

Weekly Video Update, March 7, 2022

Andrew Goodrich, Select Board Clerk

Mr. Goodrich noted there are 13 days until Spring. Tonight (March 7th) there is a Select Board Meeting at 6:30 PM at the Joseph P. Norton Emergency Operations Center.

He thanked the Vegnani and Norton families for all they're doing in coordinating donations to Ukraine. The St. Patrick's Day parade is on Sunday March 20th at 1:00 PM.

Jim Boudreau, Town Administrator

1. The total number of Covid cases for this past week (not including yesterday) according to our MAVEN data was 10, a jump up from 3 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 24, down from 37 reported last week. The positivity rating over the last 14 days at 2.93%, down from 3.97% of last week. Plymouth County is at 3.1%, down from 4.43% of last week. State wide the positivity rate yesterday for the past 7 days was 1.82% down from the previous week of 2.13%. So, numbers are trending down across the board.

At this point, being vaccinated is a much better defense then not being vaccinated, so please, if you have not been vaccinated we urge you to do so. Vaccinations and booster are widely available. Go to mass.gov for details.

Test kits are now available for seniors at the COA. Limit 2. We will work on the distribution of test kits for the public at large later this week.

2. Widows Walk Clubhouse: We received two bids last week from excellent local restaurants: Hibernian Tavern, Scituate Harbor and Mother Annas, from Pembroke. We will rate them according to the rating scale and then will make a recommendation to the Select Board. The clubhouse is on to punch list items and we are on track to open in a few weeks.
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. We will be asking people to conserve during that period.
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 (545-8734) or DPW office (545-8732).

Bill Burkhead, Superintendent of Schools

Covid numbers continue to trend down. Last week we had 9 cases, from 15. Breakdown:

District Staff	0
Cushing	0
Wampanoag	3
Gates	1
Hatherly	2
Jenkins	1
SHS	2

Seaside Chat with the Superintendent is an open agenda forum to answer questions and hear concerns. The next session is March 15th at 1:30 and 6:30 PM at the Senior Center. There will likely be one more later in the Spring.

Athletic tournament Update:

Girls Basketball lost at home. Boys Basketball had a great win against Revere and the next game is tomorrow game is in Leominster Tuesday, March 8th at 6:30 PM

Boys Hockey won against Stoughton last weekend. Next game is 5:30 PM Wednesday at Gallo in Bourne playing Dighton, Rehoboth, Seekonk.

Next Monday, March 14th there will be a School Committee meeting and agenda is forthcoming.

Sailor shout out to Keegan Sullivan who made the Super 26 All State Team given out by the Gridiron Club of Greater Boston. Also, Coach Herb Devine received the Ohrenberger Award which is for the head coach of the year for the entire State. Congratulations to them both on this achievement.