# In The Matter Of: CONNECTICUT SITING COUNCIL Hearing Two 

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(Hearing commenced: 6:30 p.m.)

MR. MURPHY: This hearing is called to order. The date is September 1, 2015 at 6:30 p.m. My name's James Murphy; I'm the vice-chairman of the Connecticut Siting Council. Other members of the Council present today are Robert Hannon, designee for the commissioner, Robert Klee, of the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection. Commissioner Michael Caron, designee chairman of the house of Public Utilities and Regulatory Authority, Dr. Michael W. Klemens, and Daniel P. Lynch, Jr. Members of the staff is Melanie Bachman, our acting director and staff attorney, and Robert Mercier, our siting analyst.

This is a continuation of a public hearing that begin at 3:00 p.m. this afternoon. Copies of the hearing program and citizens guide reciting policy and procedures are available for members of the public. This hearing is held pursuant to the provisions to Title 16 of the Connecticut General Statutes and Uniform Administrative Procedures Act.

Upon application from Eversource Energy was a certificate of the environmental compatibility and public need for the continuation, maintenance and operation of 115
kilowatt bulk substation located at 290 Railroad Avenue, Greenwich, Connecticut, and two 115 kilowatt underground transmission circuit extending approximately 2.3 miles between the proposed substation and the existing Cos Cob substation in Greenwich, Connecticut and related substation improvements.

This application was received by the Council on June the 26, 2015. The applicant published notice of the filing of this application in the Greenwich Times and Stamford Advocate on June 24th and June 25, 2015. The Council's legal notice of the date and time of this hearing was published in the Greenwich Time on July 28, 2015.

Upon this Council's request, the applicant erected signs along the proposed project group so as to inform the public of the name of the applicant, the type of project, the hearing date and location, and contact information for the Council.

This afternoon members of the Council, staff, and public personally conducted a field review of the proposed project and the route in order to observe firsthand potential effects of this proposal. This hearing session tonight has been reserved first to the public to make short statements into the record. These public statements are not subject to questions from the parties or the Council, and members of the public making these statements may not
ask questions of the parties or of the Council. These statements will become part of the record for consideration.

A sign-up sheet is available for those who would like to participate and for those who would like to speak this evening and who have not already signed up; please sign up with the sign-up sheets that are there at the stage off to my left. As a reminder, off the record communications with members of the Council or members of the Council staff upon the merits of this application is prohibited by law.

I wish to note that parties and interveners, including their representatives and witnesses, are not allowed to participate in the public comment session. I also wish to note that those who are here, and for the benefit of friends and neighbors who are unable to join us for this public comment session, that you or they may send written statements to the Council within 30 days of this date, and such written statement will be given the same weight as if that was spoken here before us this evening.

We ask each person making a public statement in this proceeding to confine his or her statements to the subject matter to the Council and to avoid unreasonable repetition so that we may hear all the concerns you and your neighbors may have. Please be advised that the

Council cannot answer questions from the public about the proposal.

A verbatim transcript will be made of this hearing and deposited at the Greenwich Town Clerk's office for the convenience of the public. Before we turn to the public comment, though, the applicant will present a slide presentation of the project, and as soon as that's concluded we will proceed with the public hearing portion of the program. We're going to vacate the stage, so thank you.
(Video playing.)

MR. MURPHY: Before I start, just remind those who have not signed up and who do desire to speak this evening to sign up on the sign-up sheets that are at the edge of the stage. The first speaker is First Selectman Tesei.

MR. TESEI: Okay. Good evening members of the Connecticut Siting Council. Ms. Bachman, welcome to the Town of Greenwich. The Town of Greenwich through elected and appointed officials have initially expressed to you our areas of concern over Eversource's proposed substation and line project through the Connecticut Siting Council municipal consultation filing.

The directors of planning and zoning in the wetlands of water courses, parks and recreation, conservation and commissioner of public works have been responsive to Eversource for information as they prepare this application for submission to you, and tonight several of those officials are here in the audience, many of them sitting right up front. We recognize the need for adequate and reliable public utilities services. We are dependent upon you and the knowledge and expertise you have with the subject matter to determine the validity of the need for this requested project.

We are concerned about the proposed impact this project will have on the effected neighborhoods during construction. The proposed transmission line will require trenching or horizontal directional drilling through several residential areas. In contingency plans for and with the town to ameliorate the impact should be agreed upon in advance as a condition of your approval.

We are also concerned about the impact to our natural resources, notably, Bruce Park. The proposed transmission line run through or along significant portions of the park. Bruce Park is utilized by residents and visitors for active and passive recreation throughout the year, and the primary road through Bruce Park is widely used by the motorists to avoid traffic backups on

Interstate 95.
In addition, there are long-term concerns about the composition materials contained within the underground transmission lines that if they are breached can cause environmental impact to the water quality of Long Island Sound. And my comments as part of the municipal consultation filing, I've asked Eversource to reconsider using their present location at 330 Railroad Avenue to set up this new substation. Since that time it is confirmed this property has been sold and their proposal is to set up the new substation at 290 Railroad Avenue.

Based upon feedback from the town residents, improvements to the rendering of the facility at this location were provided. You will hear from our town planner, Katie DeLuca, on two further renderings for a facility at this location done by local architects that will better reflect the surrounding environment.

The Town of Greenwich maintains storm and sanitary sewer systems that run in close proximity to segments of this project, or horizontal directional drilling entrenching may take place. I am requesting you require Eversource to maintain continuance resources on the site of construction to be available for immediate deployment should any violation to our sanitary sources do occur during the construction period. The Town of

Greenwich should not bear the environmental and financial burden of Eversource's project.

Thank you for taking my comments and I know that the Town's professional staff will act diligently and cooperatively in assessing this project. You will be hearing from the town planner, Katie Deluca, who has thoughtfully and carefully examined the proposals with her peers and will further delineate the areas of concern for your careful and thoughtful review. Thank you.

MR. MURPHY: The next speaker is Katie
DeLuca.
MS. DELUCA: Good evening, Katie DeLuca, the
Town Planner. Evening members of the Council, Ms. Bachman. Thank you for this opportunity to speak this evening on this very important topic. I am joined by the members despite their being a conflict for their own public hearing this evening, so we are going to start ours an hour later, so if you would excuse us at $7: 30$ when we get up to leave. I should also note that the comments I'm going to read to you incorporate the input and concerns of town departments, including our Department of Public Works and our Department of Parks and Recreation, and directors are here this evening, and I have given you a hard copy of these comments.

I just -- you have the copies of the commission's

April 6, 2015 letter that outlines their findings based on two public meetings held in March. This year's side of the application materials provided by Eversource is daunting, but we do hope that you'll be able to read the April 6th letter in its entirety as it summarizes many hours of public hearing and public comment from the community who are extremely concerned about what potentially happens to the Town.

The municipal consultation filing presents technical information; however, on the subject that the commission deals with all the time, which is site planning, the technical information we have found to be woefully lacking. Technical information such as a survey or detailed site plan shows setbacks, building location, building height, driveway location, photometric plans, noise analysis; these have not been provided. We were told that this level of detail is only provided at the time of submission to the Siting Council, though, we still find this information is missing.

We are grateful to Eversource, however, for continuing to work with us in parallel track to these meetings by hiring an architect and providing a new schematic for the building. I am submitting for the record this evening, which is attached to this package, the minutes to the July 15, 2015 architectural review committee
meeting and an article from a local reporter that captures the sentiment of that meeting.

