

Meeting Minutes
Meeting of March 20, 2014

A meeting of the Connecticut Siting Council (energy/telecommunications) was held on Thursday, March 20, 2014, in Hearing Room Two, Ten Franklin Square, New Britain, Connecticut. The meeting was called to order with a quorum present by Chairman Stein at 1:03 p.m.

Council Members Present:

Robert Stein
Chairman
James J. Murphy
Vice Chairman
Robert Hannon
(designee for Commissioner Klee)

Daniel P. Lynch
Michael W. Klemens
Barbara C. Bell
Philip T. Ashton
Michael Caron
(designee for Chairman House)

Council Members Absent:

Eileen M. Daily

Staff Members Present:

Melanie Bachman
Acting Executive Director/Staff Attorney
Fred Cunliffe
Siting Analyst Supervisor
Christina Walsh
Siting Analyst Supervisor

Robert Mercier
Siting Analyst
Michael Perrone
Siting Analyst
David Martin
Siting Analyst

Recording Secretary:

Carriann Mulcahy

Minutes of March 6, 2014.

Mr. Ashton moved to approve the minutes of March 6, 2014; seconded by Dr. Bell. The motion passed unanimously.

DOCKET NO. 438 - Cellco Partnership d/b/a Verizon Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need for the construction, maintenance, and operation of a telecommunications facility located at 53 Gallup Road, Voluntown, Connecticut. Development and Management Plan – Part II.

Mr. Ashton moved to approve the Development & Management Plan-Part II, with the condition that in order to avoid unintentional impact or mortality to vernal pool herpetofauna,

proposed construction activities be seasonally restricted during peak amphibian movement periods (early spring breeding between March 1st and May 15th and late summer dispersal between July 15th and September 15th, seconded by Mr. Murphy. The motion passed unanimously.

DOCKET NO. 444 - New Cingular Wireless PCS, LLC application for a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need for the construction, maintenance, and operation of a telecommunications facility located at the FirstLight Hydro Generating Company property, New Milford Tax Assessor Map 83, Lot 4, Kent Road, New Milford, Connecticut. Motion for Protective Order.

Mr. Murphy moved to approve the Motion for Protective Order, seconded by Mr. Lynch. The motion passed unanimously.

DOCKET NO. 445 - Homeland Towers, LLC and New Cingular Wireless PCS, LLC application for a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need for the construction, maintenance, and operation of a telecommunications facility located at Ridgefield Town Assessor Map Parcel #D08-124, southwest of the intersection of Old Stagecoach Road and Aspen Ledges Road, Ridgefield, Connecticut. Completeness Review, Schedule, Custodian of the Docket, Deposition of the Transcript, Request for Party/Intervenor Status.

Mr. Ashton moved to deem the application as complete, approve the schedule for processing the docket as per staff recommendations, the appointment of Lisa Fontaine as custodian of the docket, the deposition of the transcript in the Town of Ridgefield, a public field review and hearing in Ridgefield on Thursday, April 24, 2014; seconded by Mr. Murphy. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Ashton moved to grant intervenor status to Ridgefielders Against the Cell Tower, seconded by Dr. Klemens. The motion passed unanimously.

PETITION NO. 973 - North Atlantic Towers, LLC and New Cingular Wireless PCS, LLC declaratory ruling that no Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need is required to replace and expand an existing structure located at 880 Andrew Mountain Road, Naugatuck, Connecticut. Development and Management Plan Revision.

Mr. Ashton moved to approve the revision to the Development & Management Plan, seconded by Dr. Bell. Mr. Ashton withdrew his motion. Mr. Murphy moved to table this matter with the condition that the project developer file a request for extension of construction of AT&T's portion of the facility and file a construction progress report to be considered at the next

Energy and Telecommunications meeting. The motion was seconded by Dr. Klemens. The motion passed unanimously.

PETITION NO. 1042 - Somers Solar Center, LLC Declaratory Ruling that no Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need is required for the construction and operation of a 5.0 MW AC Solar Photovoltaic Project located at 458 & 488 South Road, Somers, Connecticut. Development and Management Plan Revision.

Mr. Ashton moved to table this item pending receipt of additional information, seconded by Mr. Murphy. The motion passed with Mr. Lynch abstaining.

PETITION NO. 1056 - GRE 314 East Lyme, LLC declaratory ruling that no Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need is required for the proposed construction and operation of a 5.0 MW Solar Photovoltaic Renewable Energy Generating Project located on Grassy Hill Road and Walnut Hill Road, East Lyme, Connecticut. Development and Management Plan Revisions.

Dr. Bell moved to remove this item from the table, seconded by Dr. Klemens. The motion passed unanimously.

Dr. Bell moved to approve the revision to the Development & Management Plan, seconded by Mr. Hannon. Dr. Bell withdrew her motion. Mr. Murphy moved to approve the revisions to the Development and Management Plan with the condition that the proposed driveway be used to access the electrical equipment only in the event of an emergency and for routine maintenance, seconded by Mr. Caron. The motion passed unanimously.

TS-AT&T-076-131023 - AT&T request for an order to approve tower sharing at an existing telecommunications facility located at 15 Orchard Park Road, Madison, Connecticut. Request to Revise.

Dr. Bell moved to approve the request to revise this tower sharing request, seconded by Mr. Caron. The motion passed unanimously.

CSC WIND REGULATIONS - Adoption of Regulations pursuant to Public Act 11-245, An Act Requiring the Adoption of Regulations for the Siting of Wind Projects, Sections 16-50j-2a, 16-50j-18 and 16-50j-92 to 16-50j-96, inclusive, of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies.

Mr. Ashton moved to approve the resubmission of the wind regulations, as amended, seconded by Dr. Klemens. The motion passed with Mr. Murphy and Mr. Caron voting no.

Administrative Matters.

DOCKET NO. 446 - 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 located at the Pilot Corporation of America property, Trumbull Tax Assessor Map K/09 Lot 20, 60 Commerce Drive, Trumbull, Connecticut. Completeness Review, Schedule, Custodian of the Docket, Deposition of the Transcript, Request for Party/Intervenor Status. Motion for Protective Order.

Mr. Ashton moved to add this item to the agenda, seconded by Dr. Bell. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Ashton moved to deem the application as complete, approve the schedule for processing the docket as per staff recommendations, the appointment of Lisa Fontaine as custodian of the docket, the deposition of the transcript in the Towns of Trumbull and Stratford, a public field review and hearing in Trumbull on Tuesday, April 29, 2014; seconded by Mr. Caron. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Ashton moved to approve the Motion for Protective Order, seconded by Mr. Murphy. The motion passed unanimously.

The following calendar events were discussed.

- > Tuesday, April 1, 2014, beginning at **2:00 p.m. (field review)/3:00 p.m./7:00 p.m. public hearing** for Docket No. 444 (New Cingular Wireless) at the Roger Sherman Town Hall, E. Paul Martin Room, 10 Main Street, New Milford, Connecticut.
- > Thursday, April 3, 2014, beginning at **1:00 p.m.** energy/telecommunications meeting, in Hearing Room Two, Ten Franklin Square, New Britain, Connecticut.
- > Thursday, April 17, 2014, beginning at **1:00 p.m.** energy/telecommunications meeting, in Hearing Room Two, Ten Franklin Square, New Britain, Connecticut.

Adjournment.

Dr. Klemens moved to adjourn the meeting; seconded by Mr. Caron. The motion passed unanimously.

Chairman Stein adjourned the meeting at 1:46 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

**Robert Stein
Chairman**

RS/cm