

September 8 Covid Update

Selectman Andrew Goodrich reminded residents about the Board of Selectmen meeting on Zoom at 6:30 tonight (Sept. 8). The link is on the town website (scituatema.gov) on the Selectmen's agenda.

Town Administrator Jim Boudreau reported that Scituate has had three new Covid-19 cases since last week. He said only one of those was here in town. The other two residents contracted Covid out of state and are quarantining out of state. However, because Scituate is their hometown, they are included on the Scituate Covid list.

He said officials expect a potential spike in Covid cases over the next ten days to two weeks due to the Labor Day weekend.

Mr. Boudreau said the town reservoir is 37.5 percent full which is down about 1 ½ percent from the previous week. The treatment plant only saw 3/10 of an inch of rain. Usage was 700,000 gallons a day which was up from 580,000 the previous week.

Manganese is dropping at the reservoir by reducing the temperature with the addition of water from Well 17A and with the chemical treatment. The town will adjust the chemical treatment as necessary. There have still been some complaints about brown water. Once there is some rain, flushing in the fall and spring will resume. For more information, visit the Water Resource Committee webpage at <https://www.scituatema.gov/water-resources-commission>

The Cedar Point sewer project starts this week with prep work including erosion controls. The project will ramp up next week. Updates will be posted online each Friday about what to expect the following week. There will also be signboards and police details at the site. Traffic flow will be rerouted as work progresses.

There was a large and robust Zoom call last week on the Egypt Beach berm with 140 people. Work on the project resumes this week with significantly smaller stones than used on the Mann Hill and Surfside end. The new stones will be buried a little bit deeper in berm with existing stones on top.

Mr. Boudreau said a ribbon cutting will be in the works for the new athletic fields at the high school which he described as a phenomenal facility. No golfing on the new turf is allowed. Some remnants of the old turf are at Widows Walk if someone wants to hit drives off turf.

Superintendent William Burkhead said the Medical Advisory Committee that includes health and school officials is meeting weekly. The committee has developed policies, protocols and a metric for reopening. The draft metric includes protocols about moving back and forth between phases (remote, hybrid and fully reopening). Comprehensive packets on Covid symptoms and protocols are being sent home this week. Parents and caregivers should contact their school principals with questions.

Visit: scituate.k12.ma.us for more information.