What is clear is that recommendation number one of the April 16 th memo still stands, which states that if the Council determines that 290 Railroad Avenue is the appropriate location for the new substation, then it is critical to the community that the site be designed by an architect who considers and strongly respects the prominence of the intersection, the surrounding neighborhood, and creates an architectural statement that relates to context, scale, and pedestrian use. The issue is of such concern to the commission and the community that if the design submitted to the Council is not in keeping with this recommendation, then it is strongly recommended that the Council require the substation be located in a less traveled and prominent location.

Lastly, on this topic I'm aware of at least two renderings by local architects that would be a welcome addition to our community. One of those architects will speak later tonight. The point is that there are plenty of examples nationwide of responsible design. It is simply unacceptable to have an eyesore and embarrassment at the intersection. The site plan area is an area that we know well. Siting the transmission lines and burying routes has been a steep learning curve. Frankly, we are relying very
heavily on your expertise to question Eversource and make the best decision for our town and what will be the least disruptive.

What will the Town of Greenwich receive in exchange for right of way clearing, trenching, blasting, laying in welded pipe, duct bank and vault installation, backfilling, cable installation, adding fluids of gas, and finally site restoration will be months and months of disruption. The answer we are told will be increased electrical capacity and a more reliable electrical distribution system. This is laudable, however, despite many requests we have not seen any data to prove this point. In fact, there are many questions regarding the data.

The executive summary provided by Eversource states that Greenwich continues to experience economic growth. Will the Council be requiring actual consumption data as derived from revenue metering from at least the past ten years to demonstrate there is, in fact, a need in our area? Is the load generated by the residential customers or the commercial customers. How do advances in efficiency factor into the projections. From a zoning standpoint we are very cognizant of residential and commercial growth, and if Eversource sees growth in electrical consumption, we'd like to know from what source
and how that data was figured. Does the needs assessment coincide with the needs assessment from other utilities such as water and sewer?

The application to the Council includes tables dealing with the 2013 actual summer peak loads, the 2014 through 2024 projected loads. Eversource should prove to the Council through load data graphing temperature for at least the last seven years that there is, in fact, an increase in demand and exactly what that increase is. This data will presumably help answer the question of whether maintenance fixes, such as larger transformers or large scale capital improvements, such as what they are proposing are warranted.

The footnote states that 2014 was a particularly mild summer and below their original projections. 2015 was a hot summer and presumably this data will be available within the next few weeks. Was there a strain on the system this year? Could a greater capacity transformer have mitigated that strain?

Section E42, determination of need in the submission materials, refers to the maintenance done over the years to the distribution network. We have received questions from the public about how a new transmission feeder and substation would increase system reliability if the Town's outages are related primarily to storms.

Maintenance is at the expense of utility, whereas, this large scale capital project is at the expense of rate payers. What maintenance options are there?

We've received questions from the public regarding the possible sale of excess energy to Con Edison given the proximity of the prospect substation project to the Town's western border. Does the Council consider this, given the impact to the Town and rate payers, a capital expense? Could the capacity and reliability issues be solved by putting in greater capacity generators at Cos Cob?

Eversource is proposing two high pressure fluid filled underground transmission lines. Problems associated with these lines include maintenance issues and possible contamination of surrounding soils and ground waters if there is leaking oil. The high pressured gas filled underground transmission line is a variation of the fluid filled line. In case of a leak or break in the cable system, the nitrogen gas is easier to deal with than the dielectric oil in the surrounding environment. Better yet, could a solid dielectric cable be used instead? We believe this alternative should be evaluated.

Eversource claim that they don't have the width to run underground lines in their existing easement right of way. If the Council thinks this route is a possible
solution, will Eversource be asked to provide the data on the wick? We think they should. Main disadvantages to the high pressure fluid filled systems, which are being proposed here, the main disadvantages have been stated in the 2000 application to the Connecticut Council by CL and P, now Eversource, for the Connecticut portion of the Greater Springfield Reliability Project. And what they identified in that report is as follows: That if a leak occurs in the steel pipe fluid will leak out into the surrounding soil. So we question the route that has been discussed going through water courses.

Will monitoring systems be used to provide an early indication of the presence of a leak? Another problem associated is that the filling fluid is at a high pressure. It is stored in large reservoirs situated at various points along the cable route and can float easily and quickly to the point of any leak. Where will these reservoirs be stored in town?

Third problem: Steel pipes will corrode if they come into contact with water, and soils, and salt in the soil just like a car kept at the coast will rust quickly. If the protection over the surface of the pipes is damaged, corrosion's likely to occur, and eventually the corrosion will travel through the pipe wall and result in a fluid leak. Special equipment is necessary to reduce the risk of
corrosion. How are the pipes proposed in our town going to be monitored?

Fourth problem: Cable cords are free to move and slide within the steel pipe. Special design measures must be taken on routes with steep slopes in order to prevent cable damage. When will the topographic data and site analysis be provided to the Council and to the Town? Last problem: Some North American utilities are now installing systems in preference to the HPFF at transmission voltages up to 340 kilovolts. If this trend continues, the availability of the HPFF spares in expertise could become a longer term problem.

So what has progressed in the last seven years since this report? What equipment will be on hand to handle these maintenance issues? If the Council finds that the high pressured fluid filled pipes are the answer, then the Town would expect a detailed spill control plan be required. The estimate for potential line leakage is apparently one lead every 25 years. And soil contaminated with leaking dielectric oil is classified as a hazardous waste. This means the contaminated soil would have to be remediated. The Town would also expect a detailed hazard mitigation plan to be put in place in perpetuity.

The question of what is the best route is up to the wisdom of the Council, and we thank you for your
diligence in weighing the pros and cons of each route as we recognize it will be disruptive no matter what.

If the right of way is in a residential area, construction hours and the amount of equipment operating simultaneously will need to be eliminated to reduce noise levels. In commercial and industrial areas special measures may be needed to keep access to business open or to control traffic during rush hours. It is a difficult choice, but regardless of the chosen route we would expect Eversource to follow through with their statement that they will mitigate to the greatest extent feasible the environmental effects of this project.

To that end, we would like the Council to require an irrevocable letter of credit requiring daily street cleaning. We also would ask that the Council require permanent restoration of any disturbed areas, detailed truck routing plans limiting what streets can and will be accessed by heavy machinery, and trucks should be part of the design process. Full curb-to-curb repaving of damaged areas on this route as determined by the Town, and full curb-to-curb restoration of any right of way used in that route may be required based on the destruction caused by the transmission line construction. We would expect full restoration plans signed off on by the Town to include replacement trees.

We would expect that if the route through the Town park is chosen, then any work is conducted between November 1st and April 1st so as to avoid any destruction to the use of the ball field which is a very precious and scarce resource in Town. If the horizontal directional drilling green route is preferred under 195 and over to Bruce Park at the end of Kinsman Lane, it is clear the drill cannot come up in Indian Field garage facility and disrupt operations. The Indian Field site is not sufficiently large to encompass both the proposed construction and Town operations.

We would expect that extreme attention be given to location of any Town infrastructure and that the Council will require a contingency plan for immediate repair if there's a disruption to sewer or water mains or other necessary buried infrastructures such as gas, storm water or other utilities. We would expect that this would require Eversource to pay for implementation of the plan, including the cost of any emergency repairs.

