

STATE OF CONNECTICUT

SITING COUNCIL

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MESSAGE CENTER MANAGEMENT, INC.  
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 ONE OF TWO SITES,  
465 HILLS STREET OR 56 HILLS STREET,  
EAST HARTFORD, CONNECTICUT

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JUNE 6, 2013  
(7:00 p.m.)

DOCKET NO. 436

BEFORE: ROBIN STEIN, CHAIRMAN

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1 . . .Verbatim proceedings of a hearing  
2 before the State of Connecticut Siting Council in the  
3 matter of an application by Message Center Management,  
4 Inc., and New Cingular Wireless PCS, LLC, held at the  
5 East Hartford Town Hall, 740 Main Street, East Hartford,  
6 Connecticut, on June 6, 2013 at 7:00 p.m., at which time  
7 the parties were represented as hereinbefore set forth .  
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11 CHAIRMAN ROBIN STEIN: Good evening ladies  
12 and gentlemen. I'd like to call to order this meeting  
13 and hearing of the Connecticut Siting Council today,  
14 Thursday, June 6, 2013, at approximately 7:05.

15 My name is Robin Stein and I'm the  
16 Chairman of the Siting Council.

17 Other members of the Council present are  
18 Senator Murphy, Vice Chairman; Mr. Hannon, the designee  
19 from the Department of Energy and Environmental  
20 Protection; Mr. Levesque, the designee from the Public  
21 Utilities Regulatory Authority; Mr. Ashton; Mr. Wilensky;  
22 and Mr. Lynch.

23 Members of the staff are Melanie Bachman,  
24 Acting Executive Director and Staff Attorney; Michael

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1 Perrone, Siting Analyst; Gail Gregoriades, the court  
2 reporter; and Aaron DeMarest, the audio technician.

3 This is a continuation of a hearing that  
4 began at 3:00 p.m. this afternoon. Copies of the -- Mr.  
5 Lynch please -- copies of the hearing program and the  
6 Council's Citizen Guide to Siting Council Procedures are  
7 available for members of the public.

8 This hearing is held pursuant to the  
9 provisions of Title 16 of the Connecticut General  
10 Statutes and of the Uniform Administrative Procedure Act  
11 upon an application from Message Center Management, Inc.,  
12 and New Cingular Wireless PCS, LLC for a certificate of  
13 environmental compatibility and public need for the  
14 construction, maintenance, and operation of a  
15 telecommunications facility located at one or two -- one  
16 of two possible sites; 465 Hill Street or 56 Hill Street  
17 in East Hartford, Connecticut. This application was  
18 received by the Council on February 14, 2013.

19 This application is also governed by the  
20 Federal Telecommunications Act of 1996, which is  
21 administered by the Federal Communications Commission.  
22 This act prohibits this Council from considering the  
23 health effects of radio frequency emissions on human  
24 health and wildlife to the extent the emissions from

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1 towers are within the federal acceptable safe limit  
2 standard, which standard is also followed by the State  
3 Department of Public Health.

4 The federal act also prohibits this  
5 Council from discriminating between and amongst providers  
6 of functionally equivalent services. This means that if  
7 one carrier already provides service for an area, other  
8 carriers have a right to compete and provide service for  
9 the same area.

10 The Applicant published notice of the  
11 filing of this application to the Council in the Journal  
12 Inquirer on February 8, 2013 and February 11, 2013. The  
13 Council's legal notice of the date and time of this  
14 hearing was published in the Journal Inquirer on March  
15 13, 2013.

16 Upon this Council's request, the Applicant  
17 erected a sign at both proposed sites so as to inform the  
18 public of the name of the applicant, the type of  
19 facility, hearing date and location, and contact  
20 information for the Council.

21 This afternoon members of the Council  
22 staff and public personally conducted a field review of  
23 both proposed sites in order to observe firsthand the  
24 potential effects of the proposal.

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1                   The hearing tonight has been reserved for  
2                   the public to make short statements into the record.  
3                   These public statements are not subject to questions from  
4                   the parties or the Council. And members of the public --  
5                   (audio failure) -- and members of the public making  
6                   statements may not ask questions of the parties or the  
7                   Council. These statements will become part of the record  
8                   for the Council's consideration.

9                   A sign-up sheet is available for those who  
10                  would like to participate. And the sign-up sheet for  
11                  those who haven't already signed up is to my right next  
12                  to the door there. We already have approximately 15  
13                  people who have signed up.

14                  As a reminder to all, off-the-record  
15                  communication with a member of the Council or a member of  
16                  the Council staff upon the merits of this application is  
17                  prohibited by law.

18                  And we did have two sign-up sheets, but  
19                  apparently a number of you signed up -- all signed up on  
20                  the same one, but that's -- (pause) -- I want to note for  
21                  those who are here and for the benefit of your friends  
22                  and neighbors who are unable to join us for this public  
23                  comment session, that you or they may send written  
24                  comments -- or written statements to the Council within

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1 30 days of the date hereof. And such written statements  
2 will be given the same weight as if spoken at the  
3 hearing.

4 We ask each person making a public  
5 statement in these proceedings to confine his or her  
6 statements to the subject matter before the Council and  
7 to avoid unnecessary repetition so that we may hear all  
8 of the concerns you and your neighbors may have.

9 Again be advised that we cannot directly  
10 answer questions from the public. However, we will note  
11 all the questions and they will become part of the  
12 record.

13 In fairness to everyone who wishes to  
14 speak, we're asking that your statements be limited to  
15 three minutes. We have this stoplight system, which  
16 given the number of people that have asked to speak,  
17 we're going to hopefully use it, but hopefully -- and the  
18 way it works is for the first two and a half minutes I  
19 guess it stays green. And then you'll get a warning, a  
20 yellow warning when your three-minute time has expired.

21 A verbatim transcript will be made of this  
22 hearing and deposited at the East Hartford Town Clerk's  
23 Office for the convenience of the public.

24 And before I call on those who have signed

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1 up on the list to make statements, I'm going to ask the  
2 Applicant to make a brief presentation to the public  
3 describing where the facility is proposed to be located,  
4 why it's necessary, and the alternatives that were  
5 investigated. And does your system work or not?

