

Town Administrator Update June 5, 2023

1. Water update. We are at +.50", last week we were +.50". Tack factory Pond is at +1.5" same as last week. Average daily demand was at 1.697 MGD up from last week's 1.592 MGD.

Rainfall over the last 7 days was .53" measured at the Plant.

The Town is currently under our annual water conservation measures. These started May 1. Between May 1-September 30 all outdoor watering must occur before 9 AM and after 5 PM. Automatic irrigation systems may be used one day per week based on voting precincts. This is a ban imposed by the state based on water usage in the aquifer region that Scituate belongs to. Go to the water department web page for information on when your precinct may use irrigation systems.

2. The Iron/Manganese pilot project is expected to be ready for inspection on June 5, putting it on schedule to be ready for the heavy summer water usage period. As we have discussed previously, this is a project to remove the iron and manganese that has built up in the reservoir and comes out in the water as the temperatures rise and water levels fall. We believe that this was a main cause of our brown water issues last year and that this will go along way to helping minimize brown water while we build a new treatment plant.
3. The contractor for the lighthouse project, Campbell Construction, has mobilized on the site. Installation of the fencing is complete. The contractor has completed remediation work on the glazing compound of the lantern room windows and the lantern room was transported off sight Wednesday to the contractor's facility where it will serve as a template for the new lantern room. Work on the actual light house tower has commenced. The concrete slab at the top of the tower is being removed, as well as several feet of brick work. The lighthouse restoration is being paid through the Town's Community Preservation fund and various grants.
4. The gas company is scheduled to continue work this on the installation of a new gas line on Jericho Road. Crews will be working Monday-Friday from 7am-5pm and the project is expected to take approximately 8 weeks. Jericho Road will be open but will be reduced to one lane in spots during construction. Detail officers will assist with traffic and there is signage in place for alternate routes. Please use caution when traveling through the construction zone and seek alternate routes if possible.
5. Recreation Director Nick Lombardo has announced that the Town's annual on beach life guard training exercise will take place on June 14 in the afternoon at Peggotty Beach. This annual training involves all of our summer life guards, as well as the Harbormaster, Police, Fire and EMS. Lifeguards will begin staffing the beaches on Friday, June 16.
6. The Scituate Town Library, in partnership with the Scituate Recreation Department, is excited to announce the newly installed Little Free Library at Peggotty Beach! Funding

for the Little Free Library was generously made possible through a grant from the [Scituate Education Foundation](#). Initial stock of books for the launch, and ongoing supply, has been provided by the Friends of the Scituate Town Library.

How does a Little Free Library work? Little Free Libraries operate on a shared “leave a book, take a book” philosophy. Headed to the beach and looking for a novel to read? Take one from the Little Free Library! Finish a great novel and want others to enjoy it? Leave it inside the Little Free Library for others to enjoy. The Peggotty Beach Little Free Library is a pilot program. If successful, others may be added at other beaches in Scituate, so if you enjoy it, please let us know!

7. Shellfish Constable Mike DiMeo has announced that the seasonal closure of shellfish beds in the North/South Rivers goes into effect as of midnight, tomorrow May 31st and will remain closed until October 31, 2023. This closure is not due to any event or release into the river, but is imposed annually due to “seasonal water quality changes.”
8. Fencing is up on Central Field and the project to add a new softball diamond and repair and existing baseball diamond has begun. This is a CPC funded project that will continue until late spring/early summer.
9. Finally, we have a request from the Scituate Food Pantry for donations of bottled water. They are running low on their supply and would appreciate any assistance that people can give. Please keep them in mind with other donations also. The need does not go away with the arrival of the nice weather.

10. Meetings

- a. Monday-ConCom
- b. Tuesday-Waterways
- c. Thursday-Planning Board

SPS Superintendent Spotlight: 6.5.23

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This Week's Top 2:

- SHS Graduation
- School Committee Meeting

Graduation

- Congratulations to the 187 seniors that earned their diplomas Friday evening June 2nd. Thank you to Select Board Chair Maura Curran and School Committee members Nicole Brandolini and Peter Gates for attending. We wish the graduates and their families our best wishes as they enter the world beyond SHS.

School Committee Meeting: Monday, June 5, 2023

- The school committee meeting tonight will start at 5pm and begin the public meeting with the traditional “reorganization” of the committee following the recent town election. The committee will then go into executive session, with a return to public meeting at approximately 6pm.
- Agenda Highlights:
 1. Reorganization
 2. Executive Session
 3. Retirement Recognition
 4. Celebrate Student Learning-Secondary STEM
 5. Presentation of the Districts New Strategic Plan
 6. Presentation of the Cushing/Hatherly New Building Project Educational Plan