

AD HOC COMMITTEE-WIRELESS EDGE LEASE
January 21, 2010

Chairman Phil Curran called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. In attendance were committee members Phil Colla and Tom Saadi, Sharon Calitro, Deputy Planning Director; ex-officios Jack Knapp and Joe Cavo, John Arthur, the petitioner; Les Pinter, Corporation Counsel and David Day, Superintendent of Public Utilities.

Chairman Curran stated the charge of the committee was to consider the move of the cell tower in the general area already approved by the Council.

Mr. Pinter said the Council approved a lease with Wireless Edge in 2006 for a particular site. One year ago, an alternate site was proposed to the petitioner which is further away from a residential area.

Satellite photos of the current site and the proposed site were shown to the committee members and discussion followed. Mr. Curran noted that the proposed site is directly across from the water treatment facility. Mr. Saadi said there shouldn't be any objection to the proposed site. Mr. Day said his department supports the proposed site and confirmed with the Dept. of Public Health that it doesn't impact the reservoir.

Mr. Curran asked about the neighbors. Mr. Pinter said the tower was already approved, and the proposed site is even further removed from residential development. It will also go to public hearing.

Mr. Colla asked if the proposed height is 175 feet. Mr. Arthur said yes, because the ground elevation of the proposed site is lower the tower needs to be higher.

Mr. Knapp asked if there was a height restriction. Ms. Calitro said the Siting Council has control over height. Mr. Arthur said they try to stay below 180 ft. plus antennae because the FAA limit is 200 ft. Mr. Pinter said the tower will also accommodate four municipal antennas.

Mr. Colla moved to recommend the approval of an amended lease agreement with Wireless Edge Communications, LLC at a relocated site adjacent to Peck Road, subject to approval of the Planning Commission, a public hearing and posting in accordance with CGS Sec. 7-163e and such other necessary conditions or contingencies to be obtained by the applicant. Seconded by Mr. Saadi. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Saadi moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Mr. Colla. The motion passed unanimously and the meeting ended at 6:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Phil Curran, Chairman
Phil Colla
Thomas Saadi