

Meeting Minutes
Meeting of August 31, 2017

A meeting of the Connecticut Siting Council (energy/telecommunications) was held on Thursday, August 31, 2017, in Hearing Room Two, Ten Franklin Square, New Britain, Connecticut. The meeting was called to order with a quorum present by Chairman Stein at 1:00 p.m.

Council Members Present:

Robert Stein
Chairman
James J. Murphy, Jr.
Vice Chairman
Michael W. Klemens
Robert Silvestri

Robert Hannon
(designee for Commissioner Klee)
Larry Levesque
(designee for Chairman Dykes)
Michael Harder
Daniel P. Lynch, Jr.

Staff Members Present:

Melanie Bachman
Executive Director/Staff Attorney
Fred Cunliffe
Supervising Siting Analyst
Christina Walsh
Supervising Siting Analyst

Robert Mercier
Siting Analyst
Michael Perrone
Siting Analyst

Recording Secretary:

Lisa Fontaine

1. Minutes of July 20, 2017

Dr. Klemens moved to approve the minutes of July 20, 2017; seconded by Mr. Murphy. The motion passed with Mr. Lynch abstaining.

2. DOCKET NO. 472 - 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 Bridgeport Tax Assessor's Map 85, Block 2805, Lot 29, 541 Broadbridge Road, Bridgeport, Connecticut. Draft Findings of Fact, Opinion, Decision and Order.

Mr. Hannon moved to approve the Draft Findings of Fact, Opinion, and Decision & Order, as amended; seconded Mr. Levesque. The motion passed unanimously.

3. **DOCKET NO. 473 - Homeland Towers, LLC and Celco 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 515 Morehouse Road, Easton, Connecticut. Draft Findings of Fact.**

Mr. Murphy moved to take this item off of the table; seconded by Dr. Klemens. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Murphy and Mr. Levesque stated for the record that they read the record of the proceeding.

After reviewing the Draft Findings of Fact, Chairman Stein conducted a non-binding straw poll of the Council Members with Mr. Murphy, Dr. Klemens, Mr. Silvestri, Mr. Levesque, Mr. Lynch, Mr. Hannon, and Mr. Harder in favor of approving a monopole telecommunications facility, and Chairman Stein in favor of approving the proposed monopine telecommunications facility.

Chairman Stein directed staff to draft an Opinion and Decision and Order approving a monopole telecommunications facility to be reviewed at the next meeting.

4. **DOCKET NO. 475 - Celco 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 adjacent to the maintenance building at the Skungamaug Golf Course, south of Folly Lane, at Coventry Tax Assessor's Map 006, Block 0026, Lot 0101, Coventry, Connecticut. Motion for Protective Order.**

Mr. Murphy moved to approve the motion for a protective order; seconded by Mr. Silvestri. The motion passed unanimously.

5. **DOCKET NO. 476 - Eco-Site, Inc. and T-Mobile Northeast, LLC application for a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need for the construction, maintenance, and operation of a telecommunications facility located at 248 Hall Hill Road, Somers, Connecticut. Completeness Review, Schedule, Deposition of Transcript.**

Mr. Silvestri moved to approve the schedule for processing the application as per staff recommendations; seconded by Mr. Lynch. The motion passed unanimously.

6. **PETITION NO. 1078 - CTS Energy, LLC declaratory ruling that no Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need is required for the installation of a 4.98 megawatt fuel cell facility located at 245 Chapel Road, South Windsor, Connecticut. Request for Modification. Request for Extension.**

Dr. Klemens moved to approve the request for modification with the conditions noted in the staff report and granting an extension of time until June 30, 2019 for the facility to be operational; seconded by Mr. Hannon. The motion passed with Mr. Harder voting no.