6 MR. CHRISTOPHER B. FISHER: Thank you,  
7 Chairman. We are having a little difficulty as far as  
8 the ability to do a power point presentation. So I'm  
9 going to do a presentation. And with me Scott Chasse  
10 will use the boards to just orient the public for  
11 purposes of the project.

12 This particular project started in 2010 by  
13 AT&T, which was looking for an area to build a facility  
14 to provide service to the southeastern portion of East  
15 Hartford. At that time, AT&T leased a site at 56 Hill  
16 Street. AT&T also at that time consulted with the Town  
17 of East Hartford on the project. And there was a period  
18 of about six or seven months or more where we looked at  
19 various town owned properties. For those in the public,  
20 they may recall there was discussion as to whether or not  
21 there were alternatives at local schools or parks, like  
22 Gorman Park as an example. The town decided ultimately  
23 not to enter into a lease agreement with AT&T, so we  
24 moved forward on private sites, one being, as I mentioned

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1 56 Hill Street, and additionally a site at 465 Hill  
2 Street.

3 The Applicants are Message Center  
4 Management. Message Center Management is a tower  
5 infrastructure developer. They would work with AT&T in  
6 order to build the facility. They would own and maintain  
7 the facility. Additionally, AT&T would locate on either  
8 one of the towers that's been proposed.

9 The need for the service would be both for  
10 coverage and capacity reasons. Earlier today, the  
11 Council asked a number of AT&T's witnesses some  
12 questions. And there's materials on-line. And I can  
13 turn it over to Mr. Chasse for -- or I could go through a  
14 quick presentation if it -- if it loads -- but Mr.  
15 Chasse, if you could just take the folks through the site  
16 plan.

17 MR. SCOTT CHASSE: Site A is the property  
18 that's -- excuse me -- 465 Hill Street. It's an existing  
19 residential property that has a wetland system on the  
20 mid-section. North on this page is up. The proposed  
21 telecommunications facility is proposed in the center of  
22 the 11 plus acre site, located here.

23 The proposed compound is a 63-by-75 foot  
24 enclosed compound area that has a shadowbox fence around



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1 the perimeter of it. The lease area in which it sits is  
2 75-by-75. The proposed facility is approximately 74 feet  
3 -- nice -- (pause) -- approximately 74 east from the  
4 western property boundary --

5 COURT REPORTER: A microphone --

6 MR. CHASSE: -- approximately 74 feet from  
7 the western property boundary.

8 Within the lease area, as I've indicated,  
9 is the proposed compound. It will consist of a 63-by-75  
10 enclosure with a shadowbox eight-foot high fence. Within  
11 that will be AT&T's 12-by-20 prefabricated equipment  
12 shelter. And in the center or a portion of the center of  
13 the proposed facility there will be a 117-foot monopine.

14 A monopine is a monopole that is -- it's  
15 got branching on it that emulates a monopine -- excuse  
16 me, a pine tree. The top of the steel structure is 110  
17 feet above grade, and then there's a topper for the tree  
18 branches on top of that, that goes another seven feet.  
19 So the total is 117 feet above grade. And the proposal  
20 as it stands today is to have the tower designed to be  
21 accommodating a 20-foot extension, such that the overall  
22 future potential height could be 130-foot of tower, plus  
23 the seven-foot topper, for a total of 137 feet above  
24 grade.

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1                   Currently, AT&T has proposed to install  
2 antennas that will be camouflaged within the subject  
3 monopine consistent with antennas and appurtenances on a  
4 platform. The tower facility will also be designed to  
5 accommodate additional carriers, two below, and the  
6 town's emergency services, fire department's microwave  
7 dish and a whip antenna at 110 feet.

8                   The utilities to the site are proposed to  
9 originate from an existing SNET telephone pole that has  
10 power services on it at the end of Eagle Court. Access  
11 will be granted through the end of the cul-de-sac along  
12 the western perimeter of the parcel, along this side  
13 line, and then into the facility. Some minor grading in  
14 the area for stormwater control is proposed. And the  
15 proposed development includes the removal of 10 trees,  
16 four of which are currently dead or very near death.

17                   Site B is located at 56 Hill Street, which  
18 is a five plus acre parcel, and it's shown here on the  
19 map. And on this particular plan north is up the page.  
20 The existing site is serviced by a gravel and grass lined  
21 access-way or some of it's a goat path, that leads from  
22 Hill Street down into the middle portion of the property.  
23 There is going to -- improvements that are proposed  
24 include some minor grading. As you get passed the fence

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1 here, there's an existing aboveground -- or excuse me --  
2 above grade utility pole that at this point utilities are  
3 proposed to emulate from Hill Street over -- overhead on  
4 the existing pole run to this pole and then underground  
5 and traverse to the proposed facility.

6 This facility at 56 Hill, Site B, is a 50-  
7 by-50 compound that's situated within a 100-by-100 lease  
8 area. The proposed tower configuration for this site is  
9 exactly the same as the A site. And that being that it  
10 is a monopine type of monopole and that it will be 110  
11 feet tall to start with a 7-foot topper, for a total  
12 height of 117 feet, with the design potential of going an  
13 additional 20 feet so that it will be 130 feet tall, with  
14 the topper, bringing it again to 137 feet. That is what  
15 is proposed at the moment.

16 AT&T is again co-locating with their  
17 antenna array at a hundred feet above grade just like  
18 they were on the 465 Hill Street parcel. And the town  
19 also has their municipal services shown at 110 feet above  
20 grade.

21 Within this 50-by-50 compound, AT&T again  
22 will have a 12-by-20 prefabricated equipment shelter. I  
23 failed to mention but I will now as well with this site  
24 that it also includes an equipment slab for a potential -

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1 - or excuse me -- for the potential co-location of the  
2 town's municipal equipment for servicing their antennas  
3 and their microwave dish.

4 AT&T also is proposing a 9-by-4 concrete  
5 slab that will equip a generator for emergency backup  
6 power.

7 MR. FISHER: And just a few more details,  
8 Chairman, and then we'll turn it back to you.

9 This is in the public record, but for  
10 those interested, a facility like this is regulated by  
11 both the Federal Communications Commission and the  
12 Department of Public Health. Here is an analysis that  
13 shows that the radio frequency energy associated with  
14 the facility with both the fire department and AT&T fully  
15 complies with all of those federal and state regulations.

