

Meeting Minutes
Meeting of September 28, 2017

A meeting of the Connecticut Siting Council (energy/telecommunications) was held on Thursday, September 28, 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 1:01 p.m.

Council Members Present:

Robert Stein
Chairman
Michael Harder
Daniel P. Lynch, Jr.

Robert Hannon
(designee for Commissioner Klee)
Michael W. Klemens
Robert Silvestri

Council Members Absent:

James J. Murphy, Jr.
Vice Chairman

Larry Levesque
(designee for Chairman Dykes)

Staff Members Present:

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

Robert Mercier
Siting Analyst
Michael Perrone
Siting Analyst

Recording Secretary:

Lisa Fontaine

1. Minutes of September 14, 2017

Dr. Klemens moved to approve the minutes of September 14, 2017; seconded by Mr. Silvestri. The motion passed unanimously.

2. **DOCKET NO. 471 - 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 Hamden Tax Assessor's Map 2826, Block 24, 208 Kirk Road (a/k/a 1075 Paradise Avenue), Hamden, Connecticut. Draft Findings of Fact, Opinion, and Decision and Order.**

Dr. Klemens moved to approve the Draft Findings of Fact, Opinion, and Decision & Order, as amended; seconded by Mr. Hannon. The motion passed with Mr. Silvestri recusing.

3. **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. Department of Energy and Environmental Protection's Motion to Deny.**

Dr. Klemens moved to deny the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection's (DEEP) Motion to Deny Declaratory Ruling and the Department of Agriculture's (DOAg) Statement in Support of Motion to Deny; seconded by Mr. Lynch. The motion passed with Mr. Harder abstaining.

4. **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. Department of Agriculture's Motion to Deny.**

Dr. Klemens moved to deny the DOAg's Motion to Deny Declaratory Ruling, as well as the supporting Motions to Deny Declaratory Ruling submitted by the Town of Simsbury; by abutting property owners, Flammini, et al.; and by DEEP; DEEP's Request for Oral Argument submitted as part of DEEP's Statement in Support of Motion to Deny Declaratory Ruling; and the Town of Simsbury's Request for Oral Argument on Motions to Deny Declaratory Ruling; seconded by Mr. Lynch. The motion passed with Mr. Harder abstaining.

5. **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.**

Dr. Klemens moved to approve the petition with the condition noted in the staff report; seconded by Mr. Hannon. The motion passed with Mr. Lynch abstaining.

6. **PETITION NO. 1319 - New Cingular Wireless, PCS, LLC (AT&T), as agent for American Tower Corporation, petition for a declaratory ruling that no Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need is required for the proposed extension of an existing telecommunications facility located at 585 South Main Street, Naugatuck, Connecticut. Decision.**

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

7. **PETITION NO. 1320 - 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 modifications of an existing wireless telecommunications facility located at 36 Hatchetts Hill Road, Old Lyme, Connecticut. Decision.**

Mr. Harder moved to approve the petition with the condition that approval of any minor project changes be delegated to Council staff; seconded by Mr. Hannon. The motion passed unanimously.

8. **PETITION NO. 1321 - The United Illuminating Company petition for a declaratory ruling that no Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need is required for the proposed modifications to the existing East Shore Substation located at 1 Waterfront Street, New Haven, Connecticut. Decision.**

Mr. Silvestri moved to approve the petition with the condition noted in the staff report; seconded by Mr. Lynch.

After discussion, Mr. Silvestri withdrew his motion.

Mr. Lynch moved to table this item until further information is obtained; seconded by Dr. Klemens. The motion passed unanimously.

9. **PETITION NO. 1322 - 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 an existing utility pole outside of the public right of way located at Mount Southington Ski Area, 396 and 412 Mount Vernon Road, Southington, Connecticut. Decision.**

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

10. **Administrative Matters.**

The following calendar events were discussed:

- Petition No. 1313, Tuesday, October 10, 2017, **evidentiary hearing session** beginning at **11:00 a.m.** in Hearing Room Two, Ten Franklin Square, New Britain, Connecticut.
- Energy/Telecommunications meeting, Thursday, October 12, 2017, beginning at **1:00 p.m.**, in Hearing Room Two, Ten Franklin Square, New Britain, Connecticut. **CANCELED.**
- Petition No. 1310, Tuesday, October 17, 2017, **evidentiary hearing session** beginning at **11:00 a.m.** in Hearing Room One, Ten Franklin Square, New Britain, Connecticut.
- Docket No. 475, Tuesday, October 24, 2017, **public hearing** beginning with a **2:00 p.m. public field review, a 3:00 p.m. evidentiary hearing session, and a 7:00 p.m. public comment session** at the Coventry Town Hall Annex, 1712 Main Street, Coventry, Connecticut.
- Energy/Telecommunications meeting, Thursday, October 26, 2017, beginning at **1:00 p.m.**, in Hearing Room Two, Ten Franklin Square, New Britain, Connecticut.
- Petition No. 1312, Tuesday, October 31, 2017, **evidentiary hearing session** beginning at **11:00 a.m.** in Hearing Room One, Ten Franklin Square, New Britain, Connecticut.

Adjournment.

Mr. Silvestri moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Mr. Lynch. The motion passed unanimously.

Chairman Stein adjourned the meeting at 1:43 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Robin Stein
Chairman

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