We ask that the Town be party to review of the development and management plan. The Town is particularly concerned about any impacts to the Old Greenwich common force main or wastewater force main that conveys a significant portion of the Town's waste water and wish the proposed transmission line was crossed at more than one
location.
There is a clear possibility of conflicts with existing utilities such as storm drains, sanitary sewers, traffic signal conduits and other utilities especially in the area of Arch Street, Railroad Avenue, and Field Point Road. We would ask that the utility coordination meeting be required with the Town Department of Public Works once a final survey and is match mapped.

Details regarding actual construction and installation have not been forthcoming as of yet, and the Town has not seen details regarding trenches, vault structure, HDD site clean up, et cetera. We hope that the Siting Council will consider the impact and the nature of these in its evaluation. References discovered through external research indicate the trenching can require 50 foot wide area along its length, yet variations must be possible considering the utilities are often installed in very tight spaces in urban or commercial areas.

Again, without such details it is difficult to determine the full impact of the project and the various options. The Town hopes the Council is able to verify the analysis provided by Eversource. The Town has projects planned for many years. Of the proposed thoughts for the next couple of years, these projects may be or request that the utility companies relocate some above grown utilities.

We ask that open communication with the Town be maintained to coordinate all future improvements. What is our recourse if something goes wrong? We would expect that Eversource would work with the Town and its risk manager to address this issue for the protection of all parties.

In summary, the Town is very grateful to the Council for their diligence in ensuring that there is, in fact, a fully documented need for what is being proposed. Assuming there is a documented need that the Council is diligent in uncovering, whether this need can be met as through maintenance expenditure as opposed to through a large capital expenditure, if capital expenditure is warranted we ask that Eversource be required to use solid dielectric cable.

If high pressure fluid filled lines are warranted, we ask that the Council require a detailed spill control plan and detailed hazard mitigation plan to be put in place prior to the start of any construction and in perpetuity given the concerns regarding the fluid itself.

We also ask that an irrevocable letter of credit be required for daily street cleaning by a third party payable by the contractor, and that the Council require permanent restoration of any disturbed areas. As part of the development and management plan we ask that detailed truck limiting plans are outlined limiting what streets can
and will be accessed by heavy machinery and trucks, and the full curb-to-curb repairing of damaged areas on this route done post construction.

We would further ask that extreme attention be given to the location of any Town infrastructure and that the Council require a contingency plan for immediate repair if there is a disruption to the sewer mains or other utilities. We would expect that this will require Eversource to pay for implementation of the plan including costs of any emergency repair.

We ask that the Town be party to the review of development and management plan. We hope that the Council will require full restoration plans signed off by the Town to include replacing the trees. We would expect that if the route through the Town park is chosen, that any work that is conducted between November 1st and April 1st so as to avoid any disruption to the use of the ball field which is a very precious resource.

And, lastly, the visual impact of this project will be the new substation. We cannot express how imperative it is to the Town that this site and building be designed with the community in mind. What has been produced based on our suggestions is a far cry from what we would expect as good architecture on this prominent corner. If this site is chosen, it is critical that a significant
effort be made by Eversource team to design a building and site that is complementary to the character to Greenwich and provides the citizens architecture that we will be proud of for decades to come.

While Eversource has been forthcoming with us on their conceptual plans, to date we do not have the details, comments, officials to fully understand the impacts associated with this project. As this plan proceeds, the Town expects to receive even more detailed information that will be available for our comments and input, and we expect to have a role in this project going forward given its impact on our Town and infrastructure. Thank you very much.

MR. MURPHY: Next speaker is Fred
Canillo.
MR. CANILLO: Good evening members of the Council, Ms. Bachman, Eversource officials, guests, and Town residents. I want to thank the Council for allowing the Town, the community to weigh in tonight on this and this afternoon, and to Eversource for pledging to work with the Town on this, especially Tom Dorsey who has been a great friend to Greenwich whenever we've called him at Eversource. They've been right there for us all the time, so I want to thank them and especially Tom.

This particular application is concerning on many
levels, and you've already heard Katie Deluca's very thorough points delivered on this, but you're also going to hear some more tonight and more specific things. I'm just going to focus on three things that $I$ think are very, very important. One is the environmental impact; two is public safety, and three is aesthetics.

Concerning the first, one of the variations has the drilling going through a rock over the Bruce Park pond, and some of the other ones do, too, but that's very, very troubling, shooting chemicals into that. It's way too close to the water, and we have all these debates up there in the capital on fracking. You can't frack in Connecticut, but we still debate it. Transporting it through here, through the state, and whether you agree with that or not, I'm not here to make a judgment on that, but it's still not settled.

So putting it so close to our water source, and as the First Selectman said, something that can go into the Long Island Sound in seconds is very, very concerning to a lot of people. Also, clear cutting the right of way for the trees up on that hill on Bruce Park, we still don't know who is going to be paying for that, what's going to go in its place, how long it is going to take to grow. A lot of us would like to see something grow there while we're still alive. Sometimes you plant things and it takes
forever and forever, you know, in Greenwich we take great pride in our parks here and this is a jewel, Bruce Park is a jewel and I'm just asking the Siting Council to really take that into consideration.

As far as public safety goes, we had a fire at the Cos Cob substation a few months ago and it took quite a while for the Eversource personnel to get down here. Again, just like in Cos Cob, this town is very, very close to mass transit and God forbid something happens there, we could see where they could have a big problem. We can't have First Responders waiting around for an hour or two for someone to come there. So $I$ think that's a very, very concerning issue for a lot of us here, and I'm sure for Eversource, but we live here and so it's a little more concerning.

And, finally, as far as aesthetics, it's down there on the list $I$ know, but in Greenwich, like in a lot of communities, we take great pride in what our Town looks like. And I thank Eversource for coming back with another rendition, but if you look at it, it really doesn't fit. We -- you know, we don't always get it right, but we do a lot of the time. And if you drive around Greenwich, it's taken a while, and it's always been such a beautiful place and everybody who visits there loves it. If you stick this right in the middle of that, it is going to take away from
the sense, the look, the charm of the Town, not only for now, but for decades to come, generations; so whatever is decided by the Siting Council is going to have implications far down the road. So $I$ would hope that the Siting Council would work with the Town to really address all of our concerns here. And thank you very much.

MR. MURPHY: Next speaker is Francia
Alvarez.
MS. ALVAREZ: My name is Francia Alvarez. I'm speaking as a citizen of the Town. I'm also letting you know that I'm on the Greenwich Tree Conservancy. My concern, as every one here has mentioned so far, is the environment, and I'm interested in knowing how far out Eversource has gone to look at what is going to happen in the environment in the next $20,30,50$ years.

And there's a study that's been done called the Salt Marsh Advancement Zone and it specifically sites Greenwich. It's for going out through 2080 and it was produced by the Conservation Gateway Organization and it shows that a lot of the areas where they're planning on building, putting in the lines are actually going to be an advanced area in the salt marsh zone. So when storms come in, they're going to move forward into the salt marshes and that's where all these lines are going to be buried, so that's something that really needs to be taken a look at
over the long-term affects of these lines. And the other question $I$ have is why is it that they're not putting these lines between the railroad tracks and the highway? I mentioned it to someone earlier and they said that the state doesn't want to allow them to do that, but why aren't we negotiating with the state so that they can run those lines there? There would be limited impact on our environment, to our streets, to our the people that live in these areas where these lines are going to go in, so that's another issue that I think should be negotiated. Thank you.

