



# STATE OF CONNECTICUT

## CONNECTICUT SITING COUNCIL

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### Meeting Minutes

#### Meeting of October 10, 2019

A meeting of the Connecticut Siting Council (energy/telecommunications) was held on Thursday, October 10, 2019, in Hearing Room Two, Ten Franklin Square, New Britain, Connecticut. The meeting was called to order with a quorum present by Presiding Officer Robert Silvestri at 1:02 p.m.

#### Council Members Present:

Robert Silvestri  
Presiding Officer  
Michael Harder  
Daniel P. Lynch, Jr.

Robert Hannon  
(designee for Commissioner Dykes)  
Larry Levesque  
(designee for Chairman Gillett)

#### Council Member Absent:

Edward Edelson

#### Staff Members Present:

Melanie Bachman  
Executive Director/Staff Attorney  
Fred Cunliffe  
Supervising Siting Analyst  
Ifeyanichukwu Nwankwo  
Siting Analyst

Christina Walsh  
Supervising Siting Analyst  
Robert Mercier  
Siting Analyst  
Michael Perrone  
Siting Analyst

#### Recording Secretary:

Lisa Fontaine

#### 1. Minutes of September 12, 2019.

Mr. Lynch moved to approve the minutes of September 12, 2019; seconded by Mr. Hannon. The motion passed unanimously.

#### 2. FORECAST-2018/2019 - Connecticut Siting Council 2019 Ten-Year Forecast of Connecticut Electric Loads and Resources. Public Comment Session Schedule.

Mr. Lynch moved to approve the Public Comment Session Schedule as per staff recommendations; second by Mr. Hannon. The motion passed unanimously.

**3. PETITION NO. 754 - Best Management Practices for Electric and Magnetic Fields. Annual Review.**

Mr. Hannon moved that no revisions be made to the Council's current Best Management Practices for Electric and Magnetic Fields, dated February 20, 2014; seconded by Mr. Lynch. The motion passed unanimously.

**4. PETITION NO. 1378 - Greenskies Renewable Energy, LLC (GRE) petition for a declaratory ruling, pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes §4-176 and §16-50k, for the proposed construction, maintenance and operation of a 5.0-megawatt AC solar photovoltaic electric generating facility on approximately 16.5 acres located generally east of Taugwonk Road and Taugwonk Spur Road and north of Interstate 95 in Stonington, Connecticut and associated electrical interconnection. Decision.**

Mr. Hannon moved to approve this petition with the conditions noted in the staff report and the additional conditions that an Invasive Species Management Plan and the final Farmland Restoration Plan be submitted to the Council; seconded by Mr. Lynch. The motion passed unanimously.

**5. PETITION NO. 1379 - 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 installation of a wireless telecommunications facility on the roof of an existing building located at 1270 North High Street (a/k/a State Route 100), East Haven, Connecticut. Decision.**

Mr. Hannon moved to table this item pending the receipt of additional information; seconded by Mr. Lynch. The motion passed unanimously.

**6. TS-CING-105-190808 – New Cingular Wireless PCS, LLC (AT&T) request for an order to approve tower sharing at an existing telecommunications facility located 232 Shore Road, Old Lyme, Connecticut. Decision.**

Mr. Harder moved to remove this item from the table; seconded by Mr. Hannon. The motion passed unanimously.

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

**7. Connecticut Siting Council Revised Fiscal Year 2021 Proposed Budget.**

Mr. Lynch moved to present the budget to the energy and telecommunications industries for comment; seconded by Mr. Hannon. The motion passed unanimously.

**8. Statewide Telecommunications Coverage Plan. Annual Review.**

Mr. Hannon moved that no revisions be made to the Council's 2018 Statewide Telecommunications Coverage Plan, pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes §16-50ee; seconded by Mr. Lynch. The motion passed unanimously.

**9. Administrative Matters.**

The following calendar dates were discussed:

- Docket No. 486, Tuesday, October 22, 2019, **evidentiary hearing session** beginning at **1:00 p.m.** in Hearing Room Two, Ten Franklin Square, New Britain, Connecticut.
- Energy/Telecommunications meeting, Thursday, October 24, 2019, 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. Hannon. The motion passed unanimously. Presiding Officer Silvestri adjourned the meeting at 1:25 p.m.

**Respectfully submitted,**

**Melanie A. Bachman**  
**Executive Director**

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