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VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL

July 18, 2017

TO: Parties & Intervenors

FROM: Melanie A. Bachman, Executive Director *MAB*

RE: **DOCKET NO. 473** - Homeland Towers, 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 located at 515 Morehouse Road, Easton, Connecticut.

Pursuant to Section 16-50n(f) of the Connecticut General Statutes and Section 16-50j-26 of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies, at the conclusion of the evidentiary hearing session held on June 20, 2017, the Connecticut Siting Council (Council) closed the evidentiary record for this matter and established July 20, 2017 as the date by which briefs and proposed findings of fact may be submitted to the Council by parties and intervenors, as well as established July 20, 2017 as the date by which additional written limited appearance statements may be filed with the Council.

On July 18, 2017, the Council received correspondence from the Town of Easton Planning and Zoning Commission regarding a change in the Town's position for the design of the tower and a recommendation regarding the placement of utilities to service the proposed telecommunications facility.

This matter is on the Council's July 20, 2017 meeting agenda for Draft Findings of Fact; however, due to the submission of the Town's correspondence, staff will recommend this matter be tabled to allow the parties and intervenors and the Council to consider whether or not to reopen the evidentiary record to provide for additional cross examination specific to these potential telecommunications facility design changes. Parties or intervenors who would like the opportunity to cross examine the applicant, parties and intervenors on the Town's recommendations for changes to the proposed telecommunications facility as presented in their July 18, 2017 correspondence are requested to notify the Council and the service list for this matter of such an intent to cross examine on or before the close of business on July 27, 2017.

c: Council Members

Attachment: Town of Easton Correspondence dated July 18, 2017.

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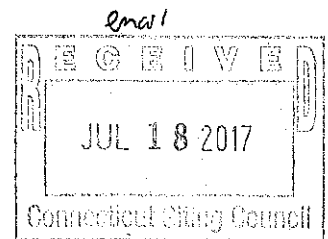
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July 14, 2017



Board of Selectmen
Attn: Hon. Adam Dunsby, First Selectman
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Re: Informal Referral for Cell Tower Site at Town-owned Property on
Morehouse Road – Monopine versus Monopole

Board Members:

At its meeting of July 12, 2017 the Commission discussed the proposal site for a wireless telecommunication facility which would be located in the southerly portion of the 108.30-acre Town-owned tract on Morehouse Road, specifically whether the wireless telecommunication facility should be a monopine or a monopole.

The Town Plan of Conservation and Development, adopted in 2007, states:

“In addition (to land lines) wireless telecommunication service is provided throughout the area by several of the seven telecom companies licensed to operate in Connecticut, from two towers in Easton...as well as from several towers in the nearby area. Wireless towers, now regulated by the State Siting Council, are controversial because of their height, typically 150 feet or more, and visual impact on nearby residential areas.”.

The Commission reviewed both reports received from First Selectman, Adam Dunsby, entitled “Visibility Analysis, 515 Morehouse Road, Easton, Connecticut, Prepared For: Homeland towers LLC, Prepared By: All-Points Technology Corporation, P.C., April 2017” (Report 1 and Report 2 with pictures). Based on this information received and the comprehensive study conducted by this Commission in August of 2013, the Commission determined by consensus to report to the Board of Selectmen that the **monopole** at this particular location would meet the need in Easton for wireless telecommunication service with minimal environmental impact and visibility to the town.

In our review of this proposal, the Commission noticed utilities are being brought to the proposed site through a separate utility accessway and urge the Board of Selectmen and Homeland Towers to consider bringing the utilities along the existing driveway instead to provide for future needs of the town.,

Respectfully yours,
Easton Planning and Zoning Commission

Robert Maquat
Robert Maquat, Chairman *me*

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cc: Raymond Vergati, Homeland Towers, LLC