

Meeting Minutes
Meeting of March 3, 2016

A meeting of the Connecticut Siting Council (energy/telecommunications) was held on Thursday, March 3, 2016, in Hearing Room Two, Ten Franklin Square, New Britain, Connecticut. The meeting was called to order with a quorum present by Chairman Stein at 1:20 p.m.

Council Members Present:

Robert Stein
Chairman
Michael Caron
(designee for Chairman House)
Larry Levesque
(designee for Chairman House)

James J. Murphy, Jr.
Vice Chairman
Robert Hannon
(designee for Commissioner Klee)
Philip T. Ashton
Daniel P. Lynch, Jr.

Council Members Absent

Michael W. Klemens

Staff Members Present:

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

Robert Mercier
Siting Analyst
Michael Perrone
Siting Analyst

Staff Members Absent:

Cymon Holzschuh
Siting Analyst

Recording Secretary:

Carriann Mulcahy

Minutes of February 4, 2016.

Mr. Lynch moved to remove the minutes of February 4, 2016 from the table, seconded by Mr. Murphy. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Murphy moved to approve the minutes of February 4, 2016, seconded by Mr. Caron. The motion passed unanimously.

Minutes of February 18, 2016.

Mr. Lynch moved to approve the minutes of February 18, 2016, seconded by Mr. Murphy. The motion passed unanimously.

DOCKET NO. 463 – American 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 East Lyme Tax Assessor Parcel ID 29.0 45, 351A Boston Post Road, East Lyme, Connecticut. Draft Findings of Fact.

After reviewing the Draft Findings of Fact, Chairman Stein conducted a non-binding straw poll of the Council members with Mr. Lynch in favor of denying the proposed telecommunications facility without prejudice, Mr. Hannon, Mr. Levesque, Mr. Ashton and Chairman Stein in favor of the proposed telecommunications facility, and Mr. Murphy abstaining.

Chairman Stein directed staff to draft a favorable Opinion and Decision and Order for the proposed telecommunications facility to be reviewed at the next meeting.

PETITION NO. 1214 – Groton Fuel Cell 1, LLC petition for a Declaratory Ruling that no Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need is required for the construction, maintenance, and operation of a 5.6 megawatt fuel cell combined heat and power electric generating facility located at the Pfizer Groton campus, 445 Eastern Point Road, Groton, Connecticut. Decision.

Mr. Murphy moved to deny the City of Groton's request that the Council postpone the issuance of a decision, seconded by Mr. Caron. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Murphy moved to approve this petition, seconded by Mr. Caron. The motion passed unanimously.

PETITION NO. 1215 – Shagbark Lumber and Farm Supplies, Inc. petition for a declaratory ruling that no Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need is required for the proposed construction, maintenance and operation of a 1.6 Megawatt Solar Photovoltaic Electric Generating facility located at 21 Mount Parnassus Road, a/k/a Route 434, East Haddam, Connecticut. Decision.

Mr. Hannon moved to approve this petition with the conditions noted in the staff report, seconded by Mr. Lynch. The motion passed unanimously.

PETITION NO. 1216 – Eversource Energy petition for a declaratory ruling that no Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need is required for the proposed modifications to its existing Long Mountain Switching Station located at Long Mountain Road, New Milford, Connecticut and the reconductoring of approximately 5.3 miles of its existing No. 398 345-kV transmission line from Long Mountain Switching Station to the New York/Connecticut state line in New Milford, Sherman, and Kent, Connecticut, and related transmission line structure improvements. Set Date for Decision.

Mr. Murphy moved to set August 3, 2016, as the date for decision, seconded by Mr. Hannon. The motion passed unanimously.

TS-EVER-012-160216 – Eversource Energy request for an order to approve tower sharing at an existing telecommunications facility located at 130 Vernon Road, Bolton, Connecticut. Decision.

Mr. Ashton moved to approve this tower share request, seconded by Mr. Caron. The motion passed unanimously.

Administrative Matters.

The following calendar events were discussed:

- Thursday, March 10, 2016, **evidentiary hearing** beginning at **1:00 p.m.** for Docket No. 461, in Hearing Room Two, Ten Franklin Square, New Britain, Connecticut.
- Thursday, March 31, 2016, beginning at **1:00 p.m.** Energy/Telecommunications meeting, in Hearing Room Two, Ten Franklin Square, New Britain, Connecticut.
- Thursday, April 14, 2016, beginning at **1:00 p.m.** Energy/Telecommunications meeting, in Hearing Room Two, Ten Franklin Square, New Britain, Connecticut.
- Thursday, April 28, 2016, beginning at **1:00 p.m.** Energy/Telecommunications meeting, in Hearing Room Two, Ten Franklin Square, New Britain, Connecticut.

Adjournment.

Mr. Lynch moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Mr. Caron. The motion passed unanimously.

Chairman Stein adjourned the meeting at 1:52 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert Stein
Chairman

RS/cm