

**TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES  
ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE  
Town Hall Council Chambers  
May 8, 2006**

Present: Thomas J. Lacey, Chairperson  
Paul J. Leary  
Jack Carey  
Michael Molisse  
Kevin Whitaker

Also Present: Kenneth DiFazio, Councilor  
Jane Hackett, Chief of Staff  
James Wilson, Chief Financial Officer

Recording Secretary: Janet Murray

Chairman Lacey called the Environmental Committee Meeting to order at 6:30pm.

**Continuation --Discussion of Motion Initiated by Councilor DiFazio-Requesting the Installation of a Wind Anemometer at the South Weymouth Naval Air Station**

Councilor Lacey stated that this Committee met last week concerning this motion. He noted that the Committee heard from Colin McPherson of South Shore Tri-Town Development Corporation (SSTTDC) and from William Ryan of LNR. He stated that he would like to have this motion reported out at the next Town Council Meeting.

Councilor Whitaker stated that he had made remarks that there was no need to go forward with this and that the issue was "in the bag". He noted that he was not implying any impunity on the Committee. He stated that he was attempting to express his frustration that neither LNR nor SSTTDC appeared to be willing to go ahead with the essence of the motion.

Councilor Leary commented that he was not present at the meeting. He stated that he thought this meeting should have been a public hearing as it appeared to be one sided.

Councilor Lacey stated that it was a Committee meeting which was advertised as required. He did not think a public hearing was necessary.

Councilor Lacey stated that there is a measure before the Committee to be discussed. He asked if anyone would like to be heard.

Councilor Whitaker stated that there had been concerns regarding the language.

Councilor DiFazio was recognized by Chairman Lacey. Councilor DiFazio distributed two documents on this topic. He stated that his motion is only for the erection of the anemometer tower. It does not request a wind farm.

Councilor DiFazio spoke to details regarding the hand outs which he distributed. He stated that information provided by SSTTDC were, in his opinion, incomplete.

Councilor DiFazio addressed the fact that it was stated in the paper recently that a balloon festival held in 2002 was not successful because there was no wind at the base. On the contrary, the festival did not do well because there was too much wind.

Councilor DiFazio pointed out that the zoning issues may be resolved because there is a caveat in the Biopharmaceutical Manufacturing (BPM) form which excludes stack heights from the 35' maximum height restrictions of mechanical equipment on the roof.

Councilor DiFazio stated that he would be agreeable to having the motion changed to read that the anemometer is for data gathering only, with no mention of a wind farm.

Councilor Leary stated that he knows from first hand experience that the winds at the base can reach gale force. He believes that the idea of an anemometer is a good one.

Councilor Whitaker asked if Councilor DiFazio was amenable to removing the language regarding the Town of Weymouth's costs. Councilor DiFazio stated that this was fine.

Councilor Lacey asked about scheduling another meeting, before next Monday's meeting. Councilor Leary stated that he would like to have the recommended motion to read before the meeting.

Councilor DiFazio stated he was agreeable to presenting a revised motion at a meeting to be held prior to the next Council meeting.

At 7:15 pm, there being no further business, A MOTION was made by Councilor Leary to ADJOURN and was seconded by Councilor Molisse and UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

Approved by: \_\_\_\_\_  
Thomas J. Lacey, Chairperson