

PUBLIC HEARING MINUTES

March 21, 2016
8:30 p.m.

South Windsor Town Council

PURPOSE: To receive citizen input on the Town of South Windsor granting a permanent easement to Eversource Energy for access to their existing right of way on the Priest Property

Deputy Mayor Mirek called the Public Hearing to order at 8:30 p.m. and read the call of the meeting (a copy of which is attached hereto, **Exhibit A**). There were approximately fourteen (14) people present in the audience.

Deputy Mayor Mirek asked if there was anyone from the public that would like to speak.

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Mr. Robert Dickinson, 19 Birch Road came before the Town Council and suggested that in the place of monetary compensation for this easement, Eversource could compensate South Windsor by constructing a permanent gravel path on the Priest property for all or part of the distance across the property. This would be of value to the Town and Eversource and would provide a permanent path for Town recreation and transportation use. It would provide Eversource with a ready access to their lines and poles which would be kept clear of brush and tree growth by the Town.

Mr. Steve Wagner, 181 Tumblebrook Drive stated that the easement is for a strip of land that runs adjacent to and parallel to Sullivan Avenue on the Priest property. The Council had previously decided to hold off on scheduling a public hearing until Eversource worked on a plan for the Barbour Hill Substation that was agreeable to the residents in that area. A mutually agreeable plan has been approved. Eversource is working with the Town on an initial effort to build a multi-use trail under some of the power lines. Mr. Wagner encouraged the Town Council to approve the easement.

Ms. Nancy Ainsworth, 96 Stonefield Trail brought to the Council's attention that despite that the neighborhood had come to agreements with Eversource Energy in regards to the plan for the Barbour Hill Substation, the residents have already seen a wrinkle in the plans. There had been discussion about having a 12 month period of monitoring sound and noise levels at the substation which she had thought was agreed upon verbally. They are now picking and choosing different period which they are going to monitor. They have apparently changed their minds on the agreed upon terms which is a concern.

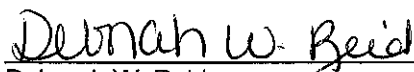
Deputy Mayor Mirek asked for a Straw Vote, the results of which were as follows:

Those supporting granting a permanent easement to Eversource Energy for access to their existing right of way on the Priest Property: - 4

Those in opposition of granting a permanent easement to Eversource Energy for access to their existing right of way on the Priest Property: - 3

The public hearing was closed at 8:39 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Deborah W. Reid
Clerk of the Council

Public Hearing Notice – Exhibit A



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