7. **PETITION NO. 1137 - Windham Solar, LLC declaratory ruling that no Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need is required for the proposed construction and operation of five 1.0 MW and one 1.1 MW Solar Photovoltaic Renewable Energy Generating facilities located at 1 Williams Crossing Road, Lebanon, Connecticut. Request for Amendment.**

Mr. Hannon moved to approve the request to amend the petition with the conditions noted in the staff report; seconded by Mr. Lynch. The motion passed unanimously.

8. **PETITION NO. 1224 - Woods Hill Solar, LLC declaratory ruling that no Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need is required for the proposed construction, maintenance and operation of a 17.61 Megawatt AC Solar Photovoltaic Electric Generating facility located at 90 and 101 Woods Hill Road, Pomfret, Connecticut. Development and Management Plan.**

Dr. Klemens moved to approve the Development and Management Plan with the condition noted in the staff report and the additional recommendation that a 7-foot fence without barbed wire be installed unless required by any applicable codes; seconded by Mr. Murphy. The motion passed with Mr. Hannon voting no and Mr. Silvestri abstaining.

9. **PETITION NO. 1311 - Cellco Partnership d/b/a Verizon Wireless petition for a declaratory ruling that no Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need is required for the proposed installation of a wireless telecommunications facility on the roof of the existing Yarnall Athletic Center and Bookstore at Mitchell College located at 40 Debiasi Drive, New London, Connecticut. Decision.**

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

10. **PETITION NO. 1312 - Candlewood Solar LLC petition for a declaratory ruling that no Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need is required for the proposed construction, maintenance and operation of a 20 megawatt AC (26.5 megawatt DC) solar photovoltaic electric generating facility located on a 163 acre parcel at 197 Candlewood Mountain Road and associated electrical interconnection to Eversource Energy's Rocky River Substation on Kent Road in New Milford, Connecticut. DEEP Notice of Intent to be a Party. DEEP Motion to be placed on the Service List. Department of Agriculture Notice of Intent to be a Party. Department of Agriculture Motion to be placed on the Service List.**

Mr. Hannon recused from Petition No.1312. He left the meeting room at this time.

Mr. Harder moved to grant conditional party status to DEEP as noted in the staff report; seconded by Mr. Silvestri. The motion passed with Mr. Hannon recusing.

DEEP's Motion to be placed on the Service List was rendered moot as conditional party status was granted.

Mr. Murphy moved to grant party status to the Department of Agriculture; seconded by Dr. Klemens. The motion passed with Mr. Hannon recusing.

Department of Agriculture's Motion to be placed on the Service List was rendered moot as party status was granted.

- 11. PETITION NO. 1313 - DWW Solar II, LLC petition for a declaratory ruling that no Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need is required for the proposed construction, maintenance and operation of a 26.4 megawatt AC solar photovoltaic electric generating facility on approximately 289 acres comprised of 5 separate and abutting privately-owned parcels located generally west of Hopmeadow Street (US 202/CT 10), north and south of Hoskins Road, and north and east of County Road and associated electrical interconnection to Eversource Energy's North Simsbury Substation west of Hopmeadow Street in Simsbury, Connecticut. Town of Simsbury Motion to Continue Hearing. Department of Agriculture Motion to Continue Hearing. DEEP Notice of Intent to be a Party. DEEP Motion to be placed on the Service List. Department of Agriculture Notice of Intent to be a Party. Department of Agriculture Motion to be placed on the Service.**

Mr. Hannon recused from Petition No.1313. He was not present in the meeting room at this time.

Mr. Murphy moved to grant conditional party status to DEEP as noted in the staff report; seconded by Mr. Silvestri. The motion passed with Mr. Hannon recusing.

DEEP's Motion to be placed on the Service List was rendered moot as conditional party status was granted.

Dr. Klemens moved to grant party status to the Department of Agriculture; seconded by Mr. Murphy. The motion passed with Mr. Hannon recusing.

Department of Agriculture's Motion to be placed on the Service List was rendered moot as party status was granted.

Dr. Klemens moved to deny the Town of Simsbury's Motion to Continue Hearing; seconded by Mr. Silvestri. The motion passed with Mr. Hannon recusing.