MR. MURPHY: Thank you. The next speaker is Robert Schumaling to be followed by Alison Fisher.

MR. SCHUMALING: Good evening. I would like to thank the Council for coming down and allowing us to speak to you today. My concerns are a couple. One; there are other pieces of property and I'm wondering if Eversource has looked at them, that they are all in that immediate area; not the area at 330 , but there's another lot that they own that's already empty that they could have used.

And also the facade that they were going to propose that was in pictures, I think -- we don't think we need this new land. There's a lot of places, if you are -have any familiarity with New York City, the City of New

York has many, many buildings that they have put up over the course of the years for events, stairs, different things, and for the average citizen you wouldn't even know they are there, but it's just a matter that this is Greenwich; we want to make it look like it's Greenwich, not like it's Disneyland. Thank you.

MR. MURPHY: The next speaker is Alison Fisher to be followed by Joan Stewart-Pratt.

MS. FISHER: Good evening. I appreciate the fact that you're letting all of us speak tonight. If it was my choice 1 would not want to see this plan being put on Railroad Avenue at all. I'm concerned about the dangers of where it is, the possible fires, and not to mention the aesthetics, of course, to the Town. With the new sources that we're obtaining day at day with new energy, I believe that within the next 30 years conventional energy is going to be mostly rooftop. I don't know that we're going to need the same source of electrical energy as we have now. It's also about choices, and within the next 30 years we're going to have a lot more of them. As the gas particle states, look what happened with AT\&T with the advent of the cell phones. Bruce Park is really, though, what scares me the most. The concern for our wetlands and our environment, chemicals in the park, that is just unconscionable.

They talk about being able to fix a leak or a spill, but by the time that's done the damage is going to be irreparable. We have the ponds to consider. We have the wetlands to consider. We have the wildlife to consider. If there is a leak or a spill, even if they repair it, the damage is going to be done, and it will be done, and it will be permanent.

I grew up in this town and my dad, Jack Tainer, was First Selectman in the late ' 60 s. When we used to have dinner he would often tell me stories and a lot of them would revolve around zoning. And I know that the zoning laws were always very tight, and even today even though the buildings have changed, the people have changed, a lot of things have changed in this town, you can go down Greenwich Avenue, you can go down Putnam Avenue, and you still will not see an eight-story building. Everything is basically the same.

If you put something like this down on Railroad Avenue, which will be a terrible eyesore, it's really going to change everything in this Town for the residents as well as the total aesthetics for the Town. I would really like Eversource to look into optional places to put this where it does not affect the residents and the Town as much as it's going to. Thank you.

MR. MURPHY: The next speaker is Joan

Stewart-Pratt followed by Eric Porter.
MS. STEWART-PRATT: Good evening, Mr.
Chairman, ladies and gentlemen of the Connecticut Siting Council, Ms. Bachman, welcome to Greenwich. Thank you to the Council, to Eversource, and to the folks at Greenwich Library who made this evening possible.

My name is Joan Stewart-Pratt. I live in the house -- I grew up here in Greenwich for the past 48 years. I've been involved in community service since $I$ was a little girl; as a Girl Scout, as a candy striper at the Greenwich Hospital, as a volunteer at the nursing home, Nathaniel Witherell, and currently in the junior league of Greenwich for the past several years. I was raised to care about our Town, to give back to my community, and to make it better.

All of my professional experience has been client service driven. Having worked on Wall Street back in the '80s to the executive search firm I founded a couple years ago, in all of my positions my core values and competencies are transparency and honesty, which is what I'm all about.

I am for another substation in Greenwich, but not at 290 Railroad Avenue location as it's an inappropriate location to be right smack in the middle of a busy intersection on a vital artery in Greenwich right next to a gas propane company, and that is a stone's throw from an on
ramp to 195 . As a volunteer to help spread the word about GASP, G-A-S-P, mission, which stands for Greenwich Alternative Substation Placement, I am here this evening, not for myself, but for the children and the future generations when I am long gone. I don't want there to be a day when someone says how was that allowed, what were they thinking as $I$ feel it is a very dangerous location.

I present to you 1,646 signed petitions, 878 who signed in person, 768 who signed online. Additionally, it is my understanding that 120 people sent you an e-mail -you, the Siting Council -- as well. With all this talk of transformers and power stations, I ask God or whoever or whatever you feel your higher power and creator of the universe is to speak to your heart to enable you to make the right and kind decision. Thank you very much for your time today. Thank you.

MR. MURPHY: Next is Erf Porter to be followed by Pamela Kuhn.

MR. PORTER: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Thank all of you for your public service. Thank all of you for coming tonight and participating in what, for me at least, as one of the old guys, is the way it ought to be; and that is that the public has an opportunity to say something about those things that affect their lives on a day-to-day basis.

I'm here on behalf of my constituents on the RTM, and my involvement involves the Finance Committee, and the Public Works Committee, and I'm also the liaison -- one of the two liaisons between the RTM and the Capital Improvements Projects Committee. I had admittedly 40 plus -- that's all I'll admit to -- years of experience people in the chemical and energy industry. And for the last 20 years $I$ was involved very heavily in the development of the infrastructure that we know now within the New England area, which includes increased natural gas capacity which has given us the opportunity to have gas for our powerplants which you're familiar with and have lived with.

And now you're looking at a different kind of transmission issue that probably should have been looked at years ago. Right now we're short of transmission capacity in New England for natural gas and as a result the opportunity to build additional gas powerplants is limited. On the power side, because we're all dealt the hand whether we like it or not, we've been unbundled. I just need to step back and just comment on Eversource as we've talked about it tonight.

Eversource at one time has supply
responsibilities -- though they may have had a different name; previously had been Northeast Utilities -- they had
supply responsibilities, distribution and transmission responsibilities. Since we've been unbundled this issue tonight is dealing with the transmission side. And in that context you would expect, if it's a transmission issue, that you'd have an (unintelligible), that hasn't changed, won't change over the years. That people are concerned about disruptions, they're concerned about their property value, and the human -- and particularly the human in Greenwich as you have heard is very, very resistant to change unless that change is for the better.

So given that, I suggest that you step back and ask yourself what was the disposition of items number 20 through number 25 where you were asked to make a decision on various transmission improvement projects, a declaratory judgment was requested of you. I don't know what the details were behind each of those requests, but they also impacted the northwest part of Fairfield County.

My constituents' concerns are cost where Connecticut's costs are far higher than most other states in New England, maybe still the highest, A. And, B, reliability, if you live in back country I'll almost guarantee you that you have a Generac generator if you live in North America. So the notion of reliability is something that's been lingering for a long time. And I really urge you to take the position that's necessary in
order to be prudent to be anything but alarmist, and, most importantly, to make a very well informed judgment as what is best for the Town of Greenwich. Thank you.

MR. MURPHY: Thank you. Pamela Kuhn to be followed by Frank Albrizio.

MS. KUHN: Ladies and gentlemen, the Council and Ms. Bachman, my name is Pamela Kuhn. I have no eloquent speech. I am an opera singer. I give back to this community in many ways, and one of those ways is that I have a choir devoted to cancer patients and survivors, and I come here now to address you to really think about what we are entertaining the thought of.

