

## December 28, 2020 Narrative

Select person Tony Vegnani thanked municipal employees including those in the fire, police, sewer, and water departments for working over the holiday weekend. He noted that the DPW was on call and the workers at the transfer station were extremely busy.

Vegnani said the Select Board will meet next Tuesday. The wind turbine is on the agenda. Citizens can participate remotely via Zoom. Check the website, [Scituatema.gov](http://Scituatema.gov), for the link.

Town Administrator Jim Boudreau said since last Monday Scituate has seen 46 new Covid cases up from 37 the previous week. He noted the numbers have been significantly higher over the past few weeks and there is concern that the Christmas-New Year's holidays may add to the uptick in numbers. The town has had a 3.32 percent positivity rate over the past 14 days. The state has a 7.1 percent positivity rate.

For the latest Covid guidelines visit: [mass.gov/Covid](https://mass.gov/Covid). New limits are 25 for outdoor gatherings and 10 for indoor. Most industries are at 25 percent capacity, including restaurants. The capacity limit on restaurants does not include staff.

Boudreau reminded citizens that the out-of-state travel ban includes the other New England states. If you go skiing for example and return to MA after the holidays, you must quarantine.

Phase One of Covid vaccination program is under way. Scituate expects its public safety employees to be vaccinated the first two weeks of January, Boudreau said.

Boudreau implored residents not to flush wipes down the toilet because they are clogging the pumps at the sewer treatment plant. He noted they do serious damage at the plant and should be kept out of the sewer system. He said even if the wipe says “flushable” they should not be flushed as they don’t dissolve. Sewer department workers must take the pumps apart several times a day to deal with the wipes.

Next week digging the main excavation trenches at Cedar Point will start and will cause significant disruptions. The trenches are going to be 12 feet wide and 12 to 15 feet deep. Please do not drive out to Cedar Point lighthouse at during this time.

Boudreau and Vegnani said it’s a good idea to avoid walking at Cedar Point for the time being as well.