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**Meeting Minutes**  
**Meeting of March 26, 2020**

A tele-conference meeting of the Connecticut Siting Council (energy/telecommunications) was held on Thursday, March 26, 2020. 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  
Daniel P. Lynch, Jr.

Larry Levesque  
(designee for Chairman Gillett)  
Nicole Lugli  
(designee for Commissioner Dykes)  
John Morissette

**Staff Members Present:**

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

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

**Recording Secretary:**

Lisa Fontaine

**1. Minutes of February 27, 2020.**

Mr. Lynch moved to approve the minutes of February 27, 2020; seconded by Mr. Levesque. The motion passed with Ms. Lugli abstaining.

2. **DOCKET NO. 488 - 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 one of two sites: Kent Tax Assessor ID #M10, Block 22, Lot 38 Bald Hill Road or 93 Richards Road, Kent, Connecticut. Request for Intervenor and CEPA Intervenor Status.**

Mr. Levesque moved to grant Intervenor and CEPA Intervenor status to the Planned Development Alliance of Northwest Connecticut, Inc.; seconded by Mr. Harder. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Lynch moved to grant Party and CEPA Intervenor status to the Bald Hill Neighbors; seconded by Mr. Edelson. The motion passed unanimously.

3. **PETITION NO. 1387 - Bloom Energy Corporation declaratory ruling, pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes §4-176 and §16-50k, for the proposed construction, maintenance and operation of a grid-side 10-megawatt (MW) fuel cell facility and associated equipment to be located at Eversource Energy's existing Judd Road electric distribution substation, 160 Old Amston Road, Colchester, Connecticut. Development and Management Plan.**

Mr. Morissette moved to approve the Development and Management Plan with the conditions stated in the staff report and with the inclusion of the following in Condition No. 1: a drawing depicting the material stockpile location and revised Drawing Nos. G1.1, C1.1 and C2.4 to depict the final erosion and sedimentation control measures consistent with the Wetland and Vernal Pool Protection Plan; seconded by Mr. Edelson. The motion passed with Ms. Lugli and Mr. Harder abstaining.

4. **PETITION NO. 1394 - VFS, 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 460-kilowatt customer-side fuel cell facility and associated equipment to be located at the Town of Montville Water Pollution Control Facility, 83 Pink Row, Montville (Uncasville), Connecticut. Decision.**

Mr. Lynch moved to approve this petition with the conditions noted in staff report and the submission of a noise mitigation plan, if necessary, to be included as part of Condition 2; seconded by Mr. Harder. The motion passed with Ms. Lugli abstaining.

**5. TS-VER-131-191226 - Cellco Partnership d/b/a Verizon Wireless request for an order to approve tower sharing at an existing telecommunications facility located at 80 Shuttle Meadow Road, Southington, Connecticut. Decision.**

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

- Prior to Verizon's antenna installation, the tower reinforcement and modification shall be installed in accordance with the tower modification drawings associated with both ATC Project Nos OAA740798\_C6\_05 and 12978549, both prepared by American Tower Corporation, dated January 22, 2019 November 6, 2019 respectively and both stamped and signed by Esha Kaushal Modi;
- Within 45 days following the completion of the tower reinforcement and modification, Verizon shall provide documentation certified by a Professional Engineer that its installation complied with the tower modification drawings;
- Construction activities shall take place during daylight working hours consistent with condition No. 8 of the Council's Decision and Order in Docket No. 40; and
- Approval of any minor changes be delegated to Council staff.

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

**6. TS-CING-154-200225 - New Cingular Wireless PCS, LLC (AT&T) request for an order to approve tower sharing at an existing telecommunications facility located at 1542 Boston Post Road, Westbrook, Connecticut. Decision.**

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

**7. Administrative Matters.**

The cancellation of the following calendar dates were discussed:

- Petition No. 1347A Tuesday, March 31, 2020, **public hearing** beginning with a **1:30 p.m. public field review**, a **3:00 p.m. evidentiary hearing session**, and a **6:30 p.m. public comment session** at the Waterford Town Hall Auditorium, 15 Rope Ferry Road, Waterford, Connecticut. **CANCELED**
- Docket No. 487, Tuesday, April 21, 2020, **public hearing** beginning with a **1:30 p.m. public field review**, a **3:00 p.m. evidentiary hearing session**, and a **6:30 p.m. public comment session** at the New Canaan Town Hall Meeting Room, 77 Main Street, New Canaan, Connecticut. **CANCELED**
- **DOCKET NO. 488** – 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 one of two sites: Kent Tax Assessor ID #M10, Block 22, Lot 38 Bald Hill Road or 93 Richards Road, Kent, Connecticut. **Proposed Thursday, April 30, 2020 public hearing CANCELED.**

**Adjournment.**

Mr. Lynch moved to adjourn the meeting; seconded by Mr. Levesque. The motion passed unanimously.  
Presiding Officer Silvestri adjourned the meeting at 1:34 p.m.

**Respectfully submitted,**

*s/Melanie A. Bachman*

**Melanie A. Bachman  
Executive Director**

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