16 Additionally, there are many more detailed  
17 photographs that are on the Council's website that you  
18 could go to if you want to take a look. We just selected  
19 a few for an example. This is from Hill Street adjacent  
20 to 414 Hill Street. This is a view of Site A, 465 Hill  
21 Street. This is actually the 117-foot proposed monopine  
22 structure here.

23 Here's another shot from Eagle Court at  
24 the end of the cul-de-sac where the access drive would be

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1 located, which is here. This is actually the facility  
2 itself. And you can see there's some evergreen trees in  
3 the area.

4 These are some viewshed maps that are  
5 shown in the record. Earlier today Mr. Libertine  
6 testified that essentially views similar to what I just  
7 showed you are limited pretty much to about a quarter-  
8 mile around the site.

9 This is some selected views of the site at  
10 56 Hill Street, which we call Site B. This is along Hill  
11 Street. Again this is the monopine structure in that  
12 particular location.

13 Here's another shot from Greenhurst Lane.  
14 Here's the structure here. And again, this is a little  
15 more technical information, but it shows that the  
16 viewshed is really limited to about a quarter-mile around  
17 the actual proposed facility. Thank you, Chairman.

18 CHAIRMAN STEIN: Thank you. I'd like to  
19 start with the Vice Chairman of the Town Council, Mr.  
20 Horan.

21 MR. WILLIAM HORAN: Mr. Chairman, if you  
22 don't mind, I'd prefer to defer to the constituency that  
23 --

24 CHAIRMAN STEIN: Okay, but -- but

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1 everybody -- if you're going to -- any comment has to --  
2 if you want it on the transcript, which we do, it has to  
3 be from the microphone.

4 MR. HORAN: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Bill  
5 Horan, 25 Rustic Lane, East Hartford, Vice Chairman of  
6 the East Hartford Town Council. I'd prefer to reserve my  
7 comments until after I've heard my constituency speak.  
8 Having served 16 years on the Town Council, I think it  
9 behooves me to listen to the opinions of the electors, if  
10 I could? I think I signed up about 15th on that list.  
11 If you'd prefer to have me where I signed up, that would  
12 be fine, but I'd prefer --

13 CHAIRMAN STEIN: Okay. It's up to you.  
14 You can -- you can speak now or speak at the end or --

15 MR. HORAN: I'll speak at the end --

16 CHAIRMAN STEIN: -- or just listen like --

17 MR. HORAN: -- thank you --

18 CHAIRMAN STEIN: -- okay.

19 MR. HORAN: Thank you, sir.

20 CHAIRMAN STEIN: Thank you. Okay, we'll  
21 go down the list. And I want to apologize in advance if  
22 I mispronounce names and also there are a few that I'm  
23 challenged to read, but will do my best. The first  
24 speaker on the list is Eileen Cumer.

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1 MS. EILEEN COMER: Comer.

2 CHAIRMAN STEIN: Comer.

3 MS. COMER: Good evening. My name is  
4 Eileen Comer, and I reside at 34 Romar Drive in East  
5 Hartford.

6 The CSC has asked us to express our  
7 concerns about having a cell tower in our backyard. And  
8 based on information from the CSC report on Docket 436,  
9 it appears that the 56 Hill Street location would be a  
10 far more intrusive site, visible to more than twice as  
11 many residents than the 465 Hill Street site. In  
12 addition, there are twice as many residences at 56 Hill  
13 Street within 1,000 feet of the structure.

14 In an article in the Reminder, in November  
15 of 2012 our Mayor Marcia LeClerc indicated that the 465  
16 Hill Street site would be a less intrusive location.  
17 However, this is not up to our mayor but to the CSC. My  
18 neighbors on Schaffer Drive would wake up each morning  
19 looking at the very base of this structure. It's  
20 unfortunate you didn't have a picture of the Schaffer  
21 Drive view. One house in particular would see the tower  
22 directly over their backyard fence. It would be located  
23 only 156 feet from their property. There are no trees  
24 there. At the 465 Hill Street location, the nearest

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1 neighbor would be 244 feet away.

2 If a cell phone tower must be built in an  
3 neighborhood in East Hartford, and nobody wants it in  
4 their yard, it appears that 465 Hill Street would be more  
5 appropriate based on the findings of the CSC as far as  
6 intrusiveness is concerned. Thank you.

7 CHAIRMAN STEIN: Thank you. Nancy Peck.

8 MS. NANCY PECK: Good evening. My name is  
9 Nancy Peck and I reside at 384 Oak Street, and that's in  
10 the southeast portion of East Hartford. It's also  
11 unaffectionally known as the dead zone as far as cell  
12 service is concerned.

13 I appreciate the Applicants' concerns for  
14 the Box Turtle, and it seems like they will be addressing  
15 the Box Turtle needs.

16 Also, I appreciate the concerns for the  
17 aesthetics of the tower that they will be putting up.  
18 What was mentioned earlier was a tower that's off of I-91  
19 in Windsor near Park Avenue. And it took me several  
20 times before I even noticed that it was a cell tower  
21 there. I don't know how long that thing has been there.  
22 And if a cell tower similar to that is erected, I think  
23 it would blend in wonderfully with the environment.

24 The only thing I would be concerned about



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1 was I know there was some mention of bark earlier.  
2 Trees generally do not look metallic, so I'd be for the  
3 bark.

4 We have an issue in the south end of town  
5 with reception. The public safety is one of my concerns  
6 with the police now using cell phones and the fire  
7 department, they need the connection. It's been rather  
8 weak in the area. I think Site A, which is 465 Hill  
9 Street, would better serve the southeastern portion of  
10 the town. And thank you very much for your time.

11 CHAIRMAN STEIN: Thank you. Carolyn  
12 Rogers. And also would -- everybody, would you please  
13 when you come up, spell your last name so we make sure we  
14 have it properly for the transcript. Thank you.

15 MR. OTIS ROGERS: Good afternoon. My Otis  
16 and this is my wife Carolyn. We actually live right in  
17 the back, and I took a few pictures of the tower being  
18 put up. It is right in my backyard. I feel that it  
19 shouldn't be there because it causes health problems as I  
20 did a lot of research on it and it's going to cause  
21 cancer and everything else, brain tumors and everything.  
22 I did a research, so I have some pictures here if you'd  
23 like to see them. I'm at 41 Schaffer Drive, which is  
24 right in the backyard of -- my fence is right -- almost

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1 close to his -- to the area where he going to be putting  
2 up at.

