



# STATE OF CONNECTICUT

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### CERTIFIED MAIL RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

January 22, 2016

Kenneth C. Baldwin, Esq.  
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RE: **PETITION NO. 1203** - Cellco Partnership d/b/a Verizon Wireless petition for a declaratory ruling that no Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need is required for a proposed rooftop wireless telecommunications facility on an existing barn located at 212 Deans Mill Road, Stonington, Connecticut.

Dear Attorney Baldwin:

At a public meeting held on January 21, 2016, the Connecticut Siting Council (Council) considered and ruled that the above-referenced proposal would not have a substantial adverse environmental effect, and pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes § 16-50k, would not require a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need with the following conditions:

1. Unless otherwise approved by the Council, if the facility authorized herein is not fully constructed within three years from the date of the mailing of the Council's decision, this decision shall be void, and the facility owner/operator shall dismantle the facility and remove all associated equipment or reapply for any continued or new use to the Council before any such use is made. The time between the filing and resolution of any appeals of the Council's decision shall not be counted in calculating this deadline. Authority to monitor and modify this schedule, as necessary, is delegated to the Executive Director. The facility owner/operator shall provide written notice to the Executive Director of any schedule changes as soon as is practicable;
2. Any request for extension of the time period to fully construct the facility shall be filed with the Council not later than 60 days prior to the expiration date of this decision and shall be served on all parties and intervenors, if applicable, and the Town of Stonington;
3. Within 45 days after completion of construction, the Council shall be notified in writing that construction has been completed;
4. Any nonfunctioning antenna and associated antenna mounting equipment on this facility owned and operated by the Petitioner shall be removed within 60 days of the date the antenna ceased to function;
5. If the facility ceases to provide wireless services for a period of one year the Petitioner shall dismantle the tower and remove all associated equipment or reapply for any continued or new use to the Council within 90 days from the one year period of cessation of service. The Petitioner may submit a written request to the Council for an extension of the 90 day period not later than 60 days prior to the expiration of the 90 day period; and

6. This Declaratory Ruling may be transferred or partially transferred, provided both the facility owner/operator/transferor and the transferee are current with payments to the Council for their respective annual assessments and invoices under Conn. Gen. Stat. §16-50v. The Council shall be notified of such sale and/or transfer and of any change in contact information for the individual or representative responsible for management and operations of the facility within 30 days of the sale and/or transfer. Both the facility owner/operator/transferor and the transferee shall provide the Council with a written agreement as to the entity responsible for any quarterly assessment charges under Conn. Gen. Stat. §16-50v(b)(2) that may be associated with this facility.

This decision is under the exclusive jurisdiction of the Council and is not applicable to any other modification or construction. All work is to be implemented as specified in the petition dated December 8, 2015.

Enclosed for your information is a copy of the staff report on this project.

Very truly yours,



Robert Stein  
Chairman

RS/MP/lm

Enclosure: Staff Report dated January 21, 2016

- c: The Honorable Rob Simmons, First Selectman, Town of Stonington  
Keith Brynes, Town Planner, Town of Stonington  
Phyllis B. Borges & Martha S. Demattia, Property Owners





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### **Petition No. 1203**

#### **Cellco**

**212 Deans Mill Road, Stonington**

**Small Cell Facility**

**Staff Report**

**January 21, 2016**

On December 9, 2015, the Connecticut Siting Council (Council) received a petition from Cellco Partnership d/b/a Verizon Wireless (Cellco) for a declaratory ruling that no Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need is required for the proposed installation of a small cell telecommunications facility at 212 Deans Mill Road, Stonington, Connecticut. The proposed small cell facility would increase Cellco's 2100 MHz coverage and provide customers with improved wireless services in the area.

