Palmer Gaines. Did  
7 Palmer join us in the interim?

8 (No response.)

9 MR. SILVESTRI: Okay. And the third  
10 person that I called but missed is Omeed Manabat,  
11 if I did say that name correctly.

12 (No response.)

13 MR. SILVESTRI: Okay. So I'm going to  
14 go through those three names one more time in the  
15 hopes that they didn't hear me the first or second  
16 time and that they'll hear me the third. The  
17 first one was Christopher LaVigne, V-i-g-n-e.

18 (No response.)

19 MR. SILVESTRI: Nobody there. Second  
20 one was Palmer Gaines, G-a-i-n-e-s.

21 (No response.)

22 MR. SILVESTRI: No one there. And the  
23 third one was Omeed Manabat, M-a-n-a-b-a-t.

24 (No response.)

25 MR. SILVESTRI: And I don't see any of

1 those three.

2           Okay. As a reminder to those that did  
3 join us, if you do run across those people, please  
4 remind them that they could submit written  
5 comments to us as well by email or by mail.

6           So with that, ladies and gentlemen, the  
7 Council announces that it will continue the  
8 evidentiary session of this public hearing on  
9 Tuesday, December 21, 2021, at 2 p.m., and that's  
10 via Zoom remote conferencing. A copy of the  
11 agenda for the continued remote evidentiary  
12 hearing session will be available on the Council's  
13 Docket No. 506 webpage, along with the record of  
14 this matter, the public hearing notice,  
15 instructions for public access to the remote  
16 evidentiary hearing session, and the Council's  
17 Citizens Guide to Siting Council Procedures.

18           And again, please note that anyone who  
19 has not become a party or intervenor, but who  
20 desires to make his or her views known to the  
21 Council, may file written statements with the  
22 Council until the public comment record closes.


23           Copies of the transcript of this  
24 hearing will be filed at the Middletown City  
25 Clerk's Office. I hereby declare this hearing

1 adjourned. I thank you all for your  
2 participation, and have a good evening. Thank you  
3 again.

4 (Whereupon, the above proceedings  
5 adjourned at 7:00 p.m.)  
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3 I hereby certify that the foregoing 30 pages  
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9 APPLICATION FOR A CERTIFICATE OF ENVIRONMENTAL  
10 COMPATIBILITY AND PUBLIC NEED FOR THE  
11 CONSTRUCTION, MAINTENANCE, AND OPERATION OF A  
12 TELECOMMUNICATIONS FACILITY LOCATED AT 499 MILE  
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14 before ROBERT SILVESTRI, PRESIDING OFFICER, on  
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