3 CHAIRMAN STEIN: If -- if you want, I  
4 guess the only way you can do it is you pass your cell  
5 phone around. We do have also a letter in the record  
6 from both of you.

7 (pause)

8 CHAIRMAN STEIN: And I don't know, were  
9 you planning to say anything additional or just --

10 A VOICE: No.

11 CHAIRMAN STEIN: No? Okay. And while  
12 they're doing that -- I'm sorry, I can't read the last  
13 name -- is there a Don -- Reid -- or something --

14 MR. DONALD ROSS: Ross.

15 CHAIRMAN STEIN: Ross. I guess it's Ross.  
16 Okay.

17 MR. DONALD ROSS: Yes. My name is Don  
18 Ross, R-o-s-s. I live at 64 Wickham Drive. And I've  
19 been there for almost 30 years. This is my wife Ann. I  
20 didn't know she was with me.

21 I was reading the morning paper, the East  
22 Hartford Gazette and I see that the mayor was quoted as  
23 saying it would have been intrusive to residential  
24 properties regarding the 56 Hill Street location. And

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1 I'm wondering why wouldn't that apply as well to the  
2 Wickham Drive -- or the 465 Hill Street location. The  
3 language of the minutes states that the Connecticut  
4 Siting Council would not approve a residential  
5 neighborhood location for cell tower placement. The  
6 mayor said that putting a tower on 56 Hill Street would  
7 be intrusive to residential properties. Well this is  
8 even more so -- a more dense residential property area it  
9 would seem to me.

10 It goes on to say a German 10-year study  
11 done from 1994 to 2004 revealed that living within 400  
12 meters, one-quarter mile of a cell tower increase the  
13 risks of developing cancer by 300 percent. An Israel  
14 study done, it goes on to say, in 2004 indicated an  
15 association between increased incidents of cancer in  
16 living in proximity to a cell tower. Those living near  
17 cell tower are 4.15 times more likely to develop cancer.  
18 And it finishes by saying a Poland military study done in  
19 1996, studied the cancer death for all career military  
20 personnel, approximately 128,000 persons each year  
21 between 1971 and -- that study revealed a persons  
22 occupant -- occupancy exposed to RF emissions were nearly  
23 twice as likely to develop brain tumors, 13.9 times more  
24 likely to develop chronic myeloid leukemia, 8.62 times

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1 more likely to develop acute myeloblastic leukemia, and  
2 5.82 times more likely to develop non-Hodgkin's  
3 lymphomas. And it just finishes by saying a 2008 Belgian  
4 study revealed genetic damage, and an India study of 2009  
5 revealed an increase in brain tumors due to the damage to  
6 the blood brain barriers.

7 A United States study done in 2010 reports  
8 biological effects from exposures to electromagnetic  
9 radiation from cell towers; the effects include genetic  
10 growth and reproductive, increased and permeability of  
11 the blood brain barrier, behavioral, molecular, cellular,  
12 and metabolic, and increased cancer risks.

13 And I don't think there's anything else  
14 that I'd like to say, but I'd like to bring those to the  
15 attention of everyone here.

16 MS. ANN ROSS: My name is Ann Ross, R-o-s-  
17 s, and I reside at 64 Wickham Drive.

18 I'd like to say first of all the studies  
19 that you have are really outdated. They go back to 1998.  
20 You really should present more up to date information as  
21 far as the effects of cell towers and as it affects the  
22 environment and as it affects people's health.

23 I have a report -- I was doing some  
24 research on it and I have a report on cell tower

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1 radiation that was presented to the Department of  
2 Transportation in Delhi, India. India has had cell  
3 towers much longer than the U.S. has, and they've done a  
4 lot more comprehensive studies. This is presented by  
5 Professor Garishcumar (phonetic) in 2010, and it states  
6 that 30 -- it states that many, many -- up to 30  
7 different doctors from Harvard claim that there's a lot  
8 of serious damages from cell phone towers, that it's  
9 really a cell phone -- it's really an emergency that we  
10 have to address. It also talks about all the different  
11 aspects of cell phone towers and the cancer that my  
12 husband just mentioned, and how it affects children in  
13 women who are pregnant.

14 We do have two schools within the area.  
15 That's going to affect our children. Let's think about  
16 their future. How is this going to affect them five  
17 years down the road. If you find out from the studies  
18 that haven't been done yet that it's going to cause  
19 drastic cancer, how are you going to feel about that?

20 It also talks about the environment and  
21 how it's going to affect our birds, it's going to affect  
22 the species that inhabit the area very very closely. And  
23 it's also going to affect the flowers, the trees,  
24 everything. It's going to affect everything. And it's

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1 also going to drive the property values down and people  
2 are going to move out of the area, and that's going to  
3 affect our taxes in East Hartford.

4 So I really want you to consider that, the  
5 damage that this is going to do. I really think you  
6 should place it somewhere else away from the residential  
7 area as well as away from schools and children. Thank  
8 you.

9 CHAIRMAN STEIN: Thank you --

10 (applause)

11 CHAIRMAN STEIN: -- Rebecca Parry.

12 MS. REBECCA PARRY: Good evening. My name  
13 is Rebecca Parry. The last name is spelled P-a-r-r-y.  
14 And I live at 53 Wickham Drive, East Hartford,  
15 Connecticut. My property borders on Site A, 465 Hill  
16 Street. And I am one of the landowners who will have a  
17 year-round view of the proposed hideously ugly cell  
18 tower.

19 I am here to oppose the approval of this  
20 application. And I find it very interesting in all the  
21 photos that you showed there's not one that was taken in  
22 the winter or the fall with the leaves down. And it's  
23 ugly as it is --

24 (applause)

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1 MS. PARRY: -- I think that's extremely --  
2 I just find that to be one-sided. So that's -- I've read  
3 the application thoroughly and the propaganda submitted  
4 by the Applicants that's been made available on the  
5 Siting Council's website. According to the Applicant's  
6 contentions, the public need for the facility outweighs  
7 any adverse environmental effects that result from  
8 construction, operation, and maintenance of a tower,  
9 ground equipment and maintenance road. I find that  
10 statement to be ridiculous.

