

Weekly Video Update, September 19, 2022

Maura Curran, Select Board Member

Tonight, is our Special Town Meeting which begins at 7 PM in the SHS Gymnasium. Number 1 on the agenda is the siting of the new water treatment plant. It's imperative that folks attend this meeting. Also, on the agenda are Capital Plan , Community Preservation, and our Charter.

Bill Burkhead, Superintendent of Schools

It's great to be back! We are excited to start our second full week of classes and to see many traditions up and running. You may notice over the summer the district committed to landscaping our grounds at each school with the help of professional landscaping. I'd like to personally thank ALL the SPS staff who worked extremely hard over this summer to ensure our schools were not only up and running when our students and staff returned but were in exceptional condition. A shout out to Tim Lopes, President of Go Green Landscape Supply for donating 5 yards of mulch to the cause. I'd also like to thank the town's facilities team and their support - our district grounds look great.

SC Meeting tonight 6pm - new venue

- a.) Scituate High School Athletic Handbook – Revision DISCUSSION/VOTE
- a.) OPM Approval - Authorization of Vertex DISCUSSION/VOTE
- b.) Bus Leader Job Description DISCUSSION/VOTE

Expectations Nights:

- Last Thursday - thank you parents/caregivers
- Wed. 9.21 ALL elementary schools 6pm
- Thursday 9.22 Gates at 5:45 pm
- Families with multiple children in same school -work with the Principal

New website!

Scit.org - please download the Scituate Mobile app at bottom right of each page. **Download the Scituate Public Schools mobile app for parents, caregivers and students. From events to news it has all the information your family needs in one place. With up-to-date notifications and information directly from your school, you'll stay connected no matter where you are.**

Sailor shout outs

A special new tradition at SPS is to honor our great faculty and staff for their commitment to our district by recognizing their years of service in Scituate for 15, 20, 25, 30 and 1 staff member 50 years at our opening day Welcome Back celebration. My favorite part is then hand delivering them to each staff member (today) and thanking them. Even better if the kids and colleagues are around as I make sure they know what this individual has accomplished. Good stuff and a lot of smiles!

Dwyer	Elizabeth	Cafeteria	30	SHS
Sullivan	Deborah	Teacher	30	Spec Ed
Rodrigues	Martha	Transportation	25	District
Richards	Kathleen	Teacher	25	Gates
Martin	Katherine	Teacher	20	Cushing
Jewett	Acadia	Teacher	20	Gates
Gillespie	James	Teacher	20	Gates
Lessard	Gregory	Teacher	20	Gates
Lowrance	Susan	Secretary	20	Gates
Barba	Ann	Paraprofessional	20	Jenkins
Crehan	Jeanne	Teacher	20	Jenkins
Luscombe	Lauren	Teacher	20	Jenkins
Antenore	Nancy	Secretary	20	Jenkins
Bulens	Jane	Custodian	20	SHS
Wade-Baker	Jennifer	Teacher	20	SHS

Jim Boudreau, Town Administrator

1. As discussed previously, the Town will no longer be providing Covid updates. People looking for information can go to [mass.gov](https://www.mass.gov) and click "Covid-19" for updates. Scroll down and click "Interactive Data Dashboard" and that will take you to a site where we get the majority of our information from.
2. After comments and discussion at the DEI committee, we have added a new feature to our web site. Residents and visitors to our web site for whom English may not be their first language can now scroll to the bottom of the web site and they will see a box with a drop-down menu labeled "Translate". If you click on the menu it will allow you to pick from 108 different languages to translate the web site into to make it easier for people to get information and stay informed of what is happening in the community. Thanks to the DEI Committee and HR Director Bob Clark for bringing this to our attention and thanks

to Michele and Lorraine of the Select Board staff and IT Director Mike Minchello for making it happen.

3. Water update. These numbers are before the rain last night. Reservoir is at -50", last week we were at -46". Tack Factory Pond is at -15.75", last week we were at -14.5". Average daily demand was at 1.250 MGD 1.212 MGD up slightly from last week's 1.212 MGD. We are currently rated as having a significant drought by the Commonwealth, a slight upgrade from last week's critical rating. Due to the drought worsens, the water tables supplying our wells has dropped, lowering the output from those wells, making us more dependent on the water treatment plant. In addition, we have a failed check valve on well 22, taking this well off - line, making us more dependent on the WTP. The more we have to use the plant, the more Manganese we are putting into the system and the more discolored water we get. Manganese measured at the WTP is still high and is causing discolored water to go through the plant and into the system. Good news is with the cooler night temperatures we are seeing a slight reduction in the manganese numbers. We are working with our consultants and DEP to try and come up with a short-term fix while we wait for the construction of a new water treatment plant.

If you have brown water, please call the water department or email brownwater@scituatema.gov The Town also has water available for residents at the WTP during regular business hours.

Rainfall over the last 7 days was .25" measured at the Plant. Again, this does not include rain starting yesterday and last night.

With the worsening of drought conditions and the strains being placed on our wells, we have implemented a Tier 4 water ban. This is a total ban on all non-essential outside water use. This includes vehicles and boats at marinas.

Celco will be working finishing up on Ridge Hill this week.

4. No paving on the schedule for this week. The contractor will be milling and paving sections of Glades Road and Bailey's causeway starting sometime during the week next week. Paving will be dependent on the weather.
5. The Board awarded a contract to repair the 4 sets of stairs at Minot Beach Several weeks ago. The contractor has started work on this project. Construction is expected to take approximately 4 weeks depending on weather and tide conditions. During this time, we will continue the one- way traffic on Glades Road from Gannet to Bailey's Causeway. We have spoken to the School Department and this is not expected to interfere with bus routes as they follow the current direction of the one way.
6. Hollywood will be back in Scituate this week. An "Untitled Novelist Project" is filming this week in the area of the sand hills general store and beach. Filming will finish this week. SPD has a traffic plan for any road closures and detail officers. We are still waiting for a filming schedule as to the time of filming as that will be dependent on lighting and

tides. A portion of Egypt Beach Parking lot and a small portion of the Central Park parking lots will be used for base camp and crew parking during the shoot.

7. Consultant on the light house project has made a determination that the lantern room needs to be removed as soon as possible. We are working on securing a contractor to do that work, and estimate that we will be looking for the removal of the lantern room sometime next week.
8. The Town is looking for plow drivers for the winter and for positions in the DPW and interested parties should contact the DPW.