

Scituate Board of Health Meeting Minutes
Monday, August 9, 2021
Zoom
6:00 P.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mr. Doug Whyte BOH Member
Ms. Karen Conley BOH Member
Ms. Kellie Roche BOH Member

OTHERS PRESENT: Mr. Andrew Scheele, Director of Board of Health

6:00 MEETING CALLED TO ORDER/ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA

Mr. Whyte called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Acceptance of the Agenda - A motion was made by Mr. Whyte and seconded by Ms. Conley with all in favor of accepting the agenda and opening the meeting.

SCHEDULED ITEMS:

Discuss/Vote: Septic System Design Hearing- 31 Lowell Street, Grady Consulting, representing homeowner, request for installation of a septic system requiring local upgrades/variances.

Motion made by Ms. Conley Move to **grant** the septic repair plan with the following upgrades requested:

- 1) Request reduction from the required 10' setback to 1' setback from the SAS and the property line
- 2) Request reduction from the required 10' setback to 7' setback from the septic tank and the property line
- 3) Request reduction from the required 20' setback to 3.2' setback from the SAS and the cellar wall.
- 4) Request reduction from the required 20' setback to 2.5' setback from the septic tank and the cellar wall
- 5) Request reduction from the required 10' setback to 5.0' setback to the water supply line.
- 6) To allow increase the allowable maximum cover to 72 inches.
- 7) To allow for one deep hole per disposal area.

and with the following variances requested:

- 1) Request for the reduction in lateral excavation of unsuitable material from the required 5' to 1 ft.
All abutter notices have been returned

Second by Mr. Whyte all in favor Mr. Whyte yes, Ms. Conley yes, Ms. Roche yes

Discuss/Vote: 15 Mann Lot Road, homeowner Andrew Cerussi, requesting a variance for Scituate Private Well Regulation

Water testing results showed sodium a little high and no uranium tested for, Mr. Cerussi stated he has been working on this well for about 11 months and would just like to use for irrigation only. Mr. Cerussi is looking for the board to give him a variance on testing.

Motion to approve by Mr. Whyte, second by Ms. Conley all in favor Ms. Conley yes Mr. Whyte yes, Ms Roche yes

Discuss/Vote: 13 Greenfield Lane, homeowner Peter McEachern, requesting a variance for Scituate Private Well Regulation

Mr. McEachern asked that the board give variance on water sample taken for his well he stated that his test results showed a little high for sodium, iron and manganese and he is only using for irrigation.

Motion to approve by Mr. Whyte second by Ms. Conley all in favor Mr. Whyte yes, Ms. Conley yes.

OLD BUSINESS

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Wind Turbine

Mr. Whyte invited comments on the Wind Turbine

Mr. Robert Rand , Ms Ellen Casper, David Dardi, Ms. Joanne Leveque and Mr. Steve Wearther spoke their concerns about the Board of Health taking action on shutting the Wind Turbine down, and their health concerns. Ms Kasper read a letter to The Board from another neighbor who could not be present.

Mr. Whyte asked if anyone else had comments. He closed the public comment part of discussion.

Mr. Whyte asked if Board members had any comment?

Ms. Conley shared a literature article and she noted there were no clinical studies found that confirm that the wind turbines cause health issues in and of themselves.

Mr. Whyte said:

So, after reviewing all of the documents, the wind turbine was permitted legally.

At the annual Town meeting of March 2008, the town voted to pass Article 25 to adopt changes to Scituate Zoning Bylaw Section 740, to bring the towns bylaw for wind energy systems into conformance with Ma. DEP Division of Air Quality Noise Regulations, 310 CMR7.1.

That vote allowed Wind turbines to be allowed in Scituate and to be regulated by Ma. DEP Division of Air Quality Noise Regulation.

Special Town meeting in April 2009 the town voted to pass Article 5 to allow the lease of the property at 167 Driftway for up to 25 years for the purpose of constructing and operating a wind turbine.

The Planning Board on April 9, 2010, Approved a Special Permit for Wind Energy Conversion System at 167 Driftway. (At Town meeting in April of 2013, the town voted NOT to approve Article 28 sponsored by citizens petition to rescind the Special Permit granted to Scituate Wind LLC)

As for complaints of quality of life, he said he does sympathize with the residents and he thinks that the Select Board sympathies with residents too. He thinks that shutting down the Wind Turbine (at a direct cost to taxpayers) from 11PM til 6AM during summer months shows that. They did that even though the Wind Turbine has been found to be in compliance with DEP Division of Air Quality Noise Regulations.

So I'm looking at having a motion to place the complaints on file.

Second by Ms. Conley all in favor

Mr Scheele stated that wind turbine will go on file. Board is taking no action.

NEW BUSINESS

Director Report

Mr. Scheele gave his Director Report

We have 17 New plans, 7 waiting for Engineers revisions, 6 waiting for Com Com approval, and 30 As Builts.

We are still fighting covid in Scituate however we have 71% of Town vaccinated.

OTHER BUSINESS

Administrative Invoice Approvals

The board reviewed and approved the invoices.

Adjournment

7:30pm.