

September 21 Covid Update

Selectman Chair Karen Canfield said the Board of Selectmen is accepting applications for a number of boards and committees and encouraged interested citizens to check the Town Website for more information (scituatema.gov). Applications are due Friday (Sept. 25). Ms. Canfield noted the Advisory Committee on Equity and Justice for All is brand-new and we're looking for five citizens at large.

The Board of Selectmen are meeting at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday (Sept. 22) on Zoom. The primary conversation will be on the recent study on the impacts of the wind turbine. The Zoom link for the meeting is posted on the Selectmen's Agenda on the Town Website.

The Chamber of Commerce and Scituate Loves Local hosted an online business forum today (Sept. 21) to look at ways the town, Chamber, and Scituate Loves Local can work together to help small businesses through the winter.

Town Administrator Jim Boudreau reported new cases for the second week in a row; there were eight new COVID cases in Scituate. Two cases are husband and wife.

Two others are household contacts from one of last week's cases. He said assumptions are most of the remaining cases are college students who are being tested before going back to college. He said the uptick in numbers should serve as a reminder that COVID is still out there and people should remain vigilant.

The state is in a severe drought and there is no rainfall in forecast. Mr. Boudreau noted that too many people are still watering their lawns. The water department has been aggressively looking for those violating the watering ban and fining them. The reservoir is now at 33.15 percent with average usage at 677,000 gallons a day.

The Cedar Point gravity-sewer construction project began in earnest this week with its first road closure. Depending on winter weather, the project should be wrapped up next spring. Every Friday there will be notices on the Town Website about the coming week's work.

The Egypt Beach berm project should be completed by the end of the week.

The Senior Center project is on schedule with siding, drywall and brick system to begin this week. A tree is

being removed and another trimmed back upon the recommendations of an arborist.

Volunteers spent Labor Day weekend painting the dugouts at the school athletic fields but it was a bigger project than expected. Mr. Boudreau thanked Mark Falvey of MA Falvey Painting and Company for donating the time, materials and labor to complete the project.

Tropical Storm Teddy off the coast of Massachusetts will cause some coastal wave action.

The School Committee will be meeting twice monthly. Monday (Sept. 28) is the next meeting.

Superintendent of Schools William Burkhead said the Medical Advisory Committee meets weekly to discuss the metric and options to keep schools open. One positive COVID case was reported involving a staff member in the district. He said communication and close-contact tracing were done in an efficient and immediate manner. Those in close contact with the person tested negative.

Mr. Burkhead said the USDA has extended a waiver offering free breakfast and lunch to all students through Dec. 31. Anyone with questions should contact David Stevens, food service director, via email at:

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