

Weekly Video Update, March 14, 2022

Jim Boudreau, Town Administrator

Mr. Boudreau noted that it's daylight savings and the Fire Department reminds everyone to change the batteries in their smoke detectors.

1. The total number of Covid cases for this past week (not including yesterday) according to our MAVEN data was 8, down from 10 of last week. Numbers continue to drop from week to week. The total number of cases reported to the BOH, including home tests over the last two weeks was 15, down from 24 reported last week. The total number reported by Scituate public schools was 6. We had a positivity rating over the last 14 days at 1.50%, down from 2.93% of last week. Plymouth County is at 2.2%, down from 3.1% of last week. State wide the positivity rate yesterday for the past 7 days was 1.67% down from the previous week of 1.82%. So, numbers are trending down across the board.

We continue to urge people to please get vaccinated and boosted to prevent from being seriously ill and hospitalized. Vaccinations and boosters are widely available. Go to mass.gov for details.

Test kits are now available for seniors at the COA. Limit 2.

2. Widow's Walk clubhouse renovation project is on punch list items. We had two responses to the RFP, both from two very well-respected local restaurants; Hibernian from Scituate and Mother Anna's from Pembroke. We will have a contract for the Board to execute tomorrow night. Course is closed to walkers starting yesterday as the grounds crew prepares the course for opening on April 1.
3. The Green sand filter installed on well 17A is complete and has been inspected and approved by the DEP for use. The water department has brought this well back on line. The additional water from 17A will be critical for us to maintain supply as we will be taking the plant off line 3/28-4/8 for a carbon re-activation project. Periodically, the carbon in the filter in the water treatment plant needs to be replaced or re-activated. Because of a lack of redundancy in the plant (we only have one carbon filter) the plant will be off line while the project is underway.
4. It is an earlier pot hole season this year with the large amount of snow followed by warm days and cold nights. That's perfect pot hole weather! Crews will be out all week filling potholes and making temporary repairs. Reports of potholes should go to either the highway department or DPW office.
5. Congratulations to the Scituate High Boys Basketball and Hockey teams as they move into the Final Four of the state championship tourney. Hockey will play Hanover Tuesday

night at 5:15 PM at the Gallo Arena in Bourne. Basketball will be facing Malden Catholic at 6:30 PM on Wednesday at Taunton High. I know hockey tickets must be purchased in advance of the game. A link is available on the SPS web page. If SHS hockey wins this game, the next game will be at the Boston Garden. Good Luck to all!

6. St. Patrick's Day Parade is Sunday, March 20th at 1:00 PM. Long range forecast is for fairly nice weather with temps around 50. Looking forward to a great day.

Karen Canfield, Vice Chair, Select Board

Ms. Canfield thanked Ed Kelley and the We Love a Parade Committee for all their hard work in getting the parade going this year.

Annual Town Meeting is April 11th with many issues before voters including lifting of cannabis ban, 50 million for Water Treatment Plant, Wind Turbine shutdown, budgets, and CPC Projects. Please come out to vote!

Select Board meets tomorrow, Tuesday March 15th 6:30 PM at their regular meeting and also meets with the Advisory Board on Wednesday at 6:30 to discuss Town Meeting items.

Other meetings this week:

Monday: Board of Health at 6:00 PM tonight, CPC is at 7:15 PM and Library Trustees at 6:30 PM.

Tuesday: Beautification at 7:00 PM

Wednesday: Affordable Housing Trust at 6:30 PM

Thursday: Zoning Board at 7:00 PM, Scituate Harbor, Advisory Redevelopment Commission at 7:00 PM and Historical Commission at 7:00 PM.

All agendas can be found on the town website calendar www.scituatema.gov.