

Meeting Minutes
Meeting of March 29, 2018

A meeting of the Connecticut Siting Council (energy/telecommunications) was held on Thursday, March 29, 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
Michael Harder
Robert Silvestri

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

Council Members Absent:

Edward Edelson

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

1. Minutes of March 15, 2018

Mr. Lynch moved to approve the minutes of March 15, 2018; seconded by Mr. Murphy. The motion passed with Mr. Harder and Mr. Levesque abstaining.

- 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, Opinion, and Decision and Order.**

Mr. Hannon moved to approve the Draft Findings of Fact, Opinion, and Decision and Order approving the proposed project; seconded by Mr. Silvestri. The motion passed with Mr. Harder abstaining.

- 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, Opinion, and Decision and Order.**

Mr. Harder moved to approve the Draft Findings of Fact, Opinion, and Decision and Order approving the proposed project; seconded by Mr. Murphy. The motion passed unanimously.

- 4. DOCKET NO. 482 - 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 on town-owned property behind Lyman Memorial High School located at 917 Exeter Road, Lebanon, Connecticut. Completeness Review, Schedule, Deposition of Transcript, Motion for Protective Order.**

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

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

- 5. PETITION NO. 542A - Sprint Corporation (Sprint) request to amend its declaratory ruling pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes §4-176 and §16-50k for the proposed relocation of an existing Sprint facility attached to an Eversource electric transmission line structure (#830) onto an approved replacement electric transmission line structure (#830) within the existing Eversource right-of-way located at 560B Hawley Lane, Stratford, Connecticut. Decision.**

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

6. **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. Decision.**

Mr. Silvestri moved to approve the petition with the conditions noted in the staff report, that a copy of the Development and Management Plan be submitted to the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection, Bureau of Water Protection and Land Reuse, Water Planning and Management Division, and that the petitioner consider relocation of solar panels from the southern portion of the site to the northwest portion of the landfill to minimize fragmented solar panel installation and to further maximize wetland buffers; seconded by Mr. Hannon. The motion passed unanimously.

7. **Administrative Matters.**

The following calendar events were discussed:

- 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.
- Energy/Telecommunications meeting, Thursday, April 26, 2018, beginning at **1:00 p.m.** in Hearing Room Two, Ten Franklin Square, New Britain, Connecticut.

Adjournment.

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

Chairman Stein adjourned the meeting at 1:32 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Robin Stein
Chairman

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