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Meeting Minutes

Meeting of April 17, 2025

A Zoom remote conference meeting of the Connecticut Siting Council (energy/telecommunications) was held on Thursday, April 17, 2025. The meeting was called to order with a quorum present by Chair Elin Katz, at 1:00 p.m.

Council Members Present:

Elin Katz

Chair

John Morissette

Khristine Hall

Chance Carter

Bill Syme

Brian Golembiewski

(designee for Commissioner Dykes)

Quat Nguyen

(designee for Chairman Gillett)

Daniel P. Lynch, Jr.

Staff Members Present:

Melanie Bachman

Executive Director/Staff Attorney

Robert Mercier

Siting Analyst 2

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Siting Analyst 1

Michael Perrone

Siting Analyst 2

Adam Morrone

Siting Analyst 1

Administrative Matter.

Chair Katz nominated Mr. Morissette as Vice Chair of the Connecticut Siting Council; seconded by Mr. Carter. The motion passed unanimously.

Recording Secretary:

Lisa Fontaine

1. **Minutes of April 3, 2025.**

Ms. Hall moved to approve the Minutes of April 3, 2025; seconded by Mr. Lynch. The motion passed with Mr. Syme abstaining.

2. **DOCKET NO. 521 – Tarpon Towers III, LLC Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need for the construction, maintenance, and operation of a telecommunications facility and associated equipment located at 1021-1041 South Main Street, Cheshire, Connecticut. Development and Management Plan.**

Ms. Hall moved to approve the Development and Management Plan with the conditions noted in the staff report; seconded by Vice Chair Morissette. The motion passed unanimously.

3. **DOCKET NO. 528 – Tarpon Towers III, 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 and associated equipment located at 746 East Street, Andover, Connecticut. Draft Findings of Fact.**

Mr. Lynch stated that he read the record of this proceeding.

After reviewing the Draft Findings of Fact, Chair Katz conducted a non-binding straw poll of the Council members with Mr. Golembiewski, Mr. Nguyen, Vice Chair Morissette, Mr. Carter, Ms. Hall, Mr. Syme, Mr. Lynch and Chair Katz in favor of the proposed facility with the Development and Management Plan conditions to construct a galvanized steel monopole tower; increase the setback of the facility and access road from the property lines, to the extent feasible; install a yield point to ensure the tower setback radius remains within the boundaries of the host parcel, if necessary; submit copies of any written agreements between the Applicants and the property owner and the Applicants and All Points Technology Corporation related to access and control over the off-site Buffer Enhancement Area and associated two-year monitoring period; submit a copy of the DEEP General Permit prior to commencement of construction if the off-site Buffer Enhancement Area is created and the related agreements are submitted; and utilize native plantings for landscaping from a source that would eliminate the potential for jumping worm introduction.

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

4. **DOCKET NO. 530 - Homeland Towers, LLC and Celco 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 and associated equipment located at 196 East Haddam-Colchester Turnpike, East Haddam, Connecticut. Request for Party/Intervenor Status.**

Mr. Lynch moved to grant the Town of East Haddam party and CEPA intervenor status; seconded by Mr. Nguyen. The motion passed unanimously.

5. **DOCKET NO. 532 – LSE Serpens LLC (Lodestar Energy) application for a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need for the construction, maintenance, and operation of a 3.0-megawatt-AC solar photovoltaic electric generating facility and associated equipment on 13 parcels located south of West Hill Road Road (Parcel Nos. 253/003/018; 253/003/033 through 043 and 053-003-045), Torrington, Connecticut and associated electrical interconnection. Completeness Review, Schedule, Deposition of the Transcript.**

Ms. Hall moved to approve the schedule per staff recommendations; seconded by Mr. Golembiewski. The motion passed with Mr. Lynch recusing.

6. **PETITION NO. 1650 – American Tower Corporation petition for a declaratory ruling, pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes §4-176 and §16-50k, for the proposed replacement of an existing telecommunications facility and associated equipment located at 164 County Road Rear, Wolcott, Connecticut. Decision.**

Mr. Carter moved to approve this petition with the conditions noted in the staff report; seconded by Vice Chair Morissette. The motion passed unanimously.

7. **PETITION NO. 1652 – 391 Durham 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 1.975-megawatt AC solar photovoltaic electric generating facility and associated equipment located at 391 Durham Road, Madison, Connecticut, and associated electrical interconnection. Decision.**

Mr. Carter moved to approve this petition with the conditions noted in the staff report; seconded by Mr. Golembiewski. The motion passed unanimously.

Tower Share Request Consent Calendar - Item No. 8

Chair Katz introduced the Tower Share Request Consent Calendar as Item No. 8. The Consent Calendar was adopted.

8. **TS-T-MOBILE-138-250326 - T-Mobile request for an order to approve tower sharing at an existing telecommunications facility located at 200 East Main Street Rear, Stratford, Connecticut. Decision.**
9. **Administrative Matters**

The following upcoming calendar events were discussed:

- Docket No. 530, Thursday, April 24, 2025, **evidentiary hearing session** beginning at 2:00 p.m. and **public comment session** beginning at 6:30 p.m. via Zoom remote conferencing.
- Energy/Telecommunications Meeting, Thursday, May 1, 2025, beginning at **1:00 p.m.** via Zoom remote conferencing.
- Docket No. 531, Thursday, May 8, 2025, **evidentiary hearing session** beginning at 2:00 p.m. and **public comment session** beginning at 6:30 p.m. via Zoom remote conferencing.
- Energy/Telecommunications Meeting, Thursday, May 15, 2025, beginning at **1:00 p.m.** via Zoom remote conferencing.
- Docket No. 533, Thursday, May 22, 2025, **evidentiary hearing session** beginning at 2:00 p.m. and **public comment session** beginning at 6:30 p.m. via Zoom remote conferencing.
- Energy/Telecommunications Meeting, Thursday, May 29, 2025, beginning at **1:00 p.m.** via Zoom remote conferencing.

Adjournment.

Mr. Carter moved to adjourn the meeting; seconded by Mr. Lynch. The motion passed unanimously. Chair Katz adjourned the meeting at 1:57 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Melanie A. Bachman
Executive Director

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