

STATE OF CONNECTICUT

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September 4, 2007

TO:

Council Members

FROM:

S. Derek Phelps, Executive Director

RE:

DOCKET NO. 342 - Optasite Towers LLC and Omnipoint Communications, Inc. application for a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need for the construction, maintenance and operation of a telecommunications facility

located at 425 Litchfield Road, New Milford, Connecticut.

The Connecticut Siting Council has scheduled a field review for this docket on Monday, September 10, 2007, beginning at 3:00 p.m. at 425 Litchfield Road, New Milford.

A public hearing is scheduled for Monday, September 10, 2007, beginning at 4:00 p.m. at the New Milford High School Cafeteria, 388 Danbury Road, New Milford.

Directions are enclosed.

Enclosure

c: Robert L. Marconi, Assistant Attorney General Secretary of the State Parties & Intervenors Ruth Girolomo, Post Reporting Service Joseph Reese, Tech Theatrical Services, LLC Lisa Fontaine



DIRECTIONS - DOCKET 342

Field Review Location:

425 Litchfield Road, New Milford, CT

3:00 p.m.

Hearing Location:

New Milford High School, Cafeteria 388 Danbury Road, New Milford

4:00 p.m.

Dinner Location:

The Cookhouse, 31 Danbury Road, New Milford

860.355.4111

TO FIELD REVIEW:

425 LITCHFIELD ROAD

From New Britain-Waterbury-Areas

Follow Interstate 84 west to Exit 15, Route 67.

Follow Route 67 west through Roxbury to New Milford.

In New Milford, follow Route 202 north (or east) into the Northville section of New Milford.

Park across from 434 Litchfield Road, at the farm stand on left side of road.

From Bridgeport Area

Follow Interstate 95 to Route 8 north.

Follow Route 8 north to Route 25 north.

Follow Route 25 north through Newtown to Route 133 in Brookfield.

Follow Route 133 north (may be designated east) to Route 67. (Route 133 avoids construction related delays on Route 7/202)

Follow Route 67 west to Route 202 in New Milford.

Follow Route 202 north (or east) into the Northville section of New Milford.

Park across from 434 Litchfield Road, at the farm stand on left side of road.

From New Haven, Derby Areas

In New Haven, follow I-91 or I-95 to Route 34 west.

Follow Route 34 west into Derby.

From Derby, follow Route 8 north to Exit 22, Route 67.

From Exit 22, follow Route 67 west through Roxbury to New Milford.

In New Milford, follow Route 202 north (or east) into the Northville section of New Milford.

Park across from 434 Litchfield Road, at the farm stand on left side of road.

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TO HEARING: NEW MILFORD HIGH SCHOOL

From Site

Follow Route 202 south through New Milford center.

Cross bridge to Route 202/7 and take left.

Follow Route 202/7 south to New Milford High School on right. (after AGWAY)

Cafeteria is on first floor to rear of building.

From Waterbury - New Britain Areas

Follow Interstate 84 west to Exit 15, Route 67.

Follow Route 67 west through Roxbury into New Milford center.

Bear left onto Route 202 south.

Cross bridge to Route 202/7 and take left.

Follow Route 202/7 south to New Milford High School on right. (after AGWAY)

Cafeteria is on first floor to rear of building.

From New Haven, Derby Areas

In New Haven, follow Interstate 95 to Route 34 west.

Follow Route 34 west into **Derby**.

From Derby, follow Route 8 north to Exit 22, Route 67.

From Exit 22, follow Route 67 west through Roxbury into New Milford center.

Bear left onto Route 202 south.

Cross bridge to Route 202/7 and take left.

Follow Route 7/202 south to New Milford High School on right. (after AGWAY)

Cafeteria is on first floor to rear of building.

