**Scituate Board of Health Meeting**

**June 15, 2015**

**Scituate Town Hall – Selectman’s Hearing Room**

**7:00 PM**

**MEMBERS PRESENT**: Mr. Russell Clark, BOH Chairman

Mr. Steven Pansey, BOH Member

**OTHERS PRESENT**: Ms. Jennifer Keefe, Director, Public Health

Ms. Susan Tice, Health Department

Mr. Steven Pansey opened the meeting at 7:00 PM

Mr. Pansey made a motion to accept the agenda for June 15, 2015. Motion Accepted Unanimously.

**Discuss/Vote Scituate Wind Turbine: Acoustical Sampling Results Presentation by Gordon Dean**

Mr. Dean explained that approximately two years ago the Scituate Board of Health requested testing of the wind turbine noise level and he contracted with Tech Environmental. It was a competitive bid process for consultants to identify testing parameters, with input from the Scituate community. He explained that it has taken two years to complete the testing. Some of the testing requirements were changed over time at the request of the community. He stated that they have provided the final report to Ms. Keefe. He stated that the Mass DEP criterion was that the wind turbine should not be more than 10 decibels above ambient levels. Mr. Dean explained the tables provided in the report showed the residential addresses listed from where the samples were collected and that the highest decibel location was on 151 Driftway. Mr. Pansey stated that 151 Driftway is the closest location to the wind turbine and sound would be expected to be the highest at that location. The report provides turbine on and turbine off results and identified other noises in the neighborhood higher than the 10 decibel limits. Sampling was conducted over four nights generally between midnight and 4am. Mr. Dean explained that he attended three of the sampling events and an associate attended the fourth to turn the wind turbine on and off. Mr. Pansey stated that this was a very comprehensive study and the results indicated that the required MassDEP thresholds were not exceeded. He told Mr.Dean that the study evaluated what the Board of Health requested and addressed requested changes throughout the study. Mr. Keefe asked how the sampling personnel identified the non-turbine sounds like cars. Mr. Dean explained that while watching a meter for sounds, they would note the source of the sound and the time it was heard. Mr. Clark stated that the report was complete. He said the Board of Health requested four sampling events and Mr. Dean conducted them and provided the results in this report. Mr. Clark stated that the Board of Health had completed the requested action from the town. Ms. Keefe said she would post the report on the Board of Health website.

Motion to accept Mr. Dean’s Scituate Winds and Tech Environmental’ s report that the Scituate Wind Turbine is in compliance and did not go over the wind speed or wind direction power output from the wind turbine and what was asked from us with the complaints that were coming in to the former health agent.

Motion Accepted Unanimously

Review of draft private well regulations and introduction of the new board member will be included on the agenda for the next meeting.

Meeting adjourned.