

Weekly Video Update, October 10, 2023

Maura Curran, Select Board Chair

Meetings this week:

Tonight, the Select Board is meeting and we will be reviewing our 5- year Capital plan and a contract for the improvements at the Scituate Harbor Community Building

Wednesday: Beach Commission, Capital Planning, Commission on Disabilities

All agendas can be found on the website <https://www.scituatema.gov/>

Fall for Scituate is this Sunday from 12 – 4 PM North Scituate.

Thank you to our Beach Commission for organizing a beach cleanup at Humarock this Saturday from 9 – 12 PM.

Jim Boudreau, Town Administrator

1. The Water Department Office located at the rotary on Route 3A will be closed until further notice. A vehicle drove into the front of the building doing significant damage to the office space. We were extremely fortunate that there was no one working or in the building at the time of the accident. Residents with questions or issues surrounding water department issues can now call the water department as we have established temporary office space for the employees in the Town Hall and have re-routed their phones so that they can be answered in the temporary space.
2. Lighthouse renovations: Demolition/Existing Conditions –First exciting news, the new lantern room is scheduled to be delivered to the lighthouse site today. It will most likely be coming in two pieces, the top dome and the side construction. What you will see will be the form for the new lantern room clad in weather proofing. The copper cladding will be added on site and the windows will be installed after the lantern room is hoisted back on to the lighthouse structure itself. The first two concrete pours at the light house are complete. The walls and the top of the inside concrete structure are complete. The third pour will be the pouring of the platform and cat walk that the lighthouse lantern room sits on. Residents should expect to see the form work for that pour being installed this week, with the actual concrete pour happening next week. with the final pour being the platform that the actual lantern room sits on. Again, there is a minimum of seven (7) days between pours.

Lantern Room – The lantern room structural frame fabrication is complete. I went to Campbell's shop last week to inspect the lantern room with our architect. The galvanized frame has been put back together, the wooden framing is complete. This will now be sheathed in a weather proofing material and prepared for cladding in the copper.

Schedule – The schedule has been impacted by the discovery of the unforeseen conditions of the internal/core masonry. We are attempting to move forward as efficiently as possible with the additional demolition and investigations and as soon as the team has a better handle on the solution the overall schedule will be updated.

3. The Highway department is also planning to resurface parts of Front Street starting Monday. Work will include a full grinding of the current road, a leveling course, raising of the structures and then a final coat. Project should take about two weeks and is weather dependent. This work has been put off until the end of the summer season in the Harbor to lessen impacts on the businesses in the Harbor. Also, the gas company has finished the gas work on Jericho Road and will be returning to make repairs and pave that section of Jericho.
4. The Scituate Police along with the Kraft Family Blood Donor Center, Dana Farber Cancer Institute and Brigham and Women’s Hospital will be hosting a blood drive to remember and honor all those fighting cancer **on Sunday, October 15 from 8:00 am-2:30pm at the Public Safety Building, 800 Chief Justice Cushing Highway (Route 3A)**. Appointments are recommended but walk-ins will be taken as time allows. As a special thank you, donors will receive a Kraft Family Blood Donor Center Long Sleeve Halloween T shirt. Details on making an appointment are posted on the Town web site.
5. The Beach Commission would like residents to access and complete a Beach Commission Survey that is available on the town web site on the Beach Commission page <https://www.scituatema.gov/beach-commission/news/beach-commission-survey>

The survey helps guide the Commission on where residents would like the Town to focus our efforts when it comes to our beaches and beach improvements. The survey only takes a couple of minutes and is extremely helpful to the Commission.

