

Meeting Minutes
Meeting of April 12, 2018

A meeting of the Connecticut Siting Council (energy/telecommunications) was held on Thursday, April 12, 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
Michael W. Klemens

Robert Hannon
(designee for Commissioner Klee)
Larry Levesque
(designee for Chairman Dykes)
Daniel P. Lynch, Jr.
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 March 29, 2018

Mr. Lynch moved to approve the minutes of March 29, 2018; seconded by Mr. Levesque. The motion passed with Mr. Edelson and Dr. Klemens abstaining.

2. **DOCKET NO. 461A - Eversource Energy Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need for the construction, maintenance, and operation of a 115-kilovolt (kV) bulk substation located at 290 Railroad Avenue, Greenwich, Connecticut, and two 115-kV underground transmission circuits extending approximately 2.3 miles between the proposed substation and the existing Cos Cob Substation, Greenwich, Connecticut, and related substation improvements. Town of Greenwich Objection to the Cos Cob Substation Modifications Development and Management Plan. Cos Cob Substation Modifications Development and Management Plan.**

Dr. Klemens moved to deny the Town of Greenwich objection to the submission of a partial Development and Management Plan (D&M Plan) pursuant to Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies § 16-50j-60; seconded by Mr. Silvestri. The motion passed with Mr. Edelson abstaining.

Dr. Klemens moved to approve the partial D&M Plan for the Cos Cob Substation Modifications with the condition that the specific location of the concrete washout station be identified prior to the commencement of concrete work; seconded by Mr. Murphy. The motion passed with Mr. Edelson abstaining.

3. **DOCKET NO. 480 – SectorSite LLC 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 on town-owned property behind the Southwest Fire Station located at 2 Westwoods Drive, Farmington, Connecticut. Draft Findings of Fact.**

Mr. Murphy 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. Edelson, Mr. Lynch, and Chairman Stein in favor of the proposed project; Dr. Klemens and Mr. Silvestri voting no; and Mr. Levesque and Mr. Hannon recusing.

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

4. **PETITION NO. 1341 - The Durham Manufacturing Company petition for a declaratory ruling, pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes §4-176 and §16-50k, for the proposed construction, maintenance and operation of a 1.215-megawatt AC solar photovoltaic electric generating facility located at the Durham Manufacturing Company, 201 Main Street, Durham, Connecticut. Set Date for Decision.**

Mr. Lynch moved to set the date by which to render a decision in this matter as no later than September 12, 2018; seconded by Mr. Edelson. The motion passed unanimously.

5. **TS-T-MOBILE-069-180301 - T-Mobile request for an order to approve tower sharing at an existing telecommunications facility located at 1375 North Road, Killingly, Connecticut.**
Decision.

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

6. **TS-T-MOBILE-041-180305 - T-Mobile request for an order to approve tower sharing at an existing telecommunications facility located at 39 Nichols Road, East Haddam, Connecticut.**
Decision.

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

7. **Administrative Matters.**

The following calendar events were discussed:

- 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. **CANCELED.**
- Docket No. 482 Tuesday, May 1, 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 Lebanon Fire Safety Complex, Community Hall, 23 Goshen Hill Road, Lebanon, Connecticut.
- Energy/Telecommunications meeting, Thursday, May 10, 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 1:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Robin Stein
Chairman

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