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DRAFT Meeting Minutes

Meeting of May 20, 2021

A tele-conference meeting of the Connecticut Siting Council (energy/telecommunications) was held on Thursday, May 20, 2021. The meeting was called to order with a quorum present by Presiding Officer John Morissette at 1:00 p.m.

Council Members Present:

John Morissette
Presiding Officer
Louanne Cooley
Daniel P. Lynch, Jr.
Robert Silvestri

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

Council Members Absent:

Edward Edelson

Staff Members Present:

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

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

Recording Secretary:

Lisa Fontaine

1. Minutes of May 6, 2021.

Mr. Silvestri moved to approve the Minutes of May 6, 2021; seconded by Ms. Cooley. The motion passed unanimously.

2. **DOCKET NO. 261 - AT&T Wireless PCS, LLC d/b/a AT&T Wireless Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need for the construction, maintenance and operation of a wireless telecommunications facility at 85 Quaker Farms Road, Oxford, Connecticut. Motion to Reopen and Modify the Decision and Order.**

Mr. Silvestri moved to reopen the matter without a hearing to eliminate the portion of Condition No. 1 of the Decision and Order that required all panel antennas to be installed on the monopole using a flush mount design; seconded by Mr. Nguyen. The motion passed with Mr. Lynch voting no.

3. **DOCKET NO. 411 - New Cingular Wireless PCS, LLC Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need for the construction, maintenance and management of a telecommunications facility located at 1363 Boston Post Road, Old Saybrook, Connecticut. Request for Transfer of Certificate.**

Mr. Lynch moved to grant the Transfer of Certificate to SRR Towers, LLC; seconded by Mr. Hannon. The motion passed unanimously.

4. **DOCKET NO. 492 – Gravel Pit Solar 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. Partial Development and Management Plan.**

Mr. Silvestri moved to approve the Partial Development and Management Plan with the condition noted in the staff report, an additional condition that the site contact and emergency contact information referenced in Section 5.1 of the Spill Prevention, Control, and Countermeasure Plan, including the environmental spill response contractor be submitted to the Council, and a reminder that Condition No. 1 of the Council's February 25, 2021 Decision and Order requires a copy of a DEEP-issued Stormwater Permit to be submitted to the Council prior to the commencement of Partial D&M Plan I construction; seconded by Mr. Hannon. The motion passed with Ms. Cooley abstaining.

5. **DOCKET NO. 494 - 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 south of Chestnut Hill Road at the intersection with Grilley Road and Lyman Road (Parcel No. 101-1-5B), Wolcott, Connecticut. Draft Findings of Fact, Opinion, and Decision and Order.**

Mr. Silvestri moved to approve the Draft Findings of Fact, Opinion, and Decision and Order; seconded by Mr. Hannon. The motion passed with Ms. Cooley abstaining.

6. **DOCKET NO. 496 - Tarpon Towers II, LLC application for a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need for the construction, maintenance, and operation of a telecommunications facility located at 800 Prospect Hill Road, Windsor, Connecticut. Draft Findings of Fact.**

After reviewing the draft Findings of Fact, Mr. Morissette conducted a non-binding straw poll of the Council members with Mr. Silvestri, Mr. Nguyen, Mr. Lynch, Mr. Hannon, Ms. Cooley, and Mr. Morissette in favor of the proposed site with the condition to include a yield point in the monopole design.

Mr. Morissette directed staff to draft a favorable Opinion and Decision and Order to be reviewed at the next meeting.

7. **DOCKET NO. 501 - New Cingular Wireless PCS, LLC application for a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need for the construction, maintenance, and operation of a telecommunications facility located at 106 Sharon Road, Lakeville (Salisbury), Connecticut. Motion for Protective Order.**

Mr. Lynch moved to grant the motion for protective order; seconded by Mr. Hannon. The motion passed unanimously.

8. **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. Decision.**

Mr. Silvestri moved to approve this petition with the conditions noted in the staff report, with the additional conditions to submit a Final Landscape Design Plan, Spotted Turtle Protection Plan, Purple Milkweed Translocation Plan, provisions for evacuation as part of the livestock grazing plan; and with the recommendation that the petitioner consult with Eversource Energy to reduce the number and/or visual impact of the utility poles; seconded by Mr. Hannon. The motion passed unanimously.

9. **PETITION NO. 1446 - New Cingular Wireless PCS, LLC (AT&T) petition for a declaratory ruling, pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes §4-176 and §16-50k, for the proposed installation of a small cell wireless telecommunications facility on a new approximately 34-foot privately-owned pole to be located in the northwest corner of the parking lot at 53 Ella T. Grasso Turnpike, Windsor Locks, Connecticut. Decision.**

Mr. Silvestri moved to approve this petition with the condition noted in the staff report and with the recommendation that parking curbs or bollards be installed, as appropriate; seconded by Mr. Hannon. The motion passed unanimously.

10. **PETITION NO. 1447 - New Cingular Wireless PCS, LLC (AT&T) petition for a declaratory ruling, pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes §4-176 and §16-50k, for the proposed installation of a small cell wireless telecommunications facility on a new approximately 25-foot privately-owned light pole to be located at the northeast edge of the parking lot at 11 Lake Avenue Extension, Danbury, Connecticut. Decision.**

Mr. Silvestri moved to approve this petition with the condition noted in the staff report and with the recommendations that parking curbs or bollards be installed, as appropriate; seconded by Mr. Morissette.

11. **PETITION NO. 1449 - New Cingular Wireless PCS, LLC (AT&T) petition for a declaratory ruling, pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes §4-176 and §16-50k, for the proposed installation of a small cell wireless telecommunications facility on a new approximately 34-foot privately-owned wood pole to be located at the Woodstock Fair Grounds, 39 North Gate Road, Woodstock, Connecticut. Decision.**

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

12. **TS-CING-049-210407 - New Cingular Wireless, PCS, LLC (AT&T) request for an order to approve tower sharing at an existing telecommunications facility located at 293 Elm Street, Enfield, Connecticut. Decision.**

Mr. Hannon moved to approve this tower share request with the condition that approval of any changes be delegated to Council staff; seconded by Ms. Cooley. The motion passed with Mr. Lynch recusing.

13. Administrative Matters.

The following energy/telecommunications meeting dates were discussed:

- Docket No. 499, Tuesday, May 25, 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, June 3, 2021, beginning at **1:00 p.m.**
- Petition No. 1443, Tuesday, June 8, 2021, **evidentiary hearing session** beginning at 2:00 p.m. and **public comment session** beginning at 6:30 p.m. via Zoom remote conferencing.
- Docket No. 500, Tuesday, June 15, 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, June 17, 2021, beginning at **1:00 p.m.**
- Docket No. 501, Tuesday, June 29, 2021, **evidentiary hearing session** beginning at 2:00 p.m. and **public comment session** beginning at 6:30 p.m. via Zoom remote conferencing

Adjournment.

Mr. Silvestri moved to adjourn the meeting; seconded by Mr. Nguyen. The motion passed unanimously.

Presiding Officer Morissette adjourned the meeting at 2:09 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Melanie A. Bachman
Executive Director

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