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**DRAFT Meeting Minutes  
Meeting of April 16, 2026**

A Zoom remote conference meeting of the Connecticut Siting Council (energy/telecommunications) was held on Thursday, April 16, 2026. The meeting was called to order with a quorum present by Vice Chair Morissette, at 1:00 p.m.

**Council Members Present:**

John Morissette  
Vice Chair  
Chance Carter  
Khristine Hall  
Bill Syme  
Daniel P. Lynch, Jr.

Brian Golembiewski  
(designee for Commissioner Dykes)  
Quat Nguyen  
(designee for Chairman Wiehl)  
Dr. Scott C. Williams

**Staff Members Present:**

Melanie Bachman  
Executive Director/Staff Attorney  
Michael Perrone  
Siting Analyst 2

Robert Mercier  
Siting Analyst 2  
Ifeanyichukwu Nwankwo  
Siting Analyst 1

**Recording Secretary:**

Lisa Fontaine

**1. Regular Meeting Minutes of April 2, 2026.**

Ms. Hall moved to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of April 2, 2026; seconded by Mr. Carter. The motion passed with Mr. Syme abstaining.

**2. DOCKET NO. 307 - SBA Infrastructure LLC Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need for the construction and maintenance of a telecommunications facility located at 71 Pleasant View Road, Derby, Connecticut. Connecticut Siting Council Motion to Reopen this Certificate to eliminate Condition No. 3 of the December 19, 2024 Modified Decision and Order based on changed conditions pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes §4-181a(b).**

Ms. Hall moved to reopen this Certificate without a public hearing, specifically limited to consideration of Condition No. 3 and to solicit comments from the original service list related to the

elimination of Condition No. 3 and whether a public hearing should be held; seconded by Mr. Syme. The motion passed with Mr. Lynch voting no.

- 3. DOCKET NO. 526 – Greenskies Clean Energy, LLC Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need for the construction, maintenance, and operation of a 4.999-megawatt-AC solar photovoltaic electric generating facility and associated equipment located at Lantern Hill Road (Parcel No. 169-1-4), Stonington, Connecticut and associated electrical interconnection. Development and Management Plan.**

Ms. Hall moved to approve the Development and Management Plan with the conditions noted in the staff report and the additional condition to submit a revised Landscaping Plan that identifies the locations and species of additional landscaping where site conditions allow prior to commencement of construction; seconded by Mr. Golembiewski. The motion passed unanimously.

- 4. DOCKET NO. 538 – The Towers, LLC application for a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need for the construction, maintenance, and operation of a telecommunications facility and associated equipment located at 1022 Trumbull Highway, Lebanon, Connecticut. Draft Findings of Fact.**

After reviewing the Draft Findings of Fact, Vice Chair Morissette conducted a non-binding straw poll of the Council members with Ms. Hall, Mr. Carter, Dr. Williams, Mr. Golembiewski, Mr. Nguyen, and Vice Chair Morissette in favor of the alternative tower location with a brown color paint scheme on the lower portion of the tower that does not exceed the height of the surrounding tree canopy and an unpainted galvanized steel finish on the upper portion of the tower above the tree canopy and Mr. Syme, and Mr. Lynch in favor of the alternative tower location with an unpainted galvanized steel monopole.

Vice Chair Morissette directed staff to draft an Opinion and Decision and Order approving the facility at the alternative tower location with a brown color paint scheme on the lower portion of the tower that does not exceed the height of the surrounding tree canopy and an unpainted galvanized steel finish on the upper portion of the tower above the tree canopy to be reviewed at the next meeting.

- 5. DOCKET NO. 545 – Arx Wireless Infrastructure, LLC and 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 and associated equipment located at 306 Flanders Road, East Lyme, Connecticut. Draft Findings of Fact.**

After reviewing the Draft Findings of Fact, Vice Chair Morissette conducted a non-binding straw poll of the Council members with Ms. Hall, Mr. Carter, Dr. Williams, Mr. Golembiewski, Mr. Nguyen, Mr. Syme, Mr. Lynch, and Vice Chair Morissette voting to approve the facility with a development and management plan condition to submit a feasibility study of bringing natural gas service to the tower

compound to supply the emergency backup generators including, but not limited to, cost install the natural gas service and a cost comparison of natural-gas fueled and diesel-fueled emergency backup generators.

Vice Chair Morissette directed staff to draft an Opinion and Decision and Order approving the facility to be reviewed at the next meeting.

6. **PETITION NO. 1697 – CEFIA Holdings, 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 1.7-megawatt AC solar photovoltaic electric generating facility and associated equipment located at the Connecticut Department of Transportation Headquarters, 2710-2880 Berlin Turnpike, Newington, Connecticut, and associated electrical interconnection. Decision.**

Mr. Golembiewski moved to approve this petition with the conditions noted in the staff report; seconded by Ms. Hall. The motion passed with Mr. Lynch recusing.

#### 7. **Administrative Matters**

**PETITION NO. 1698 – LSE Lynx LLC (Lodestar Energy) petition for a declaratory ruling, pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes §4-176 and §16-50k, for the construction, maintenance and operation of a 4.65-megawatt AC solar photovoltaic electric generating facility and associated equipment located at 140 Nod Road, Simsbury, Connecticut, and associated electrical interconnection. Request for Party/Intervenor Status.**

Mr. Lynch moved to add this item to the agenda; seconded Mr. Carter. The motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Hall moved to grant Party status to the Town of Simsbury with the condition that in accordance with CGS §4-176(i), the Town of Simsbury submit written agreement to extend the final decision deadline in this proceeding to November 16, 2026 to the Council and the service list no later than April 22, 2026; seconded by Mr. Carter. The motion passed unanimously.

The following energy/telecommunications meeting and public hearing dates were discussed:

- Petition No. 1698, Thursday, April 23, 2026, **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. 543, Tuesday, April 28, 2026, **continued evidentiary hearing session** beginning at 2:00 p.m. via Zoom remote conferencing.
- Energy/Telecommunications Meeting, Thursday, April 30, 2026, beginning at **1:00 p.m.** via Zoom remote conferencing.

**Adjournment.**

Mr. Carter moved to adjourn the meeting; seconded by Mr. Lynch. The motion passed unanimously. Vice Chair Morissette adjourned the meeting at 1:59 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Melanie A. Bachman". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

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

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