Specifically, Cellco would install a small cell tower on the roof of an existing barn owned by Phyllis Borges and Martha Demattia. The tower would have a single panel antenna and one remote radio head (RRH). The tower, panel antenna and RRH would be concealed inside an RF transparent cupola structure. The proposed cupola would reach a height of 26.8 feet above ground level (agl). This is approximately 6.5 feet above the existing maximum roof peak height of 20.3 feet agl. On top of the cupola would be a weathervane that would reach a height of approximately 28.8 feet agl. Cellco's equipment would be installed on a concrete pad within an 8-foot by 8-foot lease area surrounded by an eight-foot tall vinyl fence on the ground adjacent to the northeast corner of the building. Electrical and telephone service would be run along the exterior of the barn to reach existing service on the subject property.

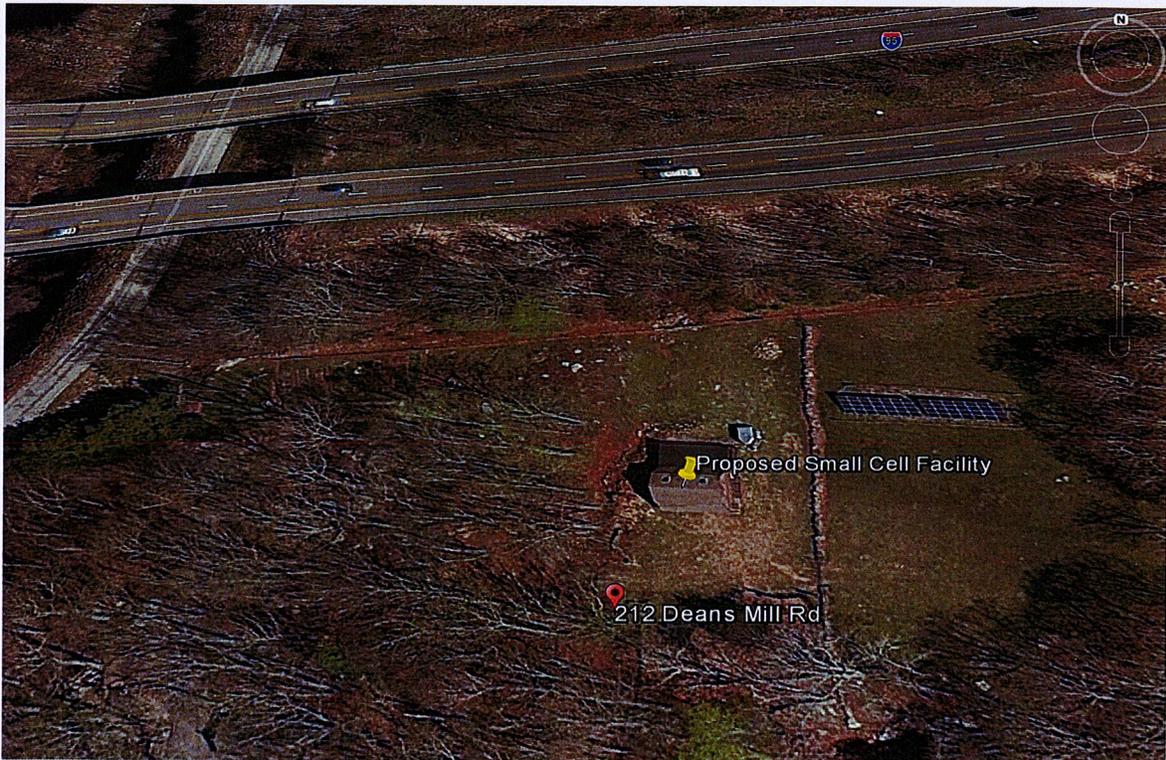
The subject property is located within Stonington's GB-130 Residential Zone. While there are residences located to the south and southeast of the subject property (approximately 580 feet and 830 feet away, respectively), the visual impact is not expected to be significant due to the stealth cupola design, limited height, and existing trees surrounding the site. The equipment compound on the ground would be screened with the vinyl fence.

The calculated power density using a far-field analysis would be 9.5 percent of the applicable limit. Notice is not required to the Federal Aviation Administration.

Notice was provided to the Town of Stonington, the property owner, and abutting property owners on or about December 8, 2015. No comments have been received to date.

Cellco contends that this proposed project would not have a substantial adverse environmental impact.

**Site Location**



**Photo-simulation as viewed from the host property**