11 Let us be clear why we are here today.  
12 The proposed installation is not about the need of the  
13 public. It is about the greed of a corporation and the  
14 desire to make money at the expense of ordinary working  
15 citizens --

16 (applause)

17 CHAIRMAN STEIN: Again -- you know --  
18 excuse me -- you know people you can clap all you want,  
19 but that's going to take time away from both you and  
20 other people.

21 MS. PARRY: You're taking -- but thank  
22 you. Here we go. They would not have hired an expensive  
23 law firm to push their agenda if they could not make  
24 money. This is not helping anyone but their

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1 shareholders. This is our neighborhood. The people who  
2 sit behind me, we live here, we pay taxes. We're the  
3 ones who are going to see our property values plummet  
4 because of this hideous eyesore. The National  
5 Association of Realtors states that property values can  
6 decline up to 25 percent within the radius of a cell  
7 tower installation.

8                   This area is a residential zone. Why are  
9 we even here? Zoning laws were created to protect  
10 neighborhoods from greedy developers and the  
11 inconsiderate landowners who would cater to them. The  
12 term residential in general should be enough to safeguard  
13 residents from cell tower construction. This 117-foot  
14 tower clearly violates the specifics in the East Hartford  
15 residential zoning laws that prohibit the construction of  
16 structures in excess of 35 feet high within residential  
17 zones.

18                   They talked about the environmental impact  
19 statement and I find it weak. I have a degree in  
20 environmental engineering and I've read their  
21 environmental impact statement and I find it incomplete.  
22 They've done an incomplete assessment on the wildlife,  
23 the deer, the fox, the rabbits, the birds, the bats, the  
24 squirrels, etcetera. It needs to be more thorough.



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1                   Eight years ago I bought this house  
2 because of the natural quality of the area. And you all  
3 saw it when you went there this afternoon. It's  
4 beautiful. The cell tower construction would severely  
5 negatively impact the quality of life in this  
6 neighborhood and completely change its nature. We, the  
7 citizens that live here, will unfairly bear the brunt of  
8 this negative impact.

9                   We disagree with the Applicants. The  
10 adverse environmental effects far outweigh the minor  
11 inconvenience of an occasional cell phone call dropped by  
12 someone driving down Hill Street -- (beeper going off) --  
13 driving down Hill Street in his BMW on the way to  
14 Glastonbury.

15                   I urge you to reject this application and  
16 send a message that working class families deserve to be  
17 respected and not have their residences turned into a  
18 commercial development zone. Thank you.

19                   (applause)

20                   CHAIRMAN STEIN: Janice May --

21                   A VOICE: Can I request that that squelch  
22 sound not be made in the speaker right next to my ear  
23 please? It's incredibly loud.

24                   CHAIRMAN STEIN: We'll -- we'll attempt to

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1 reduce it --

2 A VOICE: Thank you --

3 CHAIRMAN STEIN: -- but also -- also, in  
4 order to avoid that if people could keep their remarks to  
5 under three minutes, we wouldn't have that problem --

6 A VOICE: Well I would appreciate it if I  
7 don't have --

8 CHAIRMAN STEIN: Okay --

9 A VOICE: -- but thank you.

10 MS. JANICE MAY: Hi, good evening. My  
11 name is Janice May, M-a-y. I'm here to speak about my  
12 support actually for the tower being at 56 Hill Street  
13 due to geography, practicality, and the safety of  
14 actually our students.

15 I work as a teacher at East Hartford High  
16 School. I'm a coach at East Hartford High School. I'm  
17 the advisor for the Outdoors Club. And I run events with  
18 kids after hours, late at night and weekends. And  
19 continuously I have issues, and some of them serious  
20 issues where I need to make contact with parents, with  
21 the bus company, with rides home after hours or like on a  
22 Saturday, and I have no cell phone reception. So the  
23 safety of the kids sometimes is in jeopardy because, you  
24 know, if it's after hours, I can't get in the building to

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1 then get a land line to then make these calls. As an  
2 athletic coach, we've had issues with the bus company  
3 that have forgotten our trips or, you know, whatever our  
4 administrative problem has been, but to try to call the  
5 bus company to then not be late for a contest, again I  
6 can't do because of the sketchy service with the high  
7 school being kind of dropped down in that -- in that  
8 hole.

9 So as far as dealing with the safety of  
10 the kids and the contacts for things that we are doing as  
11 educators outside of our normal workday, I would like the  
12 consistency of knowing that I can use my cell phone after  
13 hours so that the kids are safe, their rides are there,  
14 you know, they're getting picked up on time, or if things  
15 do change, I have the confidence knowing that my cell  
16 phone reception is going to be consistent. Thank you.

17 (pause - tape change)

18 CHAIRMAN STEIN: I'm not sure this is --  
19 Janice and Frank Mas --

20 MS. JANICE MASTROPASQUA: Mastropasqua.

21 CHAIRMAN STEIN: Thank you.

22 MS. MASTROPASQUA: Good evening. My name  
23 is Janice Mastropasqua and this is my husband Frank. We  
24 live at 42 Hill Street.

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1                   If the residents of East Hartford had not  
2                   objected to a cell tower in Gorman Park last year where  
3                   the Town of East Hartford would have profited each month,  
4                   we would not be here tonight.

5                   We're here in hopes that the Siting  
6                   Council will not choose 56 Hill Street. We live at 42  
7                   Hill Street, which is right next door to 56 Hill Street.  
8                   The property is pie shaped and surrounded by residential  
9                   homes, at least 16 of them being approximately 270 feet  
10                  or less to the proposed cell tower. Only -- and one is  
11                  153 feet from the cell tower. The back of this property  
12                  is all wetlands, and without a doubt has turtles too.

13                  Everyone was concerned last year about the  
14                  children being affected if the tower was installed near a  
15                  school or a park. Why is no one concerned about the 16  
16                  families who also have children and would be living very  
17                  close to this proposed tower at 56 Hill Street?

18                  This afternoon the fire department  
19                  strongly recommended a cell tower be installed as far  
20                  southeast as possible. AT&T already has a tower on  
21                  Forbes Street, which is only a half a mile from 56 Hill  
22                  Street. 465 is further southeast.

23                  I do not envy any of the Siting Council  
24                  members in making this decision. I truly hope that you

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1 will take into consideration when determining where this  
2 proposed cell tower will be installed (1) the size of  
3 each parcel of land; (2) the proximity of many  
4 residential homes; (3) the effects of the wetlands on  
5 surrounding homes; and (4) the unknown long-term health  
6 concerns. Thank you for your time.

