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CERTIFIED MAIL RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

February 19, 2016

Kenneth C. Baldwin, Esq.
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RE: **PETITION NO. 1211** - Cellco Partnership d/b/a Verizon Wireless petition for a declaratory ruling that no Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need is required for the proposed installation of a small cell wireless telecommunications facility on the roof of the existing Newtown Youth Academy Sports and Fitness Center building located at 4 Primrose Street, Newtown, Connecticut.

Dear Attorney Baldwin:

At a public meeting held on February 18, 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:

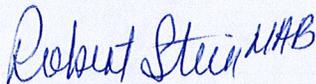
1. Unless otherwise approved by the Council, if the facility authorized herein is not fully constructed within three years from the date of the mailing of the Council's decision, this decision shall be void, and the facility owner/operator shall dismantle the facility and remove all associated equipment 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 Newtown;
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. The facility owner/operator shall remit timely payments associated with annual assessments and invoices submitted by the Council for expenses attributable to the facility under Conn. Gen. Stat. §16-50v;

6. This Declaratory Ruling may be transferred, provided the facility owner/operator/transferor is current with payments to the Council for annual assessments and invoices under Conn. Gen. Stat. §16-50v and the transferee provides written confirmation that the transferee agrees to comply with the terms, limitations and conditions contained in the Declaratory Ruling, including timely payments to the Council for annual assessments and invoices under Conn. Gen. Stat. §16-50v; and
7. If the facility owner/operator is a wholly owned subsidiary of a corporation or other entity and is sold/transferred to another corporation or other entity, 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.

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 January 4, 2016.

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 February 18, 2016

- c: The Honorable E. Patricia Llodra, First Selectman, Town of Newtown
George Benson, Director of Planning and Land Use, Town of Newtown
Newtown Youth Academy, Inc.





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Petition No. 1211
Cellco
4 Primrose Street, Newtown
Small Cell Facility
Staff Report
February 18, 2016

On January 7, 2016, 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 4 Primrose Street, Newtown, Connecticut. In an effort to improve Cellco's 2100 MHz coverage and provide customers with improved wireless services in the area, Cellco proposes to install a small cell facility.

Specifically, Cellco would install a small cell tower on the roof of the existing Newtown Youth Academy Sports and Fitness Center building. The tower would have a single canister-type antenna and one remote radio head (RRH). The proposed small cell tower would extend to a maximum height of 41 feet 7 inches above ground level (agl). This is approximately 5-foot 8-inches above the existing roof peak parapet height of 35 feet 11 inches 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 east side of the building near two air conditioning units. Electrical and telephone service would run inside the building to connect to the existing utility service.

The subject property is located within Newtown's Fairfield Hills Adaptive Reuse (FHAR) Zone. While there are residences located approximately 760+ feet to the south, the visual impact is not expected to be significant due to the limited height of the small tower (i.e. approximately six feet above the existing roof peak), the narrow profile of the small tower, and existing trees located between the residences and the tower site. The proposed small cell tower is flanked by two high roof facades that are approximately 52 feet 5 inches agl. The equipment compound on the ground would be screened with the vinyl fence.

The site would have a cumulative worst-case power density of 1.97 percent of the applicable limit using a -10 dB off-beam adjustment. Notice is not required to the Federal Aviation Administration.

Notice was provided to the Town of Newtown, the property owner, and abutting property owners on or about January 4, 2016. 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