The potential for the cancer risk is great, this is something we can't deny. And I live on Bruce Park Drive, and one thing $I$ would like to correct about the film that we saw, when they were talking about the first variation coming in on Kinsman Lane down to Bruce Park Avenue, that is not Bruce Park Avenue; that is Bruce Park Drive that goes into Davis, so that is incorrect, first of all.

Because I live on Bruce Park Drive -- I work from home -- I will be impacted, and all I can feel is sorrow for these people on Kinsman Lane right now and how their lives are going to be effected by all the construction. How we're all going to be effected by this. And I would
ask every one of you to go down to Bruce Park -- which I love and adore, I moved here from London so I could have space. I live on Bruce Park because I love and adore it, and I watch standing water to the point of being ridiculous that they can't take care of, and we're talking about potential environmental destruction.

I think there is a very real issue and I hope you will consider this. I hope you will consider all of us who live on Bruce Park Drive. We will be seriously impacted by this. Also, I don't know how anyone can put a substation like this in the middle of town. I was recently in the eastern Oregon where Amazon has taken hundreds of acres of farmland to put up a super center. It's a low risk area for them. There will be no terrorism, but substations came with that. And the deal was that substations had to be outside of town, miles away from the city limits not to impact individuals. I will ask you to really consider all of this for Greenwich. Thank you

MR. MURPHY: Mr. Albrizio to be followed by Pamela Frederick.

MR. ALBRIZIO: I feel as though everything that needs to be said has been said; however, as a long-time resident of Greenwich, Connecticut of my lifetime I've lived here. I have respected the Town as being a beautiful town and I appreciate it, and I'm asking this
panel here how they intend to rebeautify the areas to which they're moving.

Secondly, I would like to ask will there be some long-term maintenance? You may have sinking areas, areas where sidewalks were rebuilt and need to be rebuilt a second time; where does that responsibility go? Thank you very much.

MR. MURPHY: Thank you. Pamela Frederick followed by Peter Alexander.

MS. FREDERICK: Good evening, I'm Pam Frederick, I'm a town resident and a homeowner with a home in the neighborhood near the proposed Eversource substation development. To the Siting Council, town officials, friends and neighbors, and to the Eversource representatives, thank you for hearing and ultimately responding to the concerns raised regarding this plan.

There have been valuable comments, concerns, and requests presented to Eversource in particular by the Planning and Zoning Department as well as the interveners. I would like to further reiterate and share in those concerns for the development of this substation in a densely populated residential and a thriving commercial area, and that is that the property is situated on a well traveled pedestrian route. Further, Eversource has received input about the route being selected for the
transmission lines that would cause irreparable harm to a residential street and a much loved town park.

I am opposed to the siting of this industrial substation as proposed at 290 Railroad Avenue and support the residents of Kinsman Lane and their preference of the alternate routing of the transmission line. While the supply and reliability of power is paramount to the Town and the region, Eversource did not make sufficient effort to identify a better location in spite of the concerns raised, and instead chose a path most advantageous to Eversource irrespective of TOWN and community impact. The only major change in the plan has been to acquiesce to enclose the substation in a building with a slightly improved facade; however, as proposed it is unsightly, industrial, and a little better than keeping it exposed, and, in fact, is not in keeping with the current features of the local neighborhood.

While I hope that Eversource's plan is not approved, if the CSC does approve the plan I would hope that the much improved facade that have been recommended, including those suggested by intervener Robert Stein of Brenoff, as well as the examples provided by the $P$ and $Z$ will be required changes. In fact, an even better solution would have been consideration of below ground construction which is featured increasingly around the country and
globally. This, in fact, would make the property invisible and inaudible.

This point highlights yet another concern regarding sound which $I$ have not seen addressed in any substantial way. By day there is traffic that could partially offset the substation's sounds and vibrations, but the evening is very quiet in this area and we hope that CSEC will ensure that, if approved, appropriate dampeners and shielding will be required features as noise abatement. I'd like to thank you for allowing us to speak before you, and hopefully you'll take a lot of these concerns into consideration.

MR. MURPHY: After Mr. Alexander's
statement, representative Mike Bocchino.
MR. ALEXANDER: My name's Peter Alexander and I'm almost a life-long resident here. My dad flew me in here in his plane when $I$ was two weeks old. And to give some relevance to why I'm here is Bradley -- I carried every brick in this building when $I$ was a member of the AFLCIO. Actually, before that, $I$ was a labor's union back in the '60s. I could have been spoiled, but our house rules were we live in a town and you should know how to take care of yourself. We weren't in a city.

And I think we should all recognize that Ms.
DeLuca came up with some really good points. Why do we
need more power? Are we going to effectuate a dramatic increase in the ability for the Town to increase its population, to increase its number of square feet, especially in commercial buildings? I think this is basic planning that has not been done or put in front of the Town Public. This is a great turn out here tonight. I'm licensed in Connecticut and other states, I'm a landscape architect and planner. I've been fortunate to work in 20 states and 30 countries, and this is some of the worst stuff I've ever seen.

Eversource, clearly they want to make some more money. They have to distribute -- I just don't want them here, go to Stamford, build more of a city there. They've already paid most of the coast there. Luckily, we're going to get some of our coast back soon. Go to White Plains, but leave us alone. Let us stay a town. Thank you.

MR. MURPHY: Sorry, I didn't call on you earlier.

MR. ALBRIZIO: That's quite all right. Not a problem.

MR. MURPHY: State representative will be followed by Willing Biddle.

MR. ALBRIZIO: Thank you, sir. Thank you to the Siting Council, Ms. Bachman and your staff for coming down. Thank you everyone for coming out this evening. I
am Mike Bocchino, I am fortunate enough to be a state representative for the district in question, the 150th District. As you heard earlier tonight, our town representatives have put together some real quality points that we need to make certain that you take to heart. They are, in fact, a lot of the issues that you'll hear, and you have been hearing from the community, from the residents put into a good concise package.

Some of the things that I have heard from constituents and residents in the town that we hadn't really touched base on, which I'd like to make certain that you take into consideration, is talking with the Greenwich Association of Realtors to see how this is actually going to effect some of those residents in this area. I don't think it's going to be something that's positively going to affect them. Unfortunately, it seems like it's going to be an adverse affect to the residents who do own property in that area.

One of the other things that I'd really like to see happen is a complete hazard mitigation plan put forth so that we are prepared. And God forbid in the worst case scenario that could possibly happen if this were to move forward. Eversource should have the decency to come forward with that plan to the Town of Greenwich if they have not all ready, but at least one that the residents of
this town would be able to see to make certain that their safety is insured.

One of the other things that $I$ think that is very important is the fact that we do seriously look at an alternative to going through Bruce Park. This is one of the most natural resources we have in the Town of Greenwich, as you've heard tonight, and something that is near and dear to everyone's heart. It's utilized by not only the children, adults, but the seniors, and everyone in between, along with our wildlife.

There's extreme concern about some of this technology that's being utilized. I know it's amazing and the horizontal drilling that takes place, but nothing's perfect. And the environment is something that we feel is perfect, and we want to make sure that it's maintained and so is the natural beauty of the Town of Greenwich. So all of these things we hope that you'll consider and you'll take into consideration along with all of the things that you're going to hear tonight and have been hearing from these residents, because they're the ones who really voices need to be heard. Thank you so much.