7 MR. FRANK MASTROPASQUA: Thank you very  
8 much.

9 (applause)

10 CHAIRMAN STEIN: Thank you. Jessica  
11 Currier.

12 MS. JESSICA CURRIER: Hello. My name is  
13 Jessica Currier, C-u-r-r-i-e-r. I live at 73 Wickham  
14 Drive. If the tower is placed at 465 Hill Street, it  
15 will be directly behind my home. I am opposed to the  
16 placement of a cell tower at 465 Hill Street.

17 I have collected just over a hundred  
18 signatures since Sunday on the following petition, a  
19 petition against the construction, maintenance, and  
20 operation of a cell phone tower located at 465 Hill  
21 Street.

22 The special state concerned species of the  
23 Eastern Box Turtle's active period will be greatly  
24 affected. This species has been negatively impacted by

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1 the loss of suitable habitat in the area. The area is a  
2 part of a high traffic animal route noted by the deer  
3 crossing signs located by the property on Hill Street.  
4 Here are two pictures of the deer crossing signs in front  
5 of the property on 465 Hill Street.

6 The construction, maintenance, and  
7 operation of this cell phone tower will negatively affect  
8 the wildlife. I often find the Box Turtles in my  
9 backyard. They definitely make their presence known.  
10 They are on the State's list of endangered, threatened,  
11 and special concern species. Letting the contractors be  
12 aware of the Box Turtles presence is not a guarantee  
13 their species will be protected. That was -- that was  
14 what was said earlier today by the gentleman who gave  
15 their presentation about the Box Turtles. That isn't  
16 good enough as far as I'm concerned. They are on this  
17 list for a reason. Can't we just leave them and let them  
18 be in peace? What about the other wildlife like the  
19 deer, the fox, and the Blue Herons? They're running out  
20 of room of places to go.

21 On another note, I am a mother of a  
22 vibrant three-year-old son. I am sickened by the thought  
23 of a cell tower being that close to my home. Located on  
24 Map 63, my address is Lot 337, which is listed as the

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1 closest off-site residence within 244 feet of the cell  
2 phone tower. According to a German study that was done  
3 from '94 to 2004, it states that living within a quarter  
4 mile of a cell tower increases the risk of developing  
5 cancer by 300 percent. I have a three-year-old child.

6 Another study that was done in Israel  
7 revealed that living near a cell tower increased by 4.5  
8 times the rate of cancer. In Scotland -- in Scotland  
9 towers are not allowed near schools, homes, or hospitals.  
10 In Switzerland, Austria, and Eastern Europe, countries  
11 have strict protective standards for human exposure to  
12 radio frequency waves.

13 In the United States I feel that the  
14 research is funded by the cell phone companies and so I  
15 don't trust the research done in the United States. A  
16 study done in the United States did report that --  
17 biological damage from RF radiation of cell towers, this  
18 damage included infertility, abnormal cell growth, damage  
19 to cellular DNA, childhood and adult leukemia, and  
20 cancer. Again, I will be living 244 feet from this  
21 tower.

22 Please think of my family's health and do  
23 not approve this placement at 465 Hill Street. Thank  
24 you.

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1 CHAIRMAN STEIN: Thank you.

2 (applause)

3 CHAIRMAN STEIN: Marcy Gionfriddo.

4 MS. MARCY GIONFRIDDO: Good evening. My  
5 name is Marcy Gionfriddo, G-i-o-n-f-r-i-d-d-o. I live at  
6 89 Wickham Drive, and my parents, Eugene and Ann Moran,  
7 live at 74 Wickham Drive.

8 I am opposed to the cell tower being built  
9 on property located at 465 Hill Street. The proposed  
10 location of this tower is directly behind 81 Wickham  
11 Drive, my next door neighbor.

12 Included in the minutes of the Historic  
13 District Commission meeting of November 7, 2011, it  
14 stated Mayor LeClerc reported meeting with AT&T, the town  
15 has provided alternate sites, including Foran Park and  
16 Gorman Park. A study will be developed at the Gorman  
17 Park site as it is anticipated the Connecticut Siting  
18 Council would not approve a residential neighborhood  
19 location for cell tower placement. As we know, the  
20 residents of the Gorman Park area were against a cell  
21 tower being built there, so another location had to be  
22 found. Unfortunately, someone picked my backyard.

23 I also read an article in the Reminder  
24 discussing putting the cell tower in the rear property at



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1 56 Hill Street where Mayor LeClerc said it was a very  
2 open neighborhood, it would have been intrusive to  
3 residential properties. The language in the minutes that  
4 the Connecticut Siting Council would not approve a  
5 residential neighborhood location for cell tower  
6 placement and Mayor LeClerc said putting a tower at 56  
7 Hill Street would be intrusive to residential properties,  
8 I am curious, isn't Wickham Drive a residential  
9 neighborhood with residential properties? Why are we not  
10 being given the same courtesies as other residential  
11 properties.

12 A German study -- a 10-year study done  
13 from '94 to 2004 revealed that living within 400 meters,  
14 a quarter of a mile of a cell tower increases the risk of  
15 developing cancer by 300 percent. An Israel study done  
16 in 2004 indicated an association between increased  
17 incidents of cancer and living in proximity to a cell  
18 tower. Those living near a cell tower are 4.15 times  
19 more likely to develop cancer. A Poland military study,  
20 as my neighbor had said, also revealed that it is twice  
21 as likely to develop brain tumors, 13.9 more times likely  
22 to develop chronic myeloid leukemia, 8.6 times more  
23 likely to develop acute myeloblastic leukemia, and 5.8  
24 times more likely to develop non-Hodgkin's lymphomas. A

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1 2008 Belgium study revealed genetic damage, and an India  
2 study in 2009 revealed an increase of brain tumors due to  
3 the damage in the blood brain barrier, all from cell  
4 towers.

5 A United States study done in 2010 reports  
6 biological effects from exposure to electromagnetic  
7 radiation from cell towers. The effects include genetic  
8 growth and reproductive, increase in permeability of the  
9 blood brain barrier, behavioral, molecular, cellular, and  
10 metabolic, and increases in cancer risks. Do you see a  
11 pattern?

