

**Meeting Minutes**  
**Meeting of February 27, 2020**

A meeting of the Connecticut Siting Council (energy/telecommunications) was held on Thursday, February 27, 2020, 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 1:00 p.m.

**Council Members Present:**

Robert Silvestri  
Presiding Officer  
Edward Edelson  
Michael Harder

Larry Levesque  
(designee for Chairman Gillett)  
Daniel P. Lynch, Jr.  
John Morissette

**Council Member Absent:**

Robert Hannon  
(designee for Commissioner Dykes)

**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 January 30, 2020.**

Mr. Edelson moved to approve the minutes of January 30, 2020; seconded by Mr. Harder. The motion passed with Mr. Lynch abstaining.

2. **DOCKET NO. 486 - Tarpon Towers II, LLC Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need for the construction, maintenance, and operation of a telecommunications facility located at 796 Woodin Street, Hamden, Connecticut. Development and Management Plan.**

Mr. Edelson moved to approve the Development and Management Plan; seconded by Mr. Morissette. The motion passed with Mr. Silvestri abstaining.

3. **DOCKET NO. 487 - Homeland Towers, LLC and New Cingular Wireless PCS, LLC d/b/a AT&T application for a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need for the construction, maintenance, and operation of a telecommunications facility located at 183 Soundview Lane, New Canaan, Connecticut. Completeness Review, Schedule, and Deposition of the Transcript. Motion for Protective Order.**

Mr. Lynch moved to approve the schedule per staff recommendations; seconded by Mr. Edelson. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Lynch moved to grant the motion of protective order; seconded by Mr. Edelson. The motion passed unanimously.

4. **PETITION NO. 1310A - Quinebaug Solar, 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 50 megawatt AC solar photovoltaic electric generating facility on approximately 561 acres comprised of 29 separate and abutting privately-owned parcels located generally north of Wauregan Road in Canterbury and south of Rukstela Road and Allen Hill Road in Brooklyn, Connecticut. Reopening of this petition based on changed conditions pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes §4-181a(b). Draft Findings of Fact.**

After reviewing the draft Findings of Fact, Presiding Officer Silvestri conducted a non-binding straw poll of the Council members with Mr. Morissette, Mr. Edelson, Mr. Levesque, Mr. Lynch, Mr. Harder, and Mr. Silvestri unanimously in favor of the proposed project.

Presiding Officer Silvestri directed staff to draft a favorable Opinion and Decision and Order to be reviewed at the next meeting.

5. **PETITION NO. 1347 - GRE GACRUX 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 16.78-megawatt AC solar photovoltaic electric generating facility located at 117 Oil Mill Road and associated electrical interconnection to Eversource Energy's existing substation at 325 Waterford Parkway North in Waterford, Connecticut. Motion to Reopen.**

Mr. Harder moved to reopen this petition based on changed conditions pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes §4-181a(b); seconded by Mr. Levesque. The motion passed with Mr. Edelson voting no.

Mr. Lynch moved to schedule a hearing on the proposed project; seconded by Mr. Harder. The motion passed unanimously.

6. **PETITION NO. 1392 - Bloom Energy Corporation petition for a declaratory ruling, pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes §4-176 and §16-50k, for the proposed construction, maintenance and operation of a customer-side 300-kilowatt fuel cell facility and associated equipment to located at the Town of Southington Water Treatment Plant, 999 Meriden Waterbury Turnpike, Southington, Connecticut. Decision.**

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

7. **TS-VER-103-200128 - Celco Partnership d/b/a Verizon Wireless request for an order to approve tower sharing at an existing telecommunications facility located at 2 Tindall Avenue, Norwalk, Connecticut. Decision.**

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

8. **Administrative Matters.**

The following calendar dates were discussed:

- Energy/Telecommunications meeting, Thursday, March 12, 2020, beginning at 1:00 p.m. in Hearing Room Two, Ten Franklin Square, New Britain, Connecticut. **CANCELED**
- Energy/Telecommunications meeting, **Thursday, March 26, 2020**, beginning at 1:00 p.m. in Hearing Room Two, Ten Franklin Square, New Britain, Connecticut.

Mr. Harder requested that Docket No. 477 (Cellco Partnership/46 Cemetery Road, Canterbury) be placed on a future energy/telecommunications meeting to discuss construction issues and the Council's authority/recourse in such matters.

**Adjournment.**

Mr. Lynch moved to adjourn the meeting; seconded by Mr. Edelson. The motion passed unanimously. Presiding Officer Silvestri adjourned the meeting at 1:55 p.m.

**Respectfully submitted,**

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

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