6. The Plymouth County District Attorney’s Office will be holding a public forum on Human Trafficking at the Scituate Public Library on **October 16 from 6:30-8:00 pm**. A panel of speakers will discuss the realities of human trafficking in Plymouth County, the importance of collaboration between law enforcement, service providers and survivors and how to create a path forward to achieve justice and allow survivors to heal. For more information people can call the DA’s Office at (508) 584-8120 or go to their web site at Plymouth DA.com
7. FY25-29 Capital Plan
 - To be presented publicly 10/10/23 at Select Board meeting
 - Available online at Town Administrator webpage on town website
 - FY25-29; 113 projects totaling \$255,466,977
 - FY25; 44 projects totaling \$148,214,829
 - Includes \$120.1M for new school

FY25 Operational Budgets

- General Fund, Town Departments Only

- \$24.4M in requests – 6% increase over FY24
 - Requests for 10 new positions
 - Request for rate change for inspectors (+25%)
 - \$953,725 over available funds per forecast
 - Three of six collective bargaining units do not have contracts for FY25 (Fire, AMP, TOSCA)
 - Golf, Water & Waterways Enterprise budget requests within estimated revenue
 - Sewer Enterprise over projected revenue by \$320,452
 - Transfer Station Enterprise over projected revenue by \$265,844
 - To be presented publicly 11/7/23 at SB meeting
8. The Town has added a link to the Town web site for information on the proposed Cushing and Hatherly MSBA project. Residents seeking information about the proposal for a new elementary school here in Scituate can go to scituatema.gov and you will see the red banner with the link. Click and it will take you the link for the school page with information about the project.
9. I am pleased to announce that the legislature has passed and the Governor has signed Senate Bill 2424-An Act Authorizing the Town of Scituate to appoint retired police officers as special police officers. This was passed by Town Meeting and will allow us to utilize retired police officers to help with our man problem issues particularly in the busy summer months. This now becomes Chapter 41 of the Acts of 2023. Thank you to Senator O'Connor and Representative Kearney for steering this bill through the legislative process.
10. We have a request from the Scituate Food Pantry for donations. The Scituate Food Pantry is deeply indebted and extremely grateful for the generosity of its donors. The Pantry's numbers have been increasing each and every week. The Pantry is asking, if you are able, to please consider picking up one or more of the following "Most Needed Items" when you do your own grocery shopping.

The following is a list of the "Pantry's Most Needed Items":

Clam Chowder	All canned fish (except tuna)
Canned Ham	Sloppy Joe
Baked Beans	White Beans
Mac & Cheese	De-Caf Coffee
Rice Pilaf	Cold Healthy Cereal

Donations can be dropped off at the Pantry during Client Hours on Tuesday Mornings 10:00 -12:15 and Thursday afternoons from 3:00 - 5:15. Donations can also be left in the two white covered wooden containers outside the Pantry as well as at the Library, the Village Market and Shaw's.

11. Meetings

Tuesday-Select Board,
Wednesday-Moderators Meeting for Special Town Meeting, Beach Commission,
Capital Planning and Commission on Disabilities
Thursday-North Scituate Beach Nourishment public information session,
Planning Board

Bill Burkhead, Superintendent

SPS Superintendent Spotlight: 10.10.23

Time Take (TT)

150 WORDS	1.5 MINUTES TO READ
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This Week's Top 3:

- School Committee (SC) Meeting 10.10.23
- Elementary Building Project
- Athletic Milestone

SC Agenda Highlights

- Added meeting via zoom only go to scit.org under the school committee tab for the agenda and zoom link
- One agenda item: 2023.2024 School Calendar, Veterans Day Revisited
- The meeting will be recorded and posted following the meeting

Cushing/Hatherly MSBA New Building Project Update

- This week the project architects Dore & Whittier will have an open/voluntary meeting with the entire SPS staff to:
 - ❖ Provide an overview of the project progress to date
 - ❖ Talk in general terms about major decisions being considered for spaces in the building
 - ❖ Discuss room design
 - ❖ Provide opportunities for comment and feedback

Athletic Milestone

- Scituate Senior Volleyball Captain Sumner Harris needs 10 assists to reach the 1000 assist milestone. There is a good chance this could happen in the match today (Tuesday) at 5:30pm at SHS - join us!