Dr. Klemens moved to deny the Department of Agriculture's Motion to Continue Hearing; seconded by Mr. Murphy. The motion passed with Mr. Hannon recusing.

Dr. Klemens moved to approve party status to abutting property owners to the proposed project; seconded by Mr. Murphy. The motion passed with Mr. Hannon recusing.

12. **PETITION NO. 1314 - The Connecticut Light and Power Company d/b/a Eversource Energy petition for a declaratory ruling that no Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need is required for the proposed 1555 Line Rebuild Project consisting of the structure and conductor replacements on its existing 115-kilovolt electric transmission line extending approximately 6.6 miles within existing Eversource electric transmission line right-of-way between the existing Bulls Bridge Substation located at 781 Kent Road and the existing Rocky River Junction located off Boardman Road in New Milford, Connecticut and related substation improvements. Decision.**

Mr. Hannon returned to the meeting room at 1:55 p.m.

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

13. **PETITION NO. 1315 - Cellco Partnership d/b/a Verizon Wireless petition for a declaratory ruling that no Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need is required for proposed modifications to an existing community antenna television (CATV) tower located at 7 Colburn Road, Canterbury, Connecticut. Decision.**

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

14. **PETITION NO. 1316 - Cellco Partnership d/b/a Verizon Wireless petition for a declaratory ruling that no Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need is required for the proposed installation of a small cell telecommunications facility on the roof of an existing commercial building located 1245 Farmington Avenue, West Hartford, Connecticut. Decision.**

Mr. Murphy moved to approve party status to Robert Fromer; seconded by Dr. Klemens. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Murphy moved to set the date by which to render a decision in this matter as no later than January 17, 2018; seconded by Mr. Silvestri. The motion passed unanimously.

15. **TS-CING-017-170613 - AT&T Wireless PCS LLC request for an order to approve tower sharing at an existing telecommunications facility located at 383 Middle Street, Bristol, Connecticut. Decision.**

Dr. Klemens moved to approve this tower share request; seconded by Mr. Levesque. The motion passed unanimously.

16. Administrative Matters.

The following calendar events were discussed:

- Docket No. 461A, Tuesday, September 5, 2017, **continued evidentiary hearing session** beginning at **1:00 p.m.** at the Connecticut Siting Council, Hearing Room 1, 10 Franklin Square, New Britain, Connecticut.
- Petition No. 1313, Tuesday, September 12, 2017, **public hearing** beginning with a **1:30 p.m. public field review, a 3:00 p.m. evidentiary session, and a 6:30 p.m. public comment session** at the Eno Memorial Hall Auditorium, 754 Hopmeadow Street, Simsbury, Connecticut.
- Energy/Telecommunications meeting, Thursday, September 14, 2017, beginning at **1:00 p.m.**, in Hearing Room Two, Ten Franklin Square, New Britain, Connecticut.
- Petition No. 1310, Tuesday, September 19, 2017, **public hearing** beginning with a **1:30 p.m. public field review, a 3:00 p.m. evidentiary session, and a 6:30 p.m. public comment session** at the Brooklyn Community Center Main Room, 31 Tiffany Street, Brooklyn, Connecticut.
- Petition No. 1312, Tuesday, September 26, 2017, **public hearing** beginning with a **1:30 p.m. public field review, a 3:00 p.m. evidentiary session, and a 6:30 p.m. public comment session** at the Roger Sherman Town Hall, E. Paul Martin Room, 10 Main Street, New Milford, Connecticut.
- Energy/Telecommunications meeting, Thursday, September 28, 2017, beginning at **1:00 p.m.**, in Hearing Room Two, Ten Franklin Square, New Britain, Connecticut.

Adjournment.

Mr. Levesque moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Dr. Klemens. The motion passed unanimously.

Chairman Stein adjourned the meeting at 2:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Robin Stein
Chairman

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