

**Meeting Minutes**  
**Meeting of March 15, 2018**

A meeting of the Connecticut Siting Council (energy/telecommunications) was held on Thursday, March 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

Robert Hannon  
(designee for Commissioner Klee)  
Daniel P. Lynch, Jr.  
Robert Silvestri

**Council Member Absent:**

Michael Harder  
Larry Levesque  
(designee for Chairman Dykes)

Michael W. Klemens

**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

**Moment of Silence**

A moment of silence was held for the passing of former Council Chairman, Honorable Daniel F. Caruso and former Council Member, Gerald A. Heffernan.

1. **Minutes of February 15, 2018**

Mr. Edelson moved to approve the minutes of February 15, 2018; seconded by Mr. Silvestri. The motion passed unanimously.

2. **DOCKET NO. 478 - 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 63 Woodland Street, Glastonbury, Connecticut. Draft Findings of Fact.**

After reviewing the Draft Findings of Fact, Chairman Stein conducted a non-binding straw poll of the Council Members with Mr. Murphy, Mr. Silvestri, Mr. Hannon, and Chairman Stein in favor of the proposed project with either a monopine or monopole design; Mr. Lynch in favor of a monopole design, and Mr. Edelson voting no without prejudice.

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

3. **DOCKET NO. 479 - Tarpon Towers II, LLC and 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 380 Horace Street, Bridgeport, Connecticut. Draft Findings of Fact.**

Mr. Lynch stated for the record that he read the transcripts 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, Mr. Silvestri, Mr. Edelson, Mr. Lynch, Mr. Hannon, and Chairman Stein in favor of the proposed project with conditions for protective measures to safeguard the stone-foundation of the house to the west of the compound during construction and to rotate the tower compound to avoid rock outcroppings.

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

4. **DOCKET NO. 481 - 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 667, 665, 663 and 663R Main Street, Cromwell, Connecticut. Completeness Review, Schedule, Deposition of Transcript, Motion for Protective Order.**

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

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

5. **PETITION NO. 622A - T-Mobile Northeast LLC (T-Mobile) request to amend its declaratory ruling pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes §4-176 and §16-50k for the proposed relocation of an existing T-Mobile facility attached to an Eversource electric transmission line structure (#826) onto an approved replacement electric transmission line structure (#826) within the existing Eversource right-of-way located at 1975 Huntington Road, Stratford, Connecticut. Decision.**

Mr. Silvestri moved to approve the request to amend this declaratory ruling with the condition noted in the staff report; seconded by Mr. Murphy. The motion passed unanimously.

6. **PETITION NO. 1340 - Cellco Partnership d/b/a Verizon Wireless petition for a declaratory ruling, pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes §4-176 and §16-50k, for the proposed modifications to an existing wireless telecommunications facility located at 623 Honeyspot Road, Stratford, Connecticut. Decision.**

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

7. **TS-T-MOBILE-141-180221 - T-Mobile request for an order to approve tower sharing at an existing telecommunications facility located at 720 Quinebaug Road, Thompson, Connecticut. Decision.**

Mr. Silvestri moved to approve this tower share request with the following conditions:

- Prior to antenna installation, the tower shall be modified in accordance with the Structural Analysis Report prepared by Centek Engineering dated January 25, 2018, stamped and signed by Timothy J. Lynn; and
- Within 45 days following completion of the equipment installation, T-Mobile shall provide documentation certified by a Professional Engineer that its installation complied with the recommendations presented in the Structural Analysis Report.

The motion was seconded by Mr. Murphy and passed unanimously.

8. **TS-T-MOBILE-029-180227 - T-Mobile request for an order to approve tower sharing at an existing telecommunications facility located at 382 Colebrook River Road, Colebrook, Connecticut. Decision.**

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

**9. Administrative Matters.**

The following calendar events were discussed:

- Energy/Telecommunications meeting, Thursday, March 29, 2018, beginning at 1:00 p.m. in Hearing Room Two, Ten Franklin Square, New Britain, Connecticut
- Energy/Telecommunications meeting, Thursday, April 12, 2018, beginning at 1:00 p.m. in Hearing Room Two, Ten Franklin Square, New Britain, Connecticut.
- Docket No. 481 Thursday, April 19, 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 Cromwell Town Hall, Room 224/5, 41 West Street, Cromwell, Connecticut.

Chairman Stein also discussed the pending legislation that concerns the Council.

**Adjournment.**

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

Chairman Stein adjourned the meeting at 1:58 p.m.

**Respectfully submitted,**

**Robin Stein**  
**Chairman**

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