MR. MURPHY: Willing Biddle to be followed by Barry Jacobson.

MR. BIDDLE: Good evening ladies and gentleman. My name is Willing Biddle, I represent about 65
people that work in a office complex right across the street from where this proposed facility is going to be built. I'm just wondering whatever happened to zoning. The company could have renovated and stayed where they were, yet they chose to sell their property for $\$ 8$ million, and then they're going to tear down another building in the neighborhood and wreck the neighborhood even more.

Our building is about 200 feet from where this new facility is going to be built. We're very concerned about property values. What's that going to do to our property? We're very concerned about the health affects on us, this electrical situation. There's a compressed gas facility right next to this facility. My window looks right at this facility. Many times I see -- I don't know if it's off gassing or leak, but there are large clouds of mist that come out of that facility. How does that effect the electrical conduits here? We're just concerned this is going to ruin our neighborhood.

This area of Railroad Avenue has been undergoing a resurgence with the construction of Equinox and other commercial buildings. It's becoming a nice road and this is going to bring it down. If this proceeds I request that this fake building be seriously looked at again. This is the old developer trick; when you come in before a planning board you show the ugliest thing you can show so you can
get something back and make the planning board feel that you gave them something.

And last but not least, with the advent of solar power I don't understand why there's this need for bringing more electrical power into this facility when there could be other, you know, rooftops covered with solar power. I just think that there are other locations that $I$ haven't seen that the company really has studied the other locations. If you look at the route that this goes -- I've studied it on Google maps -- it looks like there's at least 19 other locations which are much more hidden, which would be much more appropriate and not right in the middle of a very nice area. Thank you very much.

MR. MURPHY: Barry Jacobson followed by Mr. Agthe.

MR. JACOBSON: I want to thank the Siting Committee for allowing me to speak tonight. Ladies and gentlemen, what's the safest distance from a substation; is it 300 or 900 feet? I think is paramount to think we can all take into paramount consideration for the people who live in the area and the pets who live in the area. We are going to have substations at 230, 330 Railroad Avenue, 290 Railroad Avenue, and possibly the pole site which is across the street from 290. These are -- have been designated substation sites which will make this particular area

Frankensteinville.
We have a responsibility to each and every Citizen of this city, of this great town in order to make sure that their lifestyle is not affected by what CL\&P, Northeast Utilities or Eversource is going to do. This planning should have taken place many, many years ago. They had an opportunity to direct their source of electricity, which is now archaic. They can control electricity from computers from one part of the country to another. So if one part of the country has a problem, they can transfer that load to this particular area. There's no need for a substation in this area. And to affect the environmental and give us hazardous problems that will exist thereafter.

How it will affect the real estate for every one in the area? Purchasing, financing or refinancing? Well, that's a good question. If you ask the realtors, anybody who owns condominiums or owns office buildings or owns restaurants or shopping centers in this area will be affected adversely, because the first thing an appraiser's going to say when he does a comparative analysis, he's going to say, or she's going to say, well, you're right near a substation and that substation is going to affect people from coming to your house, buying your house or leasing our space or living in that area. There are people
already in condominiums right up the block who are ready to put their condominiums up for sale because they know if this is built they will get no return on investment.

Why hasn't Eversource answered the questions that we put to them at the $P \& Z$ meetings that state who are the beneficiaries -- who are going to be the beneficiaries; name them. Well, we found out through sources at Eversource, who didn't want to be named, that these beneficiaries are going to be the ones that are Stamford Hospital, the hedge funds and the banks that are in Stamford, Connecticut. It's going to be pushed back in that direction. That's ridiculous. They haven't told you that because they don't want to say it to you, but at the expense of all the people here regarding the 140 or so million dollars or so-called, which we calculated, and we had specialists check the routes that they're going to be taking, and the infrastructure that had to be in place in order to safeguard all of the environmental wildlife and potential hazards to people in the area. It's calculated by professionals that this will be more like $\$ \mathbf{4 0 0 , 0 0 0 , 0 0 0}$ hard and soft course. Who will pay for that?

We have been raised in this past year 23 to 25 percent on all of our electric bills to each and every person living in this beautiful community. This is ridiculously high. They have not -- they don't care one
bit about how it hurts the people who live here, the people that own property here or the tenants that are in place here. And it destroys the community and real estate values because someone has got to calculate their overall cost when they come to this town.

At the $P \& Z$ meeting it was stated that chemicals were going to be used by Eversource in breaking or fracturing this rock. Chemicals. Now these chemicals -because they say they're just going to line drill and they're going to chip is not the truth. They're going to have to blast the ledge and they're going to use chemicals. It was stated at the meeting and this is incorrect. What chemicals are they -- have they been approved by the Environmental Protection Agency? What are they doing? They don't care about this town. They care about the revenue they can generate so when people leave this company they get their bonuses predicated on revenue. That doesn't affect -- that shouldn't affect us.

Does Eversource have any independent studies -let me say that again -- independent studies which show that what they're doing by putting a substation in the middle of our town and the access to Bell Haven and other great areas of our beautiful community here, do they have an independent source that shows that there will be no environmental hazardous problems caused by this substation
or where it's going to be placed; do they? They have not shown anything to the effect because they don't care who lives here. They only care about the revenue to be generated so that they can get more money.

We'd like to know what the stand is -- what stand the Governor of the state -- of this great state is taking on this particular issue or the Senators. Where are they to speak up to say this is not called for? There are different ways of approaching the idea of getting more electricity, quote/unquote, to the people of this community by doing other things.

Some of those things, may I say, are getting low cost loans to people to put solar energy in their homes. Two; they can have windmills, which now GE has stated you don't even need a lot of wind to make it because they have sources to do that. GE has come up with that. A man who invented batteries for Tesla has a battery that will be able to run homes in the future. You won't need Eversource and we won't need these problems in this town.

Are the people of Greenwich, Connecticut going to allow Eversource to ramrod -- ramrod this scenario through and ruin our town because they are laborious about earning money and they want to be able to commit to other people in Stamford, Connecticut, not the people of Greenwich, Connecticut, to facilitate their needs for more power.

That is incorrect. Let them tell us who those people are and what they're doing.

And, furthermore, where would they build -- why do that put a playground for children right next to Cos Cob when they knew that there's an environmental hazardous problem there. These are our children. These are our people, but they didn't care. They thought they could assuage every one by saying, look, we built a playground. Well, we built a playground right next to a substation that can cause cancer, leukemia, it can cause different diseases, et cetera. They cannot prove that it doesn't cause it, and I'm saying it does because people who live near these areas have these problems, and they have to live with these problems, and their families have to live with it. This is incorrect.

In the last 55 days this has been one of the hottest summers -- hottest summers in history. We've had no brown outs, no black outs here because they've been maintaining it. Bravo to what they should be doing. And I give kudos to Eversource for doing that at this particular time, but there's no need for this. This is ridiculous, and it's cause of problems that are going to ensue, okay, for the people of Greenwich, Connecticut. Never do they put a substation in the middle of a town. Never.

Has the utility explored other locations? No,
because it was easy. As a matter of fact, they're in contract, they have not sold, and there's a contract vendee who's a very nice man, who's going to have a substation next to him which is going to impact his people right on his side at 330 Railroad Avenue, they could have.

