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**Meeting Minutes**

**Meeting of December 3, 2020**

A tele-conference meeting of the Connecticut Siting Council (energy/telecommunications) was held on Thursday, December 3, 2020. The meeting was called to order with a quorum present by Presiding Officer Robert Silvestri at 1:02 p.m.

**Council Members Present:**

Robert Silvestri  
Presiding Officer  
Edward Edelson  
Michael Harder  
Daniel P. Lynch, Jr.

Quat Nguyen  
(designee for Chairman Gillett)  
Robert Hannon  
(designee for Commissioner Dykes)  
John Morissette

**Staff Members Present:**

Melanie Bachman  
Executive Director/Staff Attorney  
Fred Cunliffe  
Supervising Siting Analyst  
Ifeanyichukwu Nwankwo  
Siting Analyst

Christina Walsh  
Supervising Siting Analyst  
Robert Mercier  
Siting Analyst  
Michael Perrone  
Siting Analyst

**Recording Secretary:**

Lisa Fontaine

**1. Minutes of November 19, 2020.**

Mr. Edelson moved to approve the Minutes of November 19, 2020; seconded by Mr. Harder. The motion passed unanimously.

2. **DOCKET NO. 488 - Homeland Towers, LLC and New Cingular Wireless PCS, LLC d/b/a AT&T 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: Kent Tax Assessor ID #M10, Block 22, Lot 38 Bald Hill Road or 93 Richards Road, Kent, Connecticut. Draft Findings of Fact, Opinion, and Decision and Order.**

After reviewing the draft Findings of Fact, Presiding Officer Silvestri polled the Council members with Mr. Morissette, Mr. Lynch, and Mr. Harder in favor of Site A; and Mr. Edelson, Mr. Nguyen, Mr. Hannon, and Mr. Silvestri in favor of Site B.

After reviewing the draft Opinion and Decision and Order for Site B, Mr. Edelson moved to approve the draft Findings of Fact and the draft Opinion, and Decision and Order for Site B; as amended; seconded by Mr. Hannon. The motion passed with Mr. Morissette, Mr. Lynch, and Mr. Harder voting no.

3. **DOCKET NO. 495 - Cellco Partnership d/b/a Verizon Wireless application for a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need for the construction, maintenance, and operation of a telecommunications facility located at 5151 Park Avenue, Fairfield, Connecticut. Completeness Review, Schedule and Deposition of the Transcript.**

Mr. Lynch moved to approve the schedule per staff recommendations; seconded by Mr. Edelson. The motion passed unanimously.

4. **PETITION NO. 1222 - Windham Solar LLC declaratory ruling that no Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need is required for the proposed construction, maintenance and operation of three 2.0 Megawatt and four 1.0 Megawatt Solar Photovoltaic Electric Generating facilities located southeast of Hartford Turnpike and south of Fisk Road, Hampton, Connecticut. Request to Reopen.**

Mr. Edelson moved to approve the Request to Reopen based on changed conditions pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes §4-181a(b);-seconded by Mr. Nguyen. The motion passed with Mr. Hannon voting no.

5. **PETITION NO. 1417 - Watertown Solar One, LLC and VCP, LLC d/b/a Verogy petition for a declaratory ruling, pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes §4-176 and §16-50k, for the proposed construction, maintenance and operation of a 1.975 megawatt AC solar photovoltaic generating facility located at 669 Platt Road, Watertown, Connecticut, and associated electrical connection. Decision.**

Mr. Morissette moved to approve this petition with the conditions noted in the staff report and with the additional conditions that the petitioner submit a Development and Management Plan for Council approval and that all upon completion of the land clearing and grading efforts, all disturbed areas shall be seeded and stabilized through a growing season (i.e. Spring or Fall) before commencement of construction of the solar arrays and related equipment; seconded by Mr. Edelson. The motion passed unanimously.

6. **PETITION NO. 1424 - Southington Solar One, LLC petition for a declaratory ruling, pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes §4-176 and §16-50k, for the proposed construction, maintenance and operation of a 4.725-megawatt AC solar photovoltaic electric generating facility located at 1012 East Street, Southington, Connecticut, and associated electrical interconnection. CGS §4-176 Deadline for Action – Set Date for Decision. Karabin Objection to Petitioner Responses to Intervenor Interrogatories and Request for Production**

Mr. Edelson moved to set the date by which to render a decision in accordance with Connecticut General Statutes § 4-176(e), Section 16-50j-40(c) of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies and Governor Lamont's June 29, 2020 Executive Order No. 7DDD as no later than April 25, 2021; seconded by Mr. Harder. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Edelson moved to overrule the Intervenor's Objection to the Petitioner's Responses to their Interrogatories and to deny the Request for Production; seconded by Mr. Hannon. The motion passed unanimously.

7. **PETITION NO. 1430 - Cellco Partnership d/b/a Verizon Wireless petition for a declaratory ruling, pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes §4-176 and §16-50k, for proposed modifications to an existing rooftop telecommunications facility located at 54 Meadow Street, New Haven, Connecticut. Decision.**

Mr. Harder moved to approve this petition with the condition noted in the staff report; seconded by Mr. Edelson. The motion passed unanimously.

8. **TS-VAPOR-089-201112 - Vapor IO, Inc. request for an order to approve tower sharing at an existing telecommunications facility located at 167 Cocomo Circle, New Britain, Connecticut. Decision.**

Mr. Morissette moved to approve this tower share request with the condition that approval of any changes be delegated to Council staff; seconded by Mr. Edelson. The motion passed unanimously.

9. **Fiscal Year 2022 and Fiscal Year 2023 Biennium Budget.**

Mr. Edelson moved to approve the Fiscal Year 2022 and Fiscal Year 2023 budgets and send them to the General Assembly Appropriations Committee; seconded by Mr. Harder. The motion passed unanimously.

10. **Administrative Matters.**

The following calendar dates were discussed:

- Docket No. 494, Tuesday, December 8, 2020, **evidentiary hearing session** beginning at 2:00 p.m. and **public comment session** beginning at 6:30 p.m. via Zoom remote conferencing
- Petition No. 1425, Tuesday, December 15, 2020, **continued evidentiary hearing session** beginning at 2:00 p.m. via Zoom remote conferencing
- Energy/Telecommunications telemeeting, Thursday, December 17, 2020, beginning at **1:00 p.m.**

**Adjournment.**

Mr. Edelson moved to adjourn the meeting; seconded by Mr. Harder. The motion passed unanimously.

Presiding Officer Silvestri adjourned the meeting at 2:39 p.m.

**Respectfully submitted,**

**Melanie A. Bachman**  
**Executive Director**

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