

Connecticut Siting Council

Petition 1566

Memorandum in support of motions pending before the Council by Parties
Cory Spaulding and Leslie Yeisley

Clarification of Motions presently before the Council

August 21, 2023

Via motions filed we have asked the Siting Council to investigate illegal work contained in petition 1566 that has caused significant adverse environmental impacts on our property.

We have requested the Council to investigate the proposed work in petition 1566 in relation to the additional needless adverse environmental impacts that will occur during the proposed work.

A review of the petition 1566 record shows serious conflicting accounts of the present environmental conditions and history of work on our property. These records are so conflicted that it is obvious that someone has grossly misled and lied to the Council in these submissions. We have asked the Council to investigate these issues.

We have also asked the Council to investigate the Council Executive Director for making false statements, manipulating our public hearing request so that the request would be denied by the Council, and the covering up of illegal work performed by Eversource on our property and others on this transmission line.

All requests for investigation are very well documented in the official record and represent more than reasonable probable cause for the Council to investigate every allegation.

State Senator Osten and State Representative Ackert at our request have toured our property and investigated our complaints. In a letter dated August 17, 2023, sent to all Council members, both legislative representatives have made a very compelling articulation of the issues presently before the Council. This sternly worded letter supports our allegations of staff misconduct, that petition 1566 contains previously

performed illegal work, and that the Council would be remiss in their official duties to approve new work on top of illegal work.

The letter appropriately points out and requests that no further action on Petition 1566 should be undertaken by the Council until all previous issues of illegal work and environmental damage to our property are resolved. The letter also requests that a public hearing be held and that a site visit by the Council is needed to see firsthand the past and proposed environmental damage to our property that they saw during their inspections.

This letter represents compelling independent verification of our allegations and provides independent support for our requests for Council investigations.

In support of our motions, we submit this August 17, 2023 letter in this support memorandum and request that it be made part of the official record.

On August 31, 2023, the Council will be voting on our motions and that vote will determine if the Council is willing to tolerate gross misconduct, being lied to in petition submissions, being lied to by Council staff, and if the Council has the resolve to investigate and review well documented illegal activities that rises to the level of needless environmental and ecological damage to property past and proposed in this petition.

Should you decide not to investigate these matters then the only logical conclusion one can draw is that the Council is grossly failing to perform its legislative mandate and that the facts detailed in future petitions need not contain any resemblance of the truth in that the Council will vote to approve anything that is put before it by a Council Executive Director that has previously covered up illegal work performed by this petitioner, grossly mislead the Council as to the facts in this petition, and lied to you multiple times in a staff report that you relied upon to formulate your decision making process on motions presented before you.

Clarification of Motions presently before the Council

In reference to the August 17, 2023 letter written by State Senator Osten and State Representative Ackert to all Council members, their letter

requests that a public hearing be held and that a site visit be performed by the Council. We believe that those requests are presently scheduled as motions to be acted upon for the August 31, 2023 hearing as part of our motion for a scheduling hearing which includes a request to incorporate items listed on the proposed agenda that was attached to that motion.

Since our motion for a scheduling hearing was never acknowledged by Council staff and so that there are no misunderstandings, we renew motion requests for a public hearing and site visit by the Council and renew motions for a scheduling hearing to incorporate all items on the proposed agenda previously sent to the Council.

Cory Spaulding

Leslie Yeisley

Certification

I hereby certify that an electronic copy of the forgoing document was delivered to

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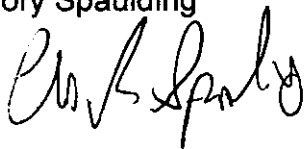
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August 21, 2023

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August 17, 2023

Dear Siting Council Members,

We are writing to bring your attention to work conducted on a property located at 716 Beaumont Hwy. in Lebanon, Connecticut, which necessitates a comprehensive review before any further actions are considered.

In 2021, certain work was undertaken without notifying the landowner or being addressed within any previous petitions. This matter was formally reported in writing to Attorney Bachman, yet no resolution has been forthcoming.

It has come to our attention that Siting Council Petition 1566 outlines the anticipation of additional work. This proposed work builds upon the aforementioned unauthorized modifications. Of particular concern is the unexpected denial of a public hearing concerning this new work, based on false information provided by Attorney Bachman, despite evident and documented adherence to all stipulated timelines for consideration.

We are formally requesting that the Siting Council schedule a public hearing for Petition 1566. Additionally, the Siting Council should conduct an on-site visit to witness the severe unauthorized actions that have transpired on this property before granting permission for any further work.

To elaborate, the unauthorized work has resulted in environmental damage to the site. Invasive plants have been introduced to an area previously populated by native flora. Essential stone walls, serving as property boundaries, have been displaced and concealed beneath mounds of soil. Additionally, unwarranted 90-degree gravel roads have been constructed on-site, disregarding the existing old mill road regularly used by Eversource. These new roads have disrupted stormwater patterns, leading to ponding and the formation of new wetlands. These instances merely highlight a few of the unnecessary and damaging infractions on the site.


We possess documentation illustrating the state of the work area both before and after the unwarranted modifications, documents confirming compliance with timelines, evidence of violations against Eversource regulations, instances that run counter to state statutes, and false and/or misleading statements and representations made by council staff. Furthermore, I have

personally visited the site, closely examining both the constituents' portion of the old petition and the new one.

This lack of collaboration with landowners fosters distrust in the system, which is unacceptable. It is our strong request that you facilitate a public hearing and conduct an on-site visit immediately.

Your prompt attention to this matter is anticipated and appreciated.

Sincerely,



Catherine Osten
State Senator, 19th District



Timothy Ackert
State Representative, 8th District

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