I was here this afternoon, a question came up by the Siting Committee, excellent question; why didn't they put the substation in that building and pull the shades down, and they couldn't do it. They said, oh, there's a possibility of flooding. Well, there hasn't been a flood there since 1932. And if there was, why are they keeping their substation on that site? They knew better. They just wanted to put their hands on money and then be able to buy a piece of property across the street, evict those people that have been there since the early ' 40 s in this town, and 36 employees that they have there, destroy the integrity of the area. This is selfish. This is because they think they can get away with it, and they can control everything, including the Siting Committee, which I don't believe they can and they shouldn't. You have to stand up for the people of Greenwich, Connecticut and not allow them to do this. There are other areas to put this. There are other alternatives to do this.

And, last but not least, okay, I must tell you that there is an old adage that people should do the right
thing all the time. It is up to you, each and every one of you, to go to the Governor and to go to these State Senators and say we will not have this in Greenwich, Connecticut, let it be built in another place. Thank you. MR. MURPHY: Following the next speaker will be Chris von Keyserling.

MR. AGTHE: Thank you. My name is Thilo Agthe, I reside at 186 Field Point Road, unit 18, that is the Winterpoint condominium complex. My residence has direct line of sight to the proposed location of the substation at 290 Railroad Avenue both from the front door and from the back porch which faces Field Point Road. I am, therefore, one of the residents who will directly be affected if Eversource is permitted to build the substation at the proposed location.

I come before you today to urge you to reject Eversource's application for substation on Railroad Road. I'm extremely concerned regarding the choice of this location for the following reasons, some of these have been mentioned before, I'll mention them again briefly. There have been a number of recent safety events regarding Eversource substations, in particular the Cos Cob, where a fire was allowed to burn for a significant amount of time because Eversource had no personnel on site to shut off the electricity, I believe it was either 45 minutes or an hour
and a half. I don't remember the exact time before an Eversource representative could show up.

This is not as much as a problem in Cos Cob where there is no immediately abutting structures; however, on the proposed site it would be. And it is my understanding that the proposed substation at 290 Railroad Avenue would also not be permanent. The proximity to the Metro North Railroad and Interstate 95 where literally hundreds of thousands of people travel daily from concerns me greatly also. Even more worrisome is that the site is adjacent to a company that supplies flammable compressed gas, including among others, oxygen, propane, and acetylene.

In my written submission to the Council I provided links to videos showing what happens when open flame meets closed gas cylinder. It's not pretty. I can only imagine what might happen if a fire at the proposed substation site or a transformer explosion were to impact the adjacent property. It's also apparent to me that Eversource has not at all considered this issue seriously, and this was made clear to me at the last open house in Greenwich City Hall where my concerns were roundly dismissed as not being an issue.

I will not go into the aesthetics, we've talked about the aesthetics ad nauseam. And, by the way, it is nauseating. The construction of the substation at the
proposed site will cause significant disruption not only in my neighborhood, the proposed location is zoned as a business district. I will submit to the Council that a substation is industrial in nature and not compatible with the types of business it would abut. It is primarily occupied by small businesses with immediately adjacent residential areas. There are at least three restaurants, a nail salon, a dry cleaner, a locksmith, a fish farmer, and various other small businesses. The addition of the substation to 290 Railroad Avenue would cause a fundamental and adverse change to the character of the neighborhood. It has no business being there, it cannot be permitted and you should not permit it. Thank you.

MR. MURPHY: Mister --
MR. VON KEYSERLING: Keyserling. I'm glad that you have more problems with my name than all the technical terms that you have to deal with. I want to thank you people, the gentlemen, Council and your people coming down for this. We've had the pleasure of your company before on several other occasions. So if you are known to us, then I'm glad that you're giving us this opportunity.

I'm not going to preach or berate at you, I think you've probably had enough of that anyhow. I know you're well used to it. I respect your experience and I know
you're under tight legal constraints on what you can and cannot rule. We've seen that in cell towers and many other utility issues, but $I$ do know that you are constrained as well -- if there are reasonable alternatives with less damaging effects, that you're constrained to recommend or seek those alternatives if they are actually viable and reasonable.

I'm not going to deal with the building, many other people have. I want to talk particularly about the transmission line from the proposed substation to the Cos Cob station. Right now, as you know, it wanders down through all the local roadways. It looks like one of those original Boston gerrymander maps to get a place. It would be a good walk for your health probably, but it seems a tortious one for a major utility like this. And as they -by their own testimony, a critical one. Both of these I'm suggesting this transmission path should be along the right of ways of the thruway and the railroad.

The state regulates this industry, the state regulates this company, and its desires -- obviously if it's licensed to do business desire than to provide the service and electricity. Therefore, the state should bear a good part of the burden in helping this to come about. These are state properties, as you know, both Condoc and the railroad. So I think that's the second reason.

The third reason is security. This a major rail line and a major interstate which is a vital infrastructure for the whole northeast. Everything goes through this bench point. If I were Homeland Security I would be very happy to have it located in one long corridor so I could concentrate and have a comprehensive oversight on that corridor against any kind of attack, mishap, terrorism, whatever you want. We've certainly had to go through a lot in all of our facilities to adjust to this terrorist threat. I think this certainly should be considered here.

I would also suggest that the objection that I heard from the electric company is that Condoc, our State Department of Transportation, whatever it's new title is, would not be so willing to work with that. They also said it might be tight and hard for engineering to work it all the way through. Nobody said it would be easy and cheap, but I think that easy -- the easy, cheap is not one of the considerations that this board considers. It considers the utility of it, the service of it, the practicality of it. If it should happen to cost a little more or be a little more difficult, if it's achievable then it's within your realm to suggest or require.

I would also say that they are taking from established neighborhoods to put these -- this wandering road through. They're putting in local town roads, and if
the Post Road is any indication where a major electric supply line goes, it's being torn up regularly and interrupted. So basically what you do now is curse these neighborhoods with constant interruptions and roads being taken up for the necessary process for maintaining this, as the electric company says, that's a very, very important critical power line. So why would we put that in an area where it's going to cause most disruption as opposed to what somebody said, not in a residential area, but it cause the industrial transport corridor where there is access, where there's all kinds of ways of dealing with it without interrupting all of the people around it. After all, the electric power is a utility governed and granted by our state. We give them great latitude to do what they're doing, to serve the people. We're not here to serve the electric company, they're here to serve us and your board, which I know from its wisdom has also looked -- how do we make sure that the people of Connecticut get the service they need without an unfair burden or cost for doing so. I think you have a reasonable alternative along the corridor. I think it can be done, as difficult as it is it's just a matter of them not taking the easy route and not, rather, fighting with the state, which you feel is probably more powerful, that they go with the local community which can run over a little more easily. Thank
you.
MR. FALCON: There is a need for power, just happens it's there. There's a company that wishes to provide the power, and they wish to modify their distribution of power, so you've got to weigh one side against the other. Okay. You have to look at the company, Eversource, clean, green name, used to be Northeast Utilities, before that CL\&P regulated by the state. The state said we don't need regulation any more. Everybody's going to do everything to make sure that private companies is going to deliver better and cheaper.