12 The tower will be within feet of my house.  
13 I have my two children living in that house and I'm not  
14 willing to gamble with their lives as to whether or not  
15 they will get a form of cancer because of this cell  
16 tower. Would you want to risk your children's lives?

17 There are Box Turtles that live in the  
18 wetlands at 465 Hill Street. The Box Turtle was added to  
19 the State's list of endangered, threatened, and special  
20 concern species. Do we know these Box Turtles will be  
21 affected? There's deer that live out there. I've seen  
22 14 of them at a time grazing out there. What will happen  
23 to the deer? It's almost magical at Christmastime to see  
24 these deer prancing around the street. Please, I beg

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1 you, do not put this cell tower there.

2 (applause)

3 CHAIRMAN STEIN: Okay, thank you. I have  
4 Eugene Moran and also a Valerie. Are you --

5 MS. GIONFRIDDO: Eugene isn't talking. I  
6 put him down by accident.

7 CHAIRMAN STEIN: Oh -- what about Valerie?

8 A VOICE: (Indiscernible) --

9 CHAIRMAN STEIN: Okay.

10 MS. VALERIE MORE: Good evening. My name  
11 is Valerie More. I live at 44 Greenbriar Road. I am  
12 very close to the 56 Hill Street property. It's a  
13 stone's throw away from me. Literally when I look out my  
14 front window, I will be looking at a cell tower.

15 Even though it's disguised as a tree -- my  
16 husband has put these cell towers up for another company.  
17 I've driven by them. They don't look anything like a  
18 tree. You want it to be blending in with trees? Go to  
19 Pratt property, stick it over on Brewer off of their  
20 property, or go into another town more southeast, the  
21 corner of Manchester, Glastonbury and East Hartford, more  
22 into the area where there's not as many residents.

23 My husband I have been living there for  
24 years. I've lived at this address my entire life, 41

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1 years. I want to raise my grandchildren here. My father  
2 just passed away three years ago from non-Hodgkin's  
3 lymphoma. Do I want to increase my family's chances?  
4 No. And why do I want to pay taxes to do that.

5 I recommend that this is refused. And the  
6 465 site, yes, if I look out my back door, I will be  
7 staring at that to. I'm smack in the middle of both  
8 sites. And they are within two elementary schools.  
9 These sites should not be approved at all. Thank you.

10 (applause)

11 CHAIRMAN STEIN: Ann Ross.

12 MS. ROSS: I already spoke.

13 CHAIRMAN STEIN: Oh --

14 MS. ROSS: Thank you.

15 CHAIRMAN STEIN: Oh, I'm -- your name was  
16 here twice. Okay. Mike Vargruskus?

17 MR. MICHAEL VANGRUSKUS: (Not spelled on  
18 record) Vangruskus. You were close.

19 CHAIRMAN STEIN: Thank you.

20 MR. VANGRUSKUS: Mike Vangruskus, 517 Hill  
21 Street. And just a couple of comments. I never knew  
22 what the Siting Council was, so I -- I saw a sign go up a  
23 few weeks ago. You know what, we all should have got a  
24 notice, alright. This is like in the blind, almost like

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1 what the town does sometimes with certain things. But  
2 this is another thing being jammed down our throats,  
3 alright.

4 AT&T is putting these boxes on the poles.  
5 They look like hell. You people should be driving  
6 around and looking at those. They're crooked, they're  
7 not level, they're up on the sidewalks, they're putting  
8 fiber optics and lines down the roads. Their lines look  
9 like hell, and it's getting worse and worse, alright.

10 Put this stuff somewhere else. You're not  
11 demoting my house any more. I'm sick of getting my house  
12 demoted. That's all I got to say.

13 (applause)

14 CHAIRMAN STEIN: Helen Hingcliff? Did I  
15 mispronounce that so badly that -- or -- Richard Rivard.

16 MR. RICHARD RIVARD: Good evening. My  
17 name is Richard Rivard and I reside on 491 Hill Street in  
18 East Hartford.

19 I'm here just to say and express my  
20 feelings about the site on 465 Hill Street, that I live  
21 literally three houses from the people that own the  
22 property. And I'm -- I really don't want that in my  
23 backyard for -- you know, for all the -- and I'm not  
24 going to repeat all the things everybody else has said

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1 eight times in a row because everybody has heard it  
2 already, but when I walk out on my back porch, that tower  
3 will be literally eye level with me.

4 And that -- I don't have a problem with  
5 the 56 Hill Street because I think that would be far  
6 enough from my property, but I realize there's other  
7 people that live in that area, but 465 Hill Street in my  
8 opinion is just too close for comfort. And that's  
9 basically what I have to say. Thank you.

10 (applause)

11 CHAIRMAN STEIN: Okay, that's the list of  
12 all the people that have signed up. I don't know whether  
13 Mr. Horan, the Vice Chair, whether you want to say  
14 something at this point or --

15 MR. HORAN: I would please, thank you.  
16 Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I appreciate the opportunity to  
17 be here today in your efforts to turn down the beef  
18 because I was fairly certain I was going to go over the  
19 time limit and anger somebody with that beep. So I'll do  
20 my best to keep my comments short.

21 25 Rustic Lane, East Hartford,  
22 Connecticut. I've lived in East Hartford my entire life,  
23 since 1965. I grew up on Stevens Street. And Corrine,  
24 my mother, still lives there, about a three-wood from the

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1 Homestead Dairy. And a few years ago as cell phones got  
2 to be more and more popular, up came a cell tower at the  
3 Homestead Dairy, and nobody cared at all. One of the  
4 reasons they didn't care was because it was a farm and  
5 there were tractors out there making noise, dropping  
6 fertilizer and seed, there were cows going back and  
7 forth, and it fit. We were a farming town at one time.  
8 Look around East Hartford now and try to find a building  
9 lot if you want to build a house and you're going to have  
10 a tough time because there isn't much space.

11 And there's two things that I believe in  
12 speaking with the constituents that called me and hearing  
13 what people said today, the first is that I think East  
14 Hartford does need a cell phone tower for police use, for  
15 personal use. As more and more houses stop using land  
16 lines and rely on cell phones, you need to have that  
17 service. The second thing that I believe and that I'm  
18 sure of is that it belongs at 56 Hill Street. It's a  
19 farm.

