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Meeting Minutes

Meeting of February 11, 2021

A tele-conference meeting of the Connecticut Siting Council (energy/telecommunications) was held on Thursday, February 11, 2021. The meeting was called to order with a quorum present by Presiding Officer Robert Silvestri at 1:00 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 January 28, 2021.

Mr. Lynch moved to approve the Minutes of January 28, 2021; seconded by Mr. Harder. The motion passed unanimously.

2. DOCKET NO. 491 - 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 110 Yantic Lane, Norwich, Connecticut. Draft Findings of Fact.

After reviewing the draft Findings of Fact, Presiding Officer Silvestri conducted a non-binding straw poll of the Council members with Mr. Morissette, Mr. Edelson, Mr. Nguyen, Mr. Lynch, Mr. Hannon, Mr. Harder, and Mr. Silvestri unanimously in favor of the proposed project.

Presiding Officer Silvestri directed staff to draft a favorable Opinion and Decision and Order to be reviewed at the next meeting.

3. **DOCKET NO. 492 – Gravel Pit Solar application for a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need for the construction, maintenance, and operation of a 120-megawatt-AC solar photovoltaic electric generating facility on eight parcels generally located to the east and west of the Amtrak and Connecticut Rail Line, south of Apothecaries Hall Road and north of the South Windsor town boundary in East Windsor, Connecticut and associated electrical interconnection. Draft Findings of Fact.**

After reviewing the draft Findings of Fact, Presiding Officer Silvestri conducted a non-binding straw poll of the Council members with Mr. Morissette, Mr. Edelson, Mr. Nguyen, Mr. Lynch, Mr. Hannon, Mr. Harder, and Mr. Silvestri unanimously in favor of the proposed project.

Presiding Officer Silvestri directed staff to draft a favorable Opinion and Decision and Order to be reviewed at the next meeting.

4. **DOCKET NO. 497 - Burlington Solar One, LLC application for a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need for the construction, maintenance, and operation of a 3.5-megawatt-AC solar photovoltaic electric generating facility located at Lot 33, Prospect Street Burlington, Connecticut and associated electrical interconnection. Completeness Review, Schedule, Deposition of the Transcript.**

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

5. **PETITION NO. 1398 – LSE Pictor, 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 1.99-megawatt AC solar photovoltaic electric generating facility on an approximately 104 acre parcel located off of Platt Hill Road, Winchester, Connecticut and associated electrical interconnection. Motion to Reopen and Modify the Council's September 28, 2020 Decision based on changed conditions pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes §4-181a(b).**

Mr. Harder moved to approve the Request to Reopen based on changed conditions pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes §4-181a(b); seconded by Mr. Morissette. The motion passed with Mr. Edelson recusing.

6. **PETITION NO. 1410 - Greenskies Clean Energy, 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 3.0-megawatt-AC solar photovoltaic electric generating facility on two parcels at the Elmridge Golf Course located to the east and west of North Anguilla Road at the intersection with Elmridge Road, Stonington, Connecticut, and associated electrical interconnection. Draft Findings of Fact, Opinion, and Decision and Order.**

Mr. Silvestri asked Mr. Morissette to preside over this item.

Mr. Edelson is recused from this matter.

Mr. Harder moved to approve the draft Findings of Fact, Opinion and Decision and Order, as amended, with the recommendation that the project developer consult with abutting property owners regarding additional screening; seconded by Mr. Hannon. The motion passed with Mr. Lynch voting no and with Mr. Edelson recusing.

7. **Administrative Matters.**

The following calendar dates were discussed:

- Petition No. 1422, Tuesday, February 23, 2021, **evidentiary hearing session** beginning at 2:00 p.m. and **public comment session** beginning at 6:30 p.m. via Zoom remote conferencing.
- Energy/Telecommunications telemeeting, Thursday, February 25, 2021, 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 2:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Melanie A. Bachman
Executive Director

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