The whole thing comes down to at what cost? There's an environmental cost. There's a social cost. There's a business cost. There is a cost on everybody who buys the power, and we argue back and forth. What we seem to forget is that it's already cost this town $\$ 20,000,000$. Checks have been written. Every taxpayer is paying for that, you know, where that $20,000,000$ come from? That nice substation that the $P R$ people outside like to point and say oh, look, our substation in Cos Cob. Well, all the PCBs were gathered up when it was the power station, and it was bundled, and trucked, and put in the fields that are now the high school. And they decided to dig for a new auditorium for the entitled folk. They said, oh, we didn't do an environmental survey, and then they said, oh, there's

PCBs here. Oh, that can cause cancer. Oh, we've got to remediate. Where was CLP, Northeast Utilities, Eversource when the town wrote $\$ 20,000,000$ worth of checks to be able to put the auditorium up in the high school? All PCBs came from where that nice substation is in Cos Cob.

So what makes you think that by building something on Railroad Avenue it's going to be any better or cleaner? If I lived in Bruce Park I'd have my house up for sale tomorrow because where are they going to put the PCBs this time? So let's put it on a business case, okay, Eversource, you want to do this, this is what the Town of Greenwich should require. You put up a general obligation bond through the state and that is guaranteed by Eversource's revenue stream. First dollar off the top. And guarantee that general obligation bond to cover whatever costs can go forward of anything going wrong in perpetuity as long as that substation is there. And once you do that -- once you do that, maybe we can consider it, but until you put your money where your mouth is, then why should the Town of Greenwich, who's already got $\$ \mathbf{2 0 , 0 0 0 , 0 0 0}$ into the ground from your last go round, believe anything that you're going to say?

And the state -- the state should make sure that the financial realities of any remediation for anything that can go wrong if this project is approved have to be
bonded and insured so the Town of Greenwich doesn't burden -- is not burdened with any cost.

Second; in return for putting this in, anybody in the Town of Greenwich in perpetuity should be able to put up a solar panel, draw power and sell it back with no surcharge. Third; as far as everybody is concerned, a portion of the electricity that is sold outside the Town of Greenwich in return for our inconvenience, a portion of that revenue should go back to the town budget in Greenwich.

And if they do those three things -- bond, allow surcharge free solar power and are willing to put back any of the income that they get from this from outside of Greenwich -- then we can look at it; but until they're willing to go for those three things, there's no discussion. It's done.

MR. MURPHY: That exhausts the list of speakers. Is there someone else that wants to speak? Tell us your name before you get started.

MR. TANG: My name is Mr. Tang, I just want to speak out for the country.

MR. MURPHY: Would you spell your name for us, please?

MR. TANG: My name is JF Tang. Okay, I speak for hundred boy and girl -- Boys and Girls Club, they
are less than 200 feet or 500 feet away from the station. And years ago there's a study from the, I believe, TV; they have investigated about high voltage tower would generate electronic magnet field would affect people's heath. I want the company to investigate that, make sure it's guaranteed safe for Boys and Girls Club children, because it's so close to them. So that's the point I want to make. I think it's not about to cover up the station, it's about the magnify electrical generator that affect; that is nothing that can cover up. Thank you.

MS. ADAMS: My name's Kathy Adams and I'm embarrassed to say $I$ just became aware of the situation recently. And I am a realtor in Greenwich, and I live three blocks away from that intersection. I can tell you what this is going to do to my property, and also some people that live on Kinsman Lane I know are concerned. It is a big concern for anybody who lives anywhere near that neighborhood. And I drive by that intersection several times a day and it's more busy than where my office is at the top of Greenwich Avenue on the Post Road. It's a very dangerous intersection.

The other thing I want to say, it's a very emotional thing, is that my daughter is a cancer survivor and I spent a lot of time in Washington at NIH and particularly at the National Institute of Health Sciences,
and all the studies they've done on electromagnetic fields. And I freaked out when I bought by second house in Greenwich and I realized it backed up to the station -WGCL station and their wires were almost on my property. And I can tell you you can either approve it or not approve it, but the NIHS believes there is a strong connection between electromagnetic fields and cancer, particularly leukemia and brain cancer, and that's a fact.

MR. MURPHY: Thank you. Give us your name for the record, please.

MS. NICASTRO: Yes, my name is Rosalind Nicastro and I wasn't thinking of speaking today, but there was one item that $I$ just didn't hear commented enough. I don't understand, it's more of a question, I know there will be no answer. How in today's day and age when I'm hearing from other meetings over this subject that companies in Westchester, large companies, are using solar power completely, and our own State Government has come out with legislation expected to increase solar power where they're planning to try to make it less expensive for people to use clean energy but we have to go through all this?

My only other comment is: I mean, when I first saw the diagram -- I'm sorry, we live in a terrible time, we live in a time where policeman are shot in the back,
terrorists, all you have to do is drive by and throw something over the fence and what would it do to Greenwich? Okay.

MR. MURPHY: Thank you. I guess we have at least one more.

MS. GUARD: Hi, my name is Laura Guard and I submitted a letter via e-mail today. And I just wanted to also turn it in officially as well, but just briefly -- I won't state the entire letter if $I$ can turn it in, but $I$ am an owner of 5 Kinsman Lane and there's no question that this -- I strongly object to this proposal, to the placement of it both on Railroad Avenue, but also the two preferred routes which are indicated as the yellow route and blue route on the proposed map. It will have devastating impacts, both for the property values indicated, but also $I$ worry greatly -- the road is very narrow; $I$ worry about the ability for emergency vehicles to access, getting to and from work, even accessing my home.

And I think just one of the considerations for this Council, and I appreciate the time to speak, but is the fact that the -- supposed to be concerned about the public need being greater than the disturbance to the community and the environment, and I don't see that, the transfer of this meeting. I think there are other alternatives that can be done that can be looked at. I
think that there are also not -- there hasn't been a showing, but that there's a less disruptive environmental alternative that is not available, so thank you.

MR. SILBORNBERG: My name is Gary
Silbornberg, I'm a real estate broker here in Greenwich. In addition, $I$ sit on the Conservation Commission. I speak for myself though, not for the commission. I'm concerned about the route that they are planning to take through our open space through Bruce Park. I don't think there's a need for that. One of these days I'd love to see a developer tear down a house or industrial site and put up rocks and a forest. That would really be nice. But there is currently an alternate route that has been spoken about previously and that's going along the Metro North Railroad tracks.

Currently, if you look there, there are large signs that says danger, 11,000 volts. We already have 11,000 volts going through that corridor. It's protected. There's no access by the public, and there's no reason why CL\&P can't -- excuse me, Eversource can't pay some money for the use of the right of way to the Metro North who I'm sure would love the revenue for that. Thank you.

MR. MURPHY: Thank you. We will now close the public comment session of this hearing. I'd like to announce that this matter will be continued at the
evidentiary portion of this hearing at the Office of the Connecticut Siting Council, New Britain on Tuesday, October the 6, 2015 at 11:00 a.m. I'd also like you to note that anyone who has not become a party or intervener in this matter, but who desires to make his or his views known, whether they're here today or not, may file written statements with the Council until the record closes, which would be sometime after the actual hearing.

Copies of this transcript -- the transcript of this hearing will be filed at the Greenwich Town Clerk's office. I hereby declare this meeting adjourned. We thank you all for your participation and drive safely, have a safe trip home. Thank you.
(Hearing concluded at 8:15 p.m.)

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I, SAMANTHA M. HOWELL, a Notary Public duly commissioned and qualified in and for the State of Connecticut, do hereby certify that the foregoing 62 pages are a complete and accurate computer-aided transcription of my Stenotype notes taken on September 1, 2015.

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