Meeting Minutes

Meeting of February 15, 2018

A meeting of the Connecticut Siting Council (energy/telecommunications) was held on Thursday, February 15, 2018, 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 Edward Edelson Daniel P. Lynch, Jr. Robert Hannon (designee for Commissioner Klee) Larry Levesque (designee for Chairman Dykes) Michael W. Klemens Robert Silvestri

Council Member Absent:

Michael Harder

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 February 1, 2018

Dr. Klemens moved to approve the minutes of February 1, 2018; seconded by Mr. Silvestri. The motion passed with Mr. Edelson abstaining.

2. 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. Draft Findings of Fact, Opinion, and Decision and Order.

Mr. Murphy moved to approve the Draft Findings of Fact, Opinion, and Decision and Order, as amended, approving the proposed project; seconded by Dr. Klemens. The motion passed with Mr. Silvestri voting no and Mr. Edelson abstaining.

3. DOCKET NO. 477 - 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 46 Cemetery Road, Canterbury, Connecticut. Draft Findings of Fact, Opinion, and Decision and Order.

Mr. Edelson moved to approve the Draft Findings of Fact, Opinion, and Decision and Order, as amended, approving the proposed project; seconded by Mr. Silvestri. The motion passed with Chairman Stein abstaining.

4. PETITION NO. 1339 - Wallingford Renewable 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 19.99 MW AC ground-mounted solar photovoltaic electric generating facility located on approximately 158 acres of 3 contiguous parcels consisting of the former Wallingford Landfill and 2 parcels owned by the Materials Innovation and Recycling Authority west of Pent Road and associated electrical interconnection to Wallingford Electric Division's Wallingford Substation in Wallingford, Connecticut. Set Date for Decision.

Mr. Silvestri moved to set the date by which to render a decision in this matter as no later than July 9, 2018; seconded by Mr. Murphy. The motion passed unanimously.

5. TS-T-MOBILE-015-180129 - T-Mobile request for an order to approve tower sharing at an existing telecommunications facility located at 220 Evergreen Street, Bridgeport, Connecticut. Decision.

Mr. Murphy moved to approve this tower share request; seconded by Mr. Silvestri. The motion passed unanimously.

6. Administrative Matters.

The following calendar events were discussed:

- Docket No. 480 Thursday, February 22, 2018, public hearing beginning with a 2:00 p.m. public field review, a 3:00 p.m. evidentiary hearing session, and a 6:30 p.m. public comment session at the Farmington Town Hall, Council Chambers, 1 Monteith Drive, Farmington, Connecticut.
- Energy/Telecommunications meeting, Thursday, March 1, 2018, beginning at **1:00 p.m.** in Hearing Room Two, Ten Franklin Square, New Britain, Connecticut.
- Energy/Telecommunications meeting, Thursday, March 15, 2018, beginning at **1:00 p.m.** in Hearing Room Two, Ten Franklin Square, New Britain, Connecticut.

Adjournment.

Dr. Klemens moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Mr. Lynch. The motion passed unanimously. Chairman Stein adjourned the meeting at 1:21 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Robin Stein Chairman

RS/laf