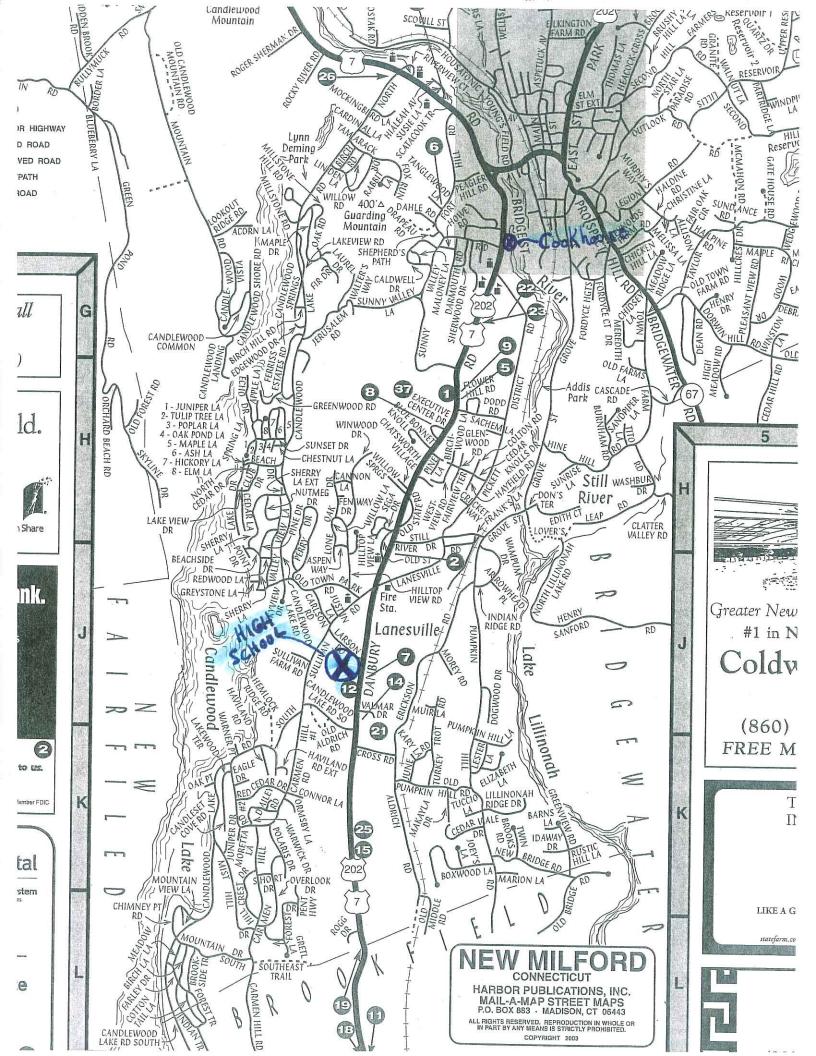
From Bridgeport Area

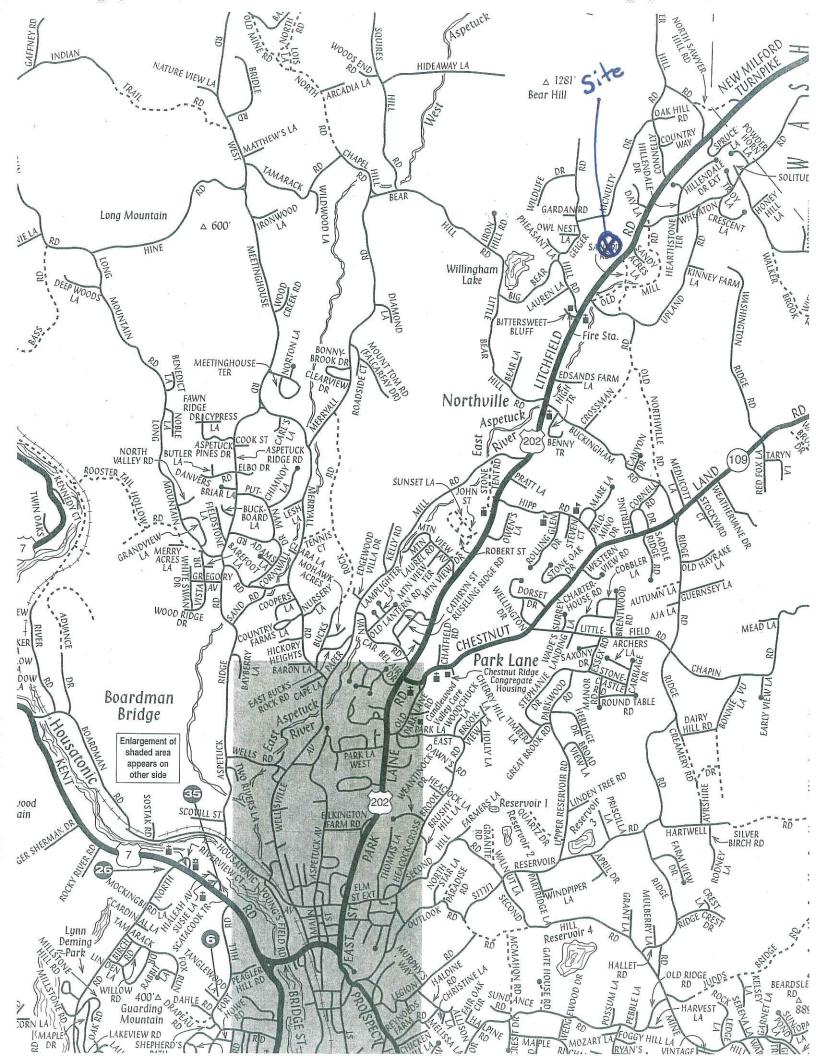
Follow Interstate 95 to Route 8 north.

Follow Route 8 north to Route 25 north.

Follow Route 25 north to Route 7/202 north.

Follow to New Milford High School at 388 Danbury Road (Route 202/7) on left.





Docket No. 342

New Milford, Connecticut September 4, 2007

Applicant	Optasite Towers LLC and Omnipoint Communications Inc.	
Location	425 Litchfield Road, New Milford	
Tower Height, Type, Capacity	140-foot monopole, designed to support 4 levels of antennas	
Antennas and mounting	T-Mobile – 6 panel antennas at 137-foot level,	
Other Carriers	none	
Primary Service Area	Route 202	
Parcel size/use	28.8-acre parcel –primarily forested, cleared with ruins/junkyard along 202	
Site Owner	Edward Drzal	
Site Zoning	Business, B-2	
Compound/Lease Size	70' x 70' compound within a 100' x 100' lease area. Eight-foot chainlink fence	
Access Road	Access Route 202 – 1002 feet of new construction, 205 feet of existing.	
Utility Service	Overhead from 202	
Ground Equipment	Cabinets on pad	
Emergency Power		
Ground Elevation	640 feet amsl	
Site Vegetation	Removal of 60 trees – up to 30" diameter	
Wetlands	None on property	
Nearest Property Line	272 feet from southwest property line	
Nearest Residence	590 feet to west	
Number of Homes 1000' R	seven	
SHPO – archeological SHPO - historical	pending	
Historic Districts/Properties	HineBuckingham Farms 44,46, 48 Upland Rd., 78,81 Crossman Rd – 0.4 miles southeast of site	
DOT comment	5	
DEP comment		
Endangered species	* 3	
Hiking Trails	No CFPA blue blazed trails in area.	
Tower Marking/Lighting	None required	
Visibility	Year round - 25 residential properties; Seasonal – 10 additional properties	
Town Comment	Visibility is minimal; Property should be cleaned up; further review to minimize the proliferation of towers in area.	
Resident Comment	Included in town comment letter- 2 opposed. No correspondence direct to Council.	
Issues		

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