

Weekly Video Update, May 23, 2022

Jim Boudreau, Town Administrator

1. The total number of Covid cases for this past week according to our MAVEN data was 17, but this was data only through Wednesday due to a problem with state data bank. Total number of cases reported to the BOH was 93 up from 62. We had a positivity rating over the last 14 days of 8.8% a jump up from 6.16% of last week. Plymouth County is at 7.98%, up from last week's 6.33%. State wide the positivity rate yesterday for the past 7 days was 9.59% up from the previous week of 8.68%. Statewide there are 75 individuals in ICU up from 64 of last week. 25 patients are intubated, up from 22 of last week. We will continue to monitor numbers, but the hope is that even is the number of people with COVID rises, the hospitalization numbers will remain manageable due to the high vaccination in Massachusetts. There are no state- wide mask mandates in place currently, although some communities are putting mask mandates in place for public buildings. We will continue to follow state guidelines for masking and any changes in requirements.

We are not done with COVID yet. At this point, being vaccinated is a much better defense then not being vaccinated, so please, if you have not yet gotten vaccinated and can receive the vaccine, we urge you to do so. Vaccinations and booster are widely available. Go to mass.gov for details.

2. Water update. The reservoir remained was at +1.25", down from +2.00". Tack Factory Pond was at +1.25" down from +1.75" last week. Average daily demand was at 1.204 mgpd, down from 1.366 mgpd of last week's usage. This again was mostly delivered from our groundwater sources (wells). Manganese measured at the WTP is at .169 which is high enough to cause discolored water but should not be much of an issue as the plant is still not producing large volumes of water. Rainfall over the last 7 days was .14" measured at the Plant.

Celco, our water contractor, will be installing services on Bradford Ave and Lantern Lane this week.

3. With water updates and spring comes a proliferation of car wash fund raisers. Just a reminder to those planning a car wash, prior permission of the water department is required. Please contact the Water department at 781-545-8735.
4. The DPW began work on the outfall on Oceanside Drive today. The outfall is located in the vicinity of Kenneth Ave. This outfall was damaged in a storm and repairing it will help alleviate flooding somewhat in that area. In addition, crews are installing beach mats starting today. This is good news for those who need the matts to access the beaches with the first warm spring weather we have had.
5. The concession at the Widows Walk golf Course is scheduled to open this Thursday. The "Drift In" restaurant is being run by the owners of the Hibernian Tavern in Scituate Harbor. We will be having a ribbon cutting officially opening the new building at 6:30

pm on Thursday night. I know everyone is excited for the restaurant to open and start serving food and drink. They will be serving lunch and dinner to start, expanding to breakfast on the weekends. Go to <https://widowswalkgolf.com/> where additional details will be forthcoming. As a reminder, the restaurant is open to the general public, you don't have to play golf to go there.

6. MASSDOT was supposed to stripe the rotary on route 3A last night, but it was not done as of this morning. Will share details when available, but I would expect them to be out there any night this week, between the hours of 7:00 pm and 5:00 am. They are also still looking at the safety study between Henry Turner Bailey and the rotary. We hope to receive suggestions as to how to improve that 3A Corridor.

Karen Canfield, Select Board Vice Chair

Ms. Canfield thanked Kathy Gardner, Town Clerk, poll workers, Scituate Police, and the custodian staff for their hard work at Saturday's town election. There was a 20% voter turnout. Congratulations to all the candidates and thank you to the town for supporting the Water Treatment plant financing.

Meetings this week include:

Select Board, Tuesday, May 24th at 6:30 PM

Public Information Meeting for the JV Baseball Field Tuesday, May 24th 6:30 PM at the Library

Water Resources Committee Meeting, Tuesday, May 24th at 7 PM

Thursday there will be a Planning Board meeting at 6:30 PM and the Scituate Harbor Redevelopment Commission (SHARC) meeting at 7 PM via Zoom.

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

This weekend is Memorial Day and we have events planned on Monday, beginning at the Harbormaster Office 8:00 AM for the lost at sea memorial, followed by the parade at 10 AM from Town Hall to the Common. There will be a ceremony held on the Common at 11:15 AM.

Saturday there was an event at the Coast Guard Station to launch *National Safe Boating Week*.

The launch of the South Shore Irish Heritage Trail was held yesterday (Sunday) and it was well attended. You can check out their website here [The South Shore Irish Heritage Trail In Massachusetts \(ssirishtrail.org\)](http://The South Shore Irish Heritage Trail In Massachusetts (ssirishtrail.org))

Also launching this week, a new Visit Scituate video is being released to encourage visitors to our community to promote economic development. More information is forthcoming.