20 I think it's unusual -- I guess I'm only  
21 partly surprised because I did have some calls this  
22 weekend that people are worried that it's unsightly. I  
23 don't think it's all that bad. You could put it in my  
24 backyard if it doesn't work on either of these sites.

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1 I'm on Rustic and it would work just as well.

2 But on the lower end of Hill Street the  
3 people that are complaining are looking over their fence  
4 now and they're looking at Dominic the Christmas donkey,  
5 who Ken has had for years, there are sheep and goats out  
6 there. It's a farm, it's a working farm. And if they're  
7 not bothered by the goats, they're not bothered by the  
8 sheep, they're not bothered by the fowl, I don't see how  
9 they could possibly be bothered by this monopole tree.  
10 It belongs there.

11 456 -- I watched the U-Conn stadium get  
12 held up for a number of years over I think it was a  
13 Sandpiper or some kind of a small peeking frog. And Gary  
14 Labeau fought like heck against it. I think it still  
15 held up Rentschler Stadium for about four years. So I  
16 hope that if -- if it -- if the Wickham site is picked,  
17 that all these neighbors take a page out of their book  
18 and start talking about the deer that you're not going to  
19 find them in any places in East Hartford and the Box  
20 Turtles and all the other wildlife that you have at  
21 Wickham that you're not going to find in any other places  
22 and hold this tower up for years and years because it  
23 belongs at 56. Thank you.

24 (applause)



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1                   A VOICE: Mr. Chairman, may I speak? May  
2 I speak?

3                   CHAIRMAN STEIN: If you've already spoken,  
4 the answer is no. I want to give people who haven't --  
5 this is not --

6                   A VOICE: (Indiscernible) --

7                   CHAIRMAN STEIN: Wait a minute, I'm  
8 talking please, excuse me. This is not -- we're not --  
9 this is not a rebuttal cross-examination. If there's  
10 anybody who has not spoken and now wishes to speak -- if  
11 you have not spoken and wish to speak, please come up --  
12 go ahead and come up -- you sir and then you, and that  
13 will do it.

14                   MR. FRANK MASTROPASQUA: I believe if you  
15 -- my name is Frank Mastropasqua. I live at 42 Hill  
16 Street, East Hartford, Connecticut. M-a-s-t-r-o-p-a-s-q-  
17 u-a.

18                   A VOICE: (Indiscernible) -- you sat in  
19 front of me already and stated his name on the record --  
20 he's getting two bites at the apple.

21                   CHAIRMAN STEIN: Well I think he did -- at  
22 least now we've got this name spelled into the record. I  
23 think it was his wife who spoke. If you can -- you know,  
24 I'm not going to go back and forth, but if you can be

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1 very brief because your wife --

2 MR. MASTROPASQUA: I will be very brief.

3 CHAIRMAN STEIN: I assumed she represented  
4 both of you, but go ahead.

5 MR. MASTROPASQUA: If you go to the town  
6 records, 56 Hill Street is not a farm.

7 VOICES: (Indiscernible) --

8 MR. MASTROPASQUA: It's R2. He can call  
9 it -- they can call it anything they want. It's not a  
10 farm. Thank you very much for letting me speak.

11 CHAIRMAN STEIN: Okay. And that was --  
12 (applause)

13 CHAIRMAN STEIN: Yes, sir -- I don't --

14 MR. ROSS: I just have --

15 CHAIRMAN STEIN: No, you have to -- you  
16 have to come to the mic if you want to get it on the  
17 record.

18 MR. ROSS: He spoke --

19 CHAIRMAN STEIN: Wait, you already spoke,  
20 right?

21 MR. ROSS: Yeah. I just a quick question.

22 CHAIRMAN STEIN: Well, we're not --

23 MR. ROSS: Is it -- is it possible for the  
24 AT&T reps to address --

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1 COURT REPORTER: Your name -- your name -

2 -

3 MR. ROSS: Don Ross, 64 --

4 CHAIRMAN STEIN: The answer is no. I

5 think I know where you're going -- no, they're --

6 MR. ROSS: To address the health hazards

7 --

8 CHAIRMAN STEIN: No. And I'll tell you

9 why -- if you had listened to my initial comments,

10 there's a federal law that was passed in 1996 that

11 specifically states what the health standards are. And

12 if they're met and they have in the record as their --

13 that they show what their -- that their RF will be below

14 that, it's -- it's not a question.

15 Despite all -- the issue is with Congress.

16 If you want -- if you want to get the U.S. -- if you

17 believe that all these other studies all over the world

18 are more valid and more recent, you've got to get

19 Congress to change it, because every time -- whether

20 it's this Siting Council or some other entity tries to

21 impose their own standards, the courts throw it out. I

22 mean these are the facts that we have to deal with, so -

23 -

24 MR. ROSS: Okay, thank you. I think the

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1 truth has come out.

2 CHAIRMAN STEIN: Okay -- well -- yes,  
3 sir.

4 MR. KENNETH DIDOMENACUS: (Name not  
5 spelled on record) Good evening Council. My name is  
6 Kenneth Didomenacus. I am the owner of Maplecrest Farm.  
7 I would just like to let everybody know that I do have a  
8 sales tax number. I've filed a Schedule C for the last  
9 16 years. I produce over twenty-five hundred dollars in  
10 goods grown on site. We are a farm stand. Thank you.

11 (applause)

12 CHAIRMAN STEIN: Okay. And I'm -- we're  
13 not going to get into a debate as to what zoning says  
14 versus what the property is actually used for.

15 So before closing the hearing, I just want  
16 to announce that any briefs or proposed findings of fact  
17 may be filed with the Council by any party no later than  
18 July 8th of 2013.

19 Again anyone, including any of you and/or  
20 your neighbors who have not become a party, but who may  
21 desire to make his or her views known to the Council, may  
22 also file written statements with the Council within 30  
23 days of today.

24 The Council will issue draft findings of

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1 fact. And therefore, parties may identify any errors or  
2 inconsistencies between the Council's draft findings of  
3 fact and the record.

4 And as I also mentioned before, copies of  
5 the transcript of the hearing will be filed in the East  
6 Hartford Town Clerk's Office. And you can also go onto  
7 the website of the Siting Council for all the background  
8 information.

9 And I hereby declare this hearing  
10 adjourned and thank you all for your participation.

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12 (Whereupon, the hearing adjourned at 8